Latest Despatches from South Africa, where Britons are Fighting Boers. BATTLE OF SPION KOP "The attempt to relieve Ladysmith was

Buller, Warren and Thorneycroft Sharply Criticized.

LORD ROBERTS A STERN CRITIC.

Gen. Sir Redvers Butler Was Too Easy-Going With His Subordinates in Failing to Carry Out His Plan That Should Have Won-Sir Charles Warren's

Neglect. London, April 18 .- (4 a.m.)-The Govern ment has chosen this as the moment to publish a despatch from Lord Roberts, pronouncing censure upon Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren, two of his most important subordinate commanders. This despatch, written Feb. 13, has been in the hands of the War Office for five weeks. Just why it is published now, in the middle of the campaign, is not understood, unless it is expected that General Buller and Geaeral Warren will ask to be relieved of their

The revelation of their incapacity must tend to undermine the confidence of the troops in their leadership.

Creates Widespread Anxiety. Lord Roberts' despatch with the enclosures is the great feature of the London press this morning. In a long editorial, The Daily News speaks of the somewhat "appalling language" of the despatch, and then goes on to say: "Upon the whole, these despatches are disquieting and disheartening in no ordinary degree. Follow-ing immediately upon the recall of General Gatacre, they will create a widespread feeling of uneasiness and anxiety." May Mean More Changes."

The Standard, which is supposed to be in the confidence of the Government, says : "It is scarcely likely that the publication of Lord Roberts' despatch is without a purpose. It irresistibly suggests whether it is to be followed by further important changes the South African commands. Painful as such measures, may be, there must be no hesitation in carrying

Roberts' Long Walt, Lord Roberts' long wait and the Boer activity have seriously disturbed public equanimity. He is still three hundred mlies from Pretoria. No one doubts the ultimate success of British arms, but behind the British army that crushes the Boer armies, an army of occupation will have to be installed. From various sources come hints that more men are already provided for, and will have to be sent out.

Wepener Relieving Force. Lord Roberts indicates that at least 10, 000 men are advancing to cut off the Boers who are investing Wepener. As there are reports from the Basuto border that firing has been heard in the direction of the hills towards Dewetsdorp, it is possible that Gen. Chermside's advanced troops are already in contact with the Boers. Lord Roberts wires that he expected to clear the southeastern section of the Free State east of the rallway, and then to swing around to the north and to turn one after another the positions held by the Boers north of

Gen. Buller's prohibition of all press telegrams in Natal until further notice is taken to indicatae that a movement is about to

SPION KOP.

Severe Criticism by Lord Roberts of Generals Sir Redvers Buller and Sir C. Warren and Col. Thorneycroft,

London, April 17 .- The War Office tonight publishes in The Gazette a despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Feb. 13, submitting Gen. Buller's despatches describing the Spion Kop and other operations from Jan. 17 to Jan. 24. Lord Roberts deals severely with Gen. Warren and some others. Even Gen. Buller does not escape. Roberts complains that the plan of operations is not clearly described in the de-

Warren vs. Buller.

After sketching Gen. Builer's Intentions, as communicated to Sir Charles Warren, who commanded the whole force, Lord Roberts points out that Gen. Warren seems to have concluded, after consultation with his officers, that the flanking movement ordered by Gen. Buller was impracticable, and therefore so changed the plan of advance as to necessitate the capture and re tention of Spion Kop. Lord Roberts continues: "As Warren

considered it impossible to make the wide fianking movement which was recommended if not actually prescribed in the secret instructions, he should, forthwith, have acquainted Buller with the course he proposed to adopt. There is nothing to show whether he did so or not. But it is only fair to Warren to point out that Buller appears thruout to have been aware of what

The Withdrawal From Spion Kop. Regarding the withdrawal from Spion Kop, the retention of which had become essential to the relief of Ladysmith, Lord Roberts says: "I regret to be unable to concur with Buller in thinking Thorneycroft exercised wise discretion in ordering the troops to retire. I am of the opinion that Thorneycroft's assumption of responsibility and authority was wholly inexcusable. During the night the enemy's fire could not have been formidable, and would not have taken more than two or three hours for Thorneycroft to communicate by messenger with Major-Gen. Coke or Warren. Coke appears to have left Spion Kop at 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with Warren. Up to that hour the idea of withdrawal had not been en-

