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# BOERS IN FULL RETREAT.

## Battle at Zand River Extended Over Twenty Miles.

A despatch from London says—The War Office on Thursday handed out three cables from Lord Roberts, the last of which shows that the Boers, after making a stand north of the Zand River, occupying a position 20 miles in length, are now in full retreat, with British cavalry in pursuit in three directions.

From Welgelegen, under date of Wednesday evening, Lord Roberts cabled—

"Pole-Carew's and Tucker's divisions, Bruce Hamilton's column of heavy cavalry and Royal garrison artillery guns, and four brigades of cavalry marched here to-day. The enemy held the opposite bank of the Zand River. Their strength will be ascertained to-morrow, when I hope to be able to force a passage of the river."

The next message is as follows—

"Cable cart headquarters at front, May 10, 9:10 a. m.—We are now across the Zand River. The enemy are still holding a strong position, but we are gradually pushing them back."

Three hours later he cabled—

"Cable Cart, Zand River, May 10, 12:30 p. m.—The enemy are in full retreat. They occupied a position 20 miles in length. Our was necessarily longer. With the widely-scattered force it will take some time to learn the casualties, but I am hopeful we have not suffered much. The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the Boers by three different roads."

Lord Roberts also cabled from Zand River camp, May 9, saying—"I have received a most cheery telegram from Baden-Powell, dated April 27." This evidently refers to the despatch included in a Mafeking correspondent's cable already published.

# SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

## Newsy Items About Ourselves and Our Neighbors—Something of Interest From Every Quarter of the Globe.

**CANADA.**

MacKenzie & Mann may buy the Kingston locomotive works.

The British cruiser Buzzard has arrived at Halifax from Bermuda.

The Government will construct a wharf at Levis, Que., 800 feet long.

About 100,000 bushels of Manitoba grain are being received daily at Port William.

It is reported that 30,000 Japanese will come to British Columbia this summer.

Some of the weavers in the Canada Colored Cotton Mills at Hamilton are out on strike.

Wheat seeding in Manitoba has been completed this year three weeks earlier than last.

The smallpox epidemic in Winnipeg has been overestimated, and the scare has largely subsided.

Major Dent has bought at Montreal 500 horses for the British cavalry and 120 for Strathcona's Horse.

There have been 2,500 cases of measles in Hamilton since March 1st, and the schools are only half-attended.

Mrs. Chas. Dauphney, the mother of nine children, committed suicide at Lunenburg, N. S., by taking carbolic acid.

Five officers of the Prince of Wales' Fusiliers, at Montreal, have resigned owing to trouble with the commanding officer.

Miss Gould, of the Montreal branch of the Red Cross Society, has handed to the society \$4,000, collected by her chain letter.

Bellefleur City Council has decided to reduce the police force by one and to abolish the rank sergeant. A saving of \$900 will be effected.

The Laurentide pulp and saw mills at Grande Mere, Quebec, were destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$400,000. Printing paper will now be scarcer than ever.

Letters from Dawson estimate the clean-up of Sulphur and Gold Run Creeks at \$3,000,000, and the total wash-up for the entire Klondike district at \$18,000,000 approximately.

Relatives of Jesse Martin, fireman, killed near Belleville by striking his head against an iron bar on a side track while looking out of the cab window, will sue the G.T.R. for \$20,000.

The experiment of selling a binder twice direct from Kingston Penitentiary has been so successful that the Minister of Justice has instructed the Warden to continue to accept orders for small lots when asked for.

James Baxter, the wicketeer of the Ville Marie Bank, was taken to St. Vincent de Paul prison on Tuesday, where he was found to be in a critical condition of health, and was at once placed in the hospital.

In his report on the militia, General Hutton says: "The existing regulations prohibiting the sale of liquor within the camps were carried out. It is not, however, possible to prevent the consumption of liquor in camps, and it is equally impossible to prevent the illicit sale of liquors outside, but in close proximity to the confines of the camps."

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

Sir Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, M.P. for North Lambeth, will not seek re-election.

The Prince of Wales intends making a yachting trip off the Irish coast in the autumn.

The British House of Commons has adopted a vote of \$9,500,000 for the completion of the Uganda railway.

The late Duke of Argyll, it has been learned, once wrote a novel, its title was "The Highland Nurse." It had a small sale.

The Duke of York has gone to Berlin to participate in the ceremonies of the German Crown Prince's birthday anniversary.

Governor Voorhes, of New Jersey, has donated \$9,000 to the Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church of America.

The Queen has contributed 500 guineas and the Prince of Wales 250 guineas to the Mansion House fund for the Ottawa fire sufferers.

The London Daily Telegraph, commenting on the Utah mine horror, says that it will have a greater sympathy than any other event in the history of the Atlantic since the loss of the Maine.

A man appeared in a London Police Court charged with torturing an elephant. He probed it with a lance, inflicting the animal to such an extent that it charged a keeper and killed him.

Mr. Reginald MacLeod, C.B., who has been appointed Brigadier-General, in the place of Sir Brydges Henjiker, is the second son of the late Norman MacLeod, MacLeod of MacLeod, of Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye.

With the object of popularizing and encouraging Irish industries, the Earl Mayores of London has ordered a court dress of Irish poplin, trimmed with Irish lace, for her own use at the next drawing-room, on which occasion she will be presented.

**UNITED STATES.**

A mad dog caused a panic in the streets of Evanston, Ill., biting four men.

City Council, of Brunswick, Maine, will plant a tract of 1,000 acres in white pine.

Eighteen women graduated as dentists from the Northwestern University, Illinois.

Machinery of many American warships is said to have been damaged through carelessness.

The New York Legislature has appropriated \$150,000 for the construction of good roads in the state.

President McKinley and Admiral Dewey will be at Canton, Ohio, July 4, when Spanish cannon is dedicated.

The United States Navy Department urges that \$10,000,000 be appropriated

# MARKETS OF THE WORLD

on track, 600. Flour—Good demand; steady.

Detroit, May 15.—Wheat—Closed—No. 1 white, 73c; No. 2 red, 73c; May, 73c; July, 72 5/8c.

**SENTENCED TO DEATH.**

One of Buller's Men Deserts and Fights With Enemy.

A despatch from Ladysmith says:—Ladysmith is just now the centre of activity on the part of the Army Service Corps. Large quantities of stores are in the town.

A private of the Tenth Mountain Battery, who deserted at Colenso in December, fought with the Boers, and was afterwards expelled from the country for striking a Boer commandant, disclosed his identity in Durban while under the influence of drink. He was tried and sentenced to death, but Gen. Buller has commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life.

# PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Strong Party in the Volksraad Favors Reopening Them.

A despatch from London, says—The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says:—

"I learn that a strong party in the Volksraad is determined to secure the reopening of peace negotiations on a basis which they are sanguine will receive the support of a majority of the Raad, although the proposal evokes strong indignation from President Kruger and State Secretary Reitz."

It is reported that President Kruger made an impassioned appeal to the Pretorial burghers at religious gathering on Sunday.

# WOMