

THE WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL

Latest Despatches from South Africa, where Britons are Fighting Boers.

Battle of Spion Kop. Buller, Warren and Thorneycroft Sharply Criticized.

LORD ROBERTS A STERN CRITIC.

Gen. Sir Redvers Buller 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 Government has chosen this as the moment for publishing a despatch from Lord Roberts, promulgating a severe reprimand of Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren, two of the most important subordinate commanders. This despatch, written Feb. 13, has been in the hands of the War Office for five weeks. It is expected that the despatch will be published in the next few days.

The revelation of their incapacity must tend to undermine the confidence of the troops in their leadership. The despatch is a long and somewhat "spilling language" of the despatch, and then goes on to say that the whole of these despatches are disquieting and heartening in an ordinary degree. It is expected that the despatch will be published in the next few days.

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 is thought that the despatch will be followed by further important changes in the South African commands.

Roberts' Long Walk. Lord Roberts' long walk and the Boer activity have seriously disturbed public equanimity. It is still three hundred miles from Pretoria to the Boer position.

Wepener Relieved Force. Lord Roberts indicates that at least 10,000 men are attacking to cut off the Boers who are investing Wepener.

SPION KOP. Severe Criticism by Lord Roberts of General Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren and Col. Thorneycroft.

London, April 17.—The War Office tonight publishes in The Gazette a despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Feb. 13, annulling Spion Kop and other operations from Jan. 17 to Jan. 24. Lord Roberts' criticism of Sir Buller, Warren and others. Even Gen. Buller does not escape.

Warren vs. Buller. After sketching Gen. Buller's intentions, as communicated to Sir Charles Warren, who commanded the right division, Lord Roberts points out that Gen. Warren seems to have concluded, after consultation with his officers, that flanking was impracticable, and therefore so changed the plan of advance as to necessitate the capture and retention of Spion Kop.

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 that the troops to be retained were of any value."

Thorneycroft Got Seared. "Yet almost immediately after Coke's departure Thorneycroft issued the order without reference to the superior authority, which upset the whole plan of operations and rendered unavailable the sacrifices already made to carry it into effect."

Gen. Warren's Report. "Gen. Buller's report, commenting on Gen. Warren's report and the capture and evacuation of Spion Kop, after disputing the correctness of some of Warren's assertions and describing the dangerous situation created by Warren's force, tells how he could be captured by Warren's force."

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 General—Another Canadian Dead.

London, April 19.—(4.40 a.m.)—Heavy rains impeded the movements of the British columns. The blockade 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 trains for the last six weeks.

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 fever."

Where Warren Failed. It is to be regretted that Warren did not visit Spion Kop in the afternoon 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.

What is to be done with Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren occupies everybody's attention. It is generally accepted that the Government had a purpose in the publication of Lord Roberts' despatch, and that the recall of Gen.

"BOBS" SOON TO MOVE

All Things Now Ready for the Next British General Advance

REMOUNTS AND EQUIPMENTS. Gen. Carrington at Beira—To Blow Up the Mine—Boers Around Ladysmith Buller Was Told of Lord Roberts' Strictures Before They Were Made Public—Is Making Believed?

London, April 20.—(4.15 p.m.)—A deluge of rain, lasting ten days, has brought the operations in the southern part of the Free State to almost a standstill. The roads have become impassable, and the Boers have been able to concentrate their forces.

After the night attack on April 12, the dead were left on the field, where they still lie unburied. The Boers are reported to have been considerably heavier.

There is a general opinion among the Boers that the British are not attacking. Some want to attack again, while others refuse to do so. Desultory cannon firing and sniping are still going on.

Five Boer guns are believed to be disabled. Dalgety's Force Still Surrounded. Pretoria, Tuesday, April 17.—The latest official reports from the Orange Free State are to the effect that General De Wet's force is still surrounded by the British.

Commandant Froneman reports that he chased 800 troops across the river in the direction of the north. The Boers are reported to have been blown up.

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

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.

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THE WEPENER BATTLE

Four Boer Guns Disabled—Night Attack Frustrated.

THE BOERS LOSS 100 KILLED. British Casualties to Date 85 Killed and 110 Wounded—The Caledon River is Raising—Guerilla Warfare Now To Fill Joubert's Place—Gen. Pretzman Is Governor.

London, April 21.—(4.20 a.m.)—General Buller and General Buller are moving over the southern frontier of the Free State, with 20,000 men. How many Boers are going with them will be seen in the latest despatches from Cape Town.

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A 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.

DR. HALEY, M. P., DEAD. Tributes of Respect to His Memory in the House—The Exhibition Question Again to the Fore.

OTTAWA, April 24.—At 2 o'clock yesterday 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.

THE BOERS AT THE HAGUE. Received a letter by Queen Wilhelmina from the Boers, which was read in the House of Representatives.

Manchester, April 20.—The Guardian says when it was decided to publish Lord Roberts' criticism of General Buller's operations in Natal, Buller was informed of the tenor of the Field Marshal's despatches.

IMPENDING BELIEVED. Despatch says there is reason to believe that the Boers are preparing to move.

London, April 20.—Yesterday afternoon rumors were very prevalent that Mafeking had been relieved. There is every reason to believe that the rumor is true.

W. G. WOODS. The average householder is today busy laying plans to secure the most heat for the least money during the six months of cold weather now at hand.

W. G. WOODS. It may seem a strong statement that we keep the best, but so it is. We have been so long in the business that we know all there is to be known about stoves and we can't be deceived offering an inferior article.