Thorneyeroft Got Seared. "Yet almost immediately after Coke's departure Thorneycroft issued the order without reference to superior authority, which upset the whole plan of operations and rendered unavailable the sacrifices already made to carry it into effect. On the other hand, it is only right to state that Thorneycroft appears to have behaved in a very gallant manner thruout the day. Gen. Warren's Report.

"Gen. Buller's report, commenting on Gen. Warren's reports of the capture and evacuation of Spion Kop, after disputing the correctness of some of Warren's assertions and describing the. dangerous situation eccupled by Warren's force, tells how he saw the force at Spion Kop had given way before Warren knew of it. Buller, therefore, telegraphed to Warren:

"Unless you put a really good, hard fighting man in command on top you will lose the hill. I suggest Thorneycroft. "Gen. Buller continues: 'I have not thought it necessary to order an investigation. If at sundown the defence of the summit had been taken in hand, entrenchments laid out and the dead and wounded removed the whole place would have been brought under regular military commands and the hills would have been held, I am sure. But no arrangements were made."

No One Succeeded Coke, "Coke appears to have been ordered away just as he would have been useful and no one succeeded him. Those on to, were Ignorant of the fact that the guns were coming up, and, generally, there was a want of organization and system that acted most unfavorably on the defence. It is admitted that all of Thorneycroft's command acted with the greatest gallantry thruout the day and really saved the situation. But preparations for the second day's defence should have been organized during the day and commenced at nightfall. As this was not done I think Thorneycroft

exercised wise discretion." Where Warren Failed. or evening, knowing as he did that the state of affairs was very critical and that the loss of the position would involve the failure of the operations. He consequently pare matter that will pass the central was obliged to summon Coke to his headsor. Here and there a phrase indithe loss of the position would involve the quarters and the command at Spion Kop cates an expectancy that large things

to Coke, who was under the impression are about to happen.
that the command devolved upon Col. Hill.
What About the as senior officer. Omissions or mistakes

well devised and I agree with Buller in thinking it ought to have succeeded. That it failed may in some measure have been due to the difficulties of the ground and the commanding positions held by the enemy and probably also to errors of judgment and want of administrative capacity on the part of Warren. But whatever faults warren may have committed, the failure must also be attributed to the disinclination of the officer in supreme command to assert his authority and see that what he thought best was done and also to the unwarrantable and needless assump-tion of responsibility by a subordinate of-

The despatch concludes: "The gratifying feature of these despatches is the admirable behavior of the troops thruout the operation."

WEPENER STILL SURROUNDED, Lord Roberts Reports Garrison Is Not Very Hard Pressed.

London, April 17 .- (11.10 p.m.)-The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, April 17: "Our force at Wepener is still surrounded, but it is reported that the enemy are flooded. attacking in a very haif-hearted manner, and are anxious about their communications, hearing that forces are approaching Wepener from two directions-one under Gen. Rundle, via Reddersburg, and an-other under Gen. Brabant, with Gen. Hart's brigade in support, via Rouxville, "On the reoccupation of Honxville, April 15, the few Boers there retired and Gen. Brabant made some important arrests. "Violent storms of rain have somewhat that General De Wet is still surinterfered with the march of these columns, but it is hoped they will soon be able to "Gen. Steele reports from Kenhardt, April ly entrenched in Boer fashion, indi- troops, is not clear. make their presence more decidedly felt. 14, that 200 Transvanlers made a deter.nined attack the previous day on Dopaspoort, held by a party of Orpen's Horse. Our losses were two killed and one wounded. The enemy's losses must have been neavy. as they applied to us for doctors and an Halting B. tween Two Opinions.

Maseru, Basutoland, Monday, April 16 .-The Boers for two days past have been displaying great activity along the Red-dersburg and Rouxville roads. Their scouts report that the British are advancing on those places to the relief of Wepener, and the burghers consequently are divided whether to remain or retire. A majority of thom desire to abandon the investment of Wepener, fearing to be cut off, while the minority, led by Commandant Olivier, are reluctant to more as long as there is a chance to capture Col. Dalgetty's garrison. Scouts have just reported rifle firing in the direction of Thabanchu,

CONDITION OF MAFEKING. Scotch Crofter Has Solved the Problem of Feeding the Natives.

Mafeking, April 7 .- The success of Lieut Smith-Eman, the Rhodeslan scout, who with the exception of a Reuter correspondent, a cyclist, is the only white man who has entered Mafeking since the siege began, is likely to prove of great value to Col. Plumer, to whom he has returned with despatches, should Plumer decide to raise the slege of Mifeking in earnest. A Scottish crofter has introduced on method of making nourishing porridge with oat bran, which is a great boon, and is solving

we are now confident of holding out two months longer. The men in the trenches

the question of feeding the natives.

COL. PLUMER HEARD FROM.

His Little Force Is Now Strongly Entrenched Northwest of Mafeking-Mafeking Residents are Hungry.

Plumer's Camp, Friday, April 6, via Io-rerzo Marquez, Tuesday, April 17.—A letter has been received here from Commandant Snyman with reference to the British wounded and prisoners at the Boer laager after the engagement of March 31, from which it is learned that Capt. Crewe died of his wounds. Lieut. Milligan is not a prisoner, and is believed to be among those the Boers buried. The British casualties were 2 officers and 6 men killed, 3 officers and 36 men wounded and one officer and 11 men made prisoners.

Plumer's little force is now strongly entrenched northwest of Mafeking. rating in. The total casualties Saturday were 78, but many are convalescing. Men and horses are improving in health as the winter approaches. Natives report that the inhabitants of Mafeking are very hungry. Should a Tying column be despatched to their relief it wil find the country well grassed and watered as it proceeds northward. The body of Capt. Crewe has been hand

ed over to Col. Baden-Powell and buried in Mafeking cemetery.

REAL HARDSHIP.

A Canadian Severely Punished For Stealing a Chicken.

London, April 18 .- A letter from Bennett Burleigh, dated at Bloem-Telegraph, cites a case of real hardship. A Canadian soldier, he says, was court-martialled and sentenced to fifty-six days' hard labor for appropriating one Boer chicken, while thousands who had committed same offence escaped scot free. There was considerable indignation in the Canadian camp over the affair. Another Canadian Dead.

Ottawa, April 18 .- The Militia Department yesterday received a cablegram from Col. Otter, at Bloemfontein, as follows: "7,160-Pte. W. J. Adams, 7th Fusiliers, of London, died on the 16th inst, from enteric

THE BLOCKADE OF WEPENER.

Although Relief Is Said to Be Near the Siege Continues-Col. Dalgety's Losses - His Force Surrounded-Question of Future of Criticized Gen-

erals - Another Canadian

London, April 19. - (4,10 a.m.)-Heavy rains impede the movements of the British columns. The block- Ramsay at Cape Town, Cape Colony, ade of Wepener continues, although relief is near. Large quantities of stores are being moved southward from Bloemfontein, which is a reversal of the course of the freight for the last six weeks. The shipments are made necessary by the operations in the southeast of the

Free State. There are 2,000 sick in the field hospitals, most of the cases being of dysentery and enteric fever .-With the exception of these facts, the embargo on war intelligence is It is to be regretted that Warren did not almost complete. The special corhimself visit Splon Kop in the afternoon respondents' trivialities, or statements, obscure rather than explain the situation in their efforts to pre-

What About the Genera's? What is to be done with Sir Red- wo Germans who recently arrivvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren 'ed at Cape Town have been sentenced yet they may exercise an important in occupies everybody's attention. It to a year's imprisonment for having fluence on the Course of events, and I be is now generally accepted that the suspicious possession of one hundred Here Buller was justified in remarking: Government had a purpose in the rifles and six hundred cordite cartsystem which acted most unfavorably on publication of Lord Roberts' des- ridges. patch, and that the recall of Gen. !

According to Boer reports, there is steady flow of foreign volunteers to the Transvaal. Hitherto these adventurers have been attached to All Things Now Ready for the the various commandoes. Now it is said they are to be formed into a special legion, with continental officers, and there is a rumor that the command will be given to a distinguished French soldier fately retired, who is now in the Transvaal, or is nearing the end of his journey thi-

TWENTY BRITISH KILLED And 100 Wounded in the Boer Attack on

Wepener. Maseru, April 17. - Col. Dalgety's casualties since he has been besieged at Wepener have been 20 killed and 100 wounded. The Boer lossses are reported to have been considerably

After the night attack on April 12, roads are streams of mud. the dead were left on the field, where they still lie unburied.

ing" continues. Boers, who are now on both sides of the river, and might be cut that the investment of We ener has off if the stream were to become

Five Boer guns are believed to be

Dalgety's Force Still Surrounded. Pretoria, Tuesday, April 17. The latest official reports from the Orange Free State are to the elect forces, though the British are strongcating that they are colonials.

that he chased 300 troops across the Boers are at Wepener. river in the direction of Aliwal, North, capturing several prisoners. It is said that Bethulle bridge has | widows and orpeans have been cablbeen blown up. To Intercent Carrington.

London, April 19. - The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of The Daily Mail, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "Two hundred and fifty Boers started to-day from Water Walender, marching through the Zoutpansberg district, to intercept Gen. Carrington's forces."

Has Warren Been Recalled? London, April 19 .- It is said that a peremptory order for the return of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Warren, the commander of the fifth division of the South African field force, was cabled to South Africa yesterday morning. The War Office declines to give any information in regard to the current reports that General Warren had been

COL CROFTON ON HALF PAY. He Heliographed to Warren in the Spien Kop Affair.

London, April 19,-Col. Crofton, who was in command at Spion Kop from the time Gen. Woodgate was wounded until Col. Thorneycroft was are determined to play the game to the appointed to the position, and whose heliograph messages to Gen. Warren caused Gen. Buller to appoint Thorneycroft to the command, was placed on half-pay yesterday.

Going to a Local Command. Private information received from Shrewsbury yesterday is to the effect that Gen. Gatacre is leaving fever is abating." South Africa this week to resume command of a local district.

Can't Get to Bloemfentein. London, April 19. - The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Tuesday, says: "It is hoped that the Gen. Carrington at Beira, Portugueso boisterous weather now prevailing East Africa, and a reiteration of the may delay the Boers and afford us report that the Boers int and clowing an opportunity of capturing a num- up the Johann sturg mines, are the ber of raiding bands, as only a few only items of news that mark todrifts are passable. One of the od- day's war cables. Weeks must elapse traversed than that the Rhodeslans are op- dities of the situation is the enor- before Gen. Carrington will be able to mous number of civilians, both men | concentrate his force on the borders and women, who are now stopped of the Transvaal or approach Mafeat Norval's Pont. The military au- king. According to a rumor in cirthorities have properly refused to al- | culation at Lorenzo Marquez, a Boer low them to proceed up the line, be- force has been sent to intercept Gen. cause of the difficulty of feeding the Carrington, but it is not thought to army, which is very great, and be- be of sufficient strength to cause anxcause time is an object of incalcul- lety. able importance."

Cold Comfort for Boer Eaveys. Berlin, April 19. - The Berliner Tageblatt, in an inspired article, says: "If the Boer peace delegation really expects European interference it will not be spared the same disappointment that M. Thiers met with fontein, and published in to-day's in 1870, when on a similar mission." A high official of the German Foreign. Office said yesterday: "Germany sees no mason why the Boer special mission should come to Berlin, as, in all the circumstances, Germany will adhere to her policy of neutrality and non-interference.

Crooked Work Here. Lorenzo Marquez, nearly half the members of the Chicago ambulance Red Cross badges. Mr. Adelbert S. fied the Transvaal Government that traps. he must report the circumstances to

Lieut. Caldwell Is All Right. London, April 19. - Lieut. A. C. Caldwell of the Royal Canadian Regiment in South Africa was discharged from hospital for duty on the week ending Aoril 8.

Death of Private Ramsey. Winnipeg, April 19 .- Capt. Gardner, D.O.C., has received a message from Ottawa informing him of the death by peritonitis of Pte. D. L. on March 28.

Pte. Curphy Dead. Bloemfontein, April 18. - (Special) -Pte. J. Curphy, one of the stretcher-bearers attached to the Quebec Company, and formerly of Grimsby, Ont., died to-day of enteric fever. Pte. W. G. Adams of London, Ont., died on Monday of dysentery. French Honor a Mercanary.

Paris, April 12. - Memorial services in honor of the late General De Villebois Mareuil, killed while fighting against the British in South Cathedral yesterday, the cost being Buller was informed of the tenor of coats and black ties.

defraved by public subscription the Field Marshal's despatches. He Tributes to his wor defrayed by public subscription There was a large attendance of a took no notice of the despatches, and rather nationalist color, including made no response. the consuls of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

Buller and Gen. Warren his probab- "BOBS" SOON TO MOVE THE WEPENER

Next British General Advance

REMOUNTS AND EQUIPMENTS.

Gen. Carrington at Beira-To Blow Up the Mines-Boers Around Ludysmith -Buller Was Told of Lord Roberts' Strictures Before They Were Made Public-Is Mafeking Relieved?

London, April 20. - (4.15 p.m.)-A deluge of rain, lasting ten days, has trought the operations in the southeastern part of the Free State almost to a standstill. The creeks have become routing rivers, and the

A singular message, dated Bloemfontein, April 19, 10.55 a.m., and There is a conflict of opinion among | beginning "via press ceasor, Bloemthe leaders. Some want to attack fontein," reports an exchange of shots again, while others refuse to do so. in the direction of Dewetsdorp, where Desultory cannon firing and "snip- the Boers are said to be concentrat-The Caledon is rising, which alarms ing "after their withdrawal from

Wepener. There is nothing else to indicate | teen atandened by the Boers. Notwithstanding the rain, however, the British have made some progress, as Dewetsdor, h s been occupied by them, probably by the advance of Gen. Rundle's division. Dewetsdorp is about 24 miles from Wepener.

Brabe tat tiwal Nor.h. An o scure message from Aliwal North, dat d April 19, says that Gen. rounding Brabant's (Dalgety's) Crabint has arrived there, but whe-

Boor reports from Aliwal North Commandant Fronemann reports aver that from 8,000 to 10,000 Extended reports of the Bloemfon-

tein conce t for the benefit of the ed. No less than seven separate acles nts are pu lished in London today. The concert, the weather, and the bere's atement that I ord Roberts is ready to move, is all that has peen received, and the correspondents who announces that Lord Roberts is ready to move, do not specify the direction in which he is going. Lard . b . retal-m.

The Ladysmith correspondent The Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Wednesday, April 18, says "The news of the nature of the despatch of Lord Roberts to the War Office regarding the Spion Kop operations, has created much comment locally, but no resignations are yet mentioned."

ROBERTS IS NOW READY. The Necessary II. mounts and Equipments

Are New at Hand. London, April 20 .- The Bloemfontin correspondent of The Daily Chrenicle, telegraphing Thursday

"The requisite remounts and equipments have arrived, and all the infantry divisions are now supplied

"The Boers in the immediate neighborhood are quiet; but both sides are steadily preparing for the coming struggle. Lord Roberts is now ready. "Several lots of concealed arms and ammunition have been discovered here this week. The epidemic of

GEN. CARRINGION AT ! EIRA. It Wi : Be Weeks Before He Can Do Anything For hafeking,

London, April 20 .- The arrival of

The Natal Mercury is responsible for the renewed fears concerning the mines, printing accounts from newly arrived refuse s saying elaborate preparations for the destruction of all the Johannesburg shafts have been carried on under the supervision of the State mining engineer, who is alleged to have requisitioned all the copper wire in the town for the purpose of making connections. The Bloemfontein despatches re-

main full of trivial details, but are alsolutely silent as to the future.

Boers Around ad -mith. According to a despatch from Ladysmith, dated yesterday, the Boers are much disconcerted by the present London, April 19. - According to | condition of affairs. Their fortificaa despatch to The Daily Mail, from tions and forces, numbering about 15,000 men, are spread over ridges in contemplation of a British advance corps, when offered Mausers on their through the Wasch ank Valley, north arrival at Pretoria tore off their of Ladysmith, which has not been occupied. The Boer patrols are very Hay, the United States consul, noti- active, and are constantly laying

Trading Rest med. A proclamation issued at Cape Town allows trading between Cape Colony and the occupied portions of the Orange Free State to be resum-

A patrol of Cape police near Boshol yesterday captured two Boers, some oxen, waggons and two hundred head of cattle.

THE BOERS AT THE HAGUE. Reselved Affahly by Queen Wilhelmina-Dr. Leyda With Them. The Hague, April 20, - The Boer peace commissioners, headed by Dr.

Leyds, had an audience with Queen Wilhelmina yesterday afternoon, lasting a quarter of an hour. The delegates, apparently, were much gratifled by the affability of Her Majesty. Subsequently they were received in private by the Queen Mother. Buller Told Ahead of Time.

ISMAFERING RELIEVED?

Rumor Trve. the rumor is true.

Attack Frustrated.

THE BOERS LOSS 100 KILLED. CANADIANS AGAIN IN BATTLE.

British Casdalties to Date Are 25 Killed and 110 Wonnded-The Caledon River Is Baising-Guerilla Warfare New-To Fill Joubert's Place-Gen. Prettyman Is Governor.

London, April 21.—(4.20 a.m.)—General Chermside and General Rundle are moving over the sodden roads. They hold the railway and the southern frontier of the Free State, with 29,000 men. How many are going with the generals who will engage the Boers at Wepener is not men-tioned in the latest despatches from Cor-logspoort, where the British bivouscked Wednesday night. The field telegraph On Thursday the Boers still had

Dalgety closely penned. The Government's reason for publishing Lord Roberts' Splon Kop despatches was explained last evening at Hull by Mr. Wal-ter Hume Long, president of the Board of Agriculture, who said that the country was entitled to receive all the information the Government could give. "The Government is told," said Mr. Long. "that, having published the despatches, in is bound to deal immediately with the gen-

erals affected, but, in following such a course, the Government might have to dismiss every general the moment he made a mistake. Had such a policy been pursued in the past, many most glorious deeds would not have been performed, "The Government used its discretion in publishing the despatches. From the beginning of the campaign Her Majesty's Ministers have not swerved from the rule of leaving the conduct of the operations to the discretion and judgment of the com-General White, if not required in South Africa, will become Governor of Gibraltar

100 BOERS KILLED.

In the Fighting at Wepener-Capt. Little of Brabant's Horse is a Prisoner.

Aliwal North, April 20.-Captain Little of Brabant's Horse, Lieut, Holbeck and Mr. Milne, a Reuter correspondent, fell into the hands of the enemy while they were trying to reach Wepener a week ago. Everythingswas taken from the prisoners, who were sent to Pretoria. Their native servants, who escaped from the Boer laager near Wepener, say that there were four guns disabled and that the Boers had lost 100 in killed alone. It is also ascertained that the Boers made a night attack on April 11, but were discovered while creeping along a deep ditch by Cape Mounted Rifles, with Maxims, who fired into them at a distance of 200 yards, with the resuit that the Boers lost five wagonloads of killed and wounded. A simultaneous attack in other quarters was repulsed by the British, who used their bayonets. The Boers still surround Wepener, but there has been little firing lately.

25 BRITISH KILLED. And 110 Wounded in the Siege of Wepener by the Boer

Forces. Maseru, Basutoland, April 19.-The Boers continue to move freely around Wepener, going in all directions from which relief columns are expected. Desultory cannon firing and enipling have been going on all day, with scarce y any reply from Col. Dalgety's force. Our casualties up to date are believed to have been 25 killed and 110

QUEEN CONFERS VICTORIA CROSS. Major Babtie of the Army Medical Corps Showed Special Bravery at Colenso.

London, April 20,-The Gazette announces that the Queen has conferred the Victoria cross on major withim Bublie of the Army Medical Corps, for conspicuous bravery at the battle of Colenso, Major Babtle went to the assistance of the wounded gunners in the face of a heavy rifle fire, during the fighting Dec. 15, and later in the day assisted in the bringing in of Lieut. Roberts, son of Lord Roberts, who lost his life while attempting to rescue the guns, for which, after his death, he was awarded the Victoria Cross, The latter feat of Major Babtie was also accomplished under a severe fusilade,

GUERILLA WARFARE, Boers Have Already Commenced This Sort of Fighting in

Natal-Buller's Order. London, April 21 .- The Ladysmith corresndent of The Dally News says; "The Boers in Natal are already commencing a guerilla warfare. Both the Transvaalers and the Free Staters are compelling the natives to bear arms. "Gen, Buller has ordered all the farmers between Ladysmith and the Drakensberg Range to retire to Estcourt."

Boer Raids Cover Withdrawal London, April 21 .- The Ladysmith correspondent of The Standard says: "There is good reason to believe that the Boer raids are intended to cover the enemy's withdrawal from Natal, in order to help the Boers in opposing the advance of Lord Prettyman is Governor

e London, April 21 .- The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Times, telegraphing Friday, says: "Major-General Pretyman has been appointed military governor of the whole territory which hitherto belonged to the Free State. This extension of our authority has become necessary to preserve law and order. The arrests of suspected Free Staters continue."

SCHALKBERGER AND BOTHA. Will Fill the Two Important Positions Held by the Late General Joubert

Pretoria, April 20.-Major-General Schalk-berger has been gazetted Vice-President in succession to the late General Joubert, and General Louis Botha has been gazetted acting Commandant-General, succeeding Gen. Joubert in command of the Transvaal

DR. HALEY, M. P., DEAD. Tribute of Respect to His Memory in the

House-The Prohibition Question

Again to the Fore. Ottawa, April 24. - At 2 o'clock vesterday morning Dr. Allan Haley, M.P. for Hants, N.S., died at the Russell House, after a sickness dating from the first week in February. He had been present at the opening of the House, but was almost immediately taken so ill that he could not be removed to his home in Windsor, N.S. He was born in Yarmouth, N. S., 58 years ago, and was, by profes- distressingly from rheumatic sion, a dentist. Lately he was extensively engaged in maurance and shipping. He was a member of the Local Legislature from 1882 till 1891

Deak Covered With Roses. ternoon a fumeral air prevaded all. Dr. Haley's desk was covered with Manchester, April 20. - The a magnificent wreath of roses, pre-Guardian says when it was decided sented by his colleagues from the ary. A friend whom the treatto publish Lord Roberts' criticism of | Maritime Provinces, and the majority | ment had benefited advised Mr. | in the business that we show about Store General Buller's operations in Natal. | of the members were gowned in frock | Dand to the provinces of the p Africa, were held in Notre Dame General Buller's operations in Natal. of the members were gowned in frock

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that the House adjourn till 5 o'clock to give the members a chance to pay their last respects to their colleague. A me entirely I was and the pains left of the pains Despatch Says There is Reason to Pelieve last respects to their colleague. A me entirely. I am now enjoying the large number of members accompan- very best of health." London, April 20. - Yesterday af- ied the funeral cortege from the Rus-London, April 20. — Yesterday afternoon rumors were very prevalent that Maieking had been relieved. Whence the remains were conveyed by There is every reason to believe that train to Windsor, N.S. The Hon. W. S. Fielding accompanied the remains were stated by the property of the proper S. Fielding accompanied the remains.

Four Boer Guns Disabled-Night Pole-Carew's Force Captures Leouw Kop After a Fight.

Our Mounted Infantry and Strathcona's Horse Have Had Their First Fight-Trooper Woolcombe Reported to Be Dead-With Brabant at Bushman's Kop-Carrington for Mafeking.

London, April 24. - The War Office late last evening issued the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Monday, April 23, 2.50 p.m.:

"Yesterday I despatched the 11th Division, under Gen. Pole-Carew, and two brigades of cavalry, under Gen. French, from this point to assist Gen. Rundle. The force reached Karriefontein without much opposition. "Casualties reported: "Welsh Regiment-One private kill-

ed; Capt. Prothero mortallywounded and seven men. 'Yorkshires-Eight wounded. 'Eighth Hussars-One killed; one

wounded. "14th Hussars-Oge wounded. "Royal Artillery-Two wounded. "7th Dragoons-Lieut. Jenkins and

10 men missing. "Capt. Rotton, Royal Artillery, broke an arm by a fall. "Gen. Pole-Carow's Mounted Infantry, seized Leouw Kop, a high hill a few miles north of their last night's position. The enemy evacuated hurriedly, leaving some rifles and ammunition.

"Gen. Rundle reports that 25 men of the First Worcesters are missing. Fifty-three were sent with wood to an outpost after dark. Only 18 returned. Their numbers and names will be reported to-day, as well as four wounded yesterday." The War Office has given no expla-

nation of the apparent discrepancy in the figures as to the men of the Worcester Regiment. THE CANADIANS IN BATTLE.

Our Mounted Infantry and Strathcona's

Horse Have Had Their First

Bloemfontein, Monday, April 24 .-Co;. Alderson's corps of Mounted Infautry, consisting of the 1st Battaiions of the First and Second Canadian Regiments and Strathcona's Horse, was engaged in the operations of Gen. Pole-Carew and Gen. French. Alderson had undertaken to drive the Boers from their line of defence south of the waterworks. The Canadians sustained a heavy fire. The Boers shelled Alderson, who made a marching movement around Leouw Kop on the extreme left of the Boer position. When the British battery opened fire the Boers removed the gun. Leouw Kop was found evacuated yesterday

Gen. Dickson's cavalry brigade, which made a wide detour to the left, found its further progress barred by a strong Boer position.

FIGHTING AT BUSHMAN'S KOP Colonial Division, Under Brabant Advanerd Cautiously-Casualties 25 Wounded,

Maseru, Monday, April 23. Fighting began at Bushman's Kop. The colonial division, under Gen Brabant, advanced cautiously, followed and supported by Gen. Hart's infantry brigade. It was found that the Boers had evacuated their position on Bushman's Kop during the night. A running fight had been proceeding throughout the day, the British gradually advancing and the Boers losing ground. Gen. Brabant is moving in a northwesterly direction, keeping Basutoland close on his right flank. Thousands of Basutos are watching the operations. Our casualties so far are 25 wounded. The British are bivouacking tonight, according to the latest report, eight miles from Wepener, and the Boers who are besieging Col. Dalgety

appear to be preparing to retire. RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

No Force Going to the Beleaguesed Except Carrington's,

London, April 24 .- The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail says that Gen. Carrington's force is the only one going to the relief of Mafeking, and that no force of any kind is operating from the south. The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says: "The resistance of the Boers at Leouw Kop was contemptible, considering the strength of their position.

NOTEWORTHY INCIDENT

An incident that attracted more than passing interest was the remarkable cure of Mr. William



Boyd, a most honored resident of Wolfe Island, Ont. Mr. Boyd's health had suffered from frailty, which led to an acute attack of rheumatism.

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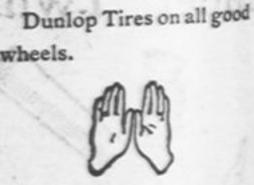
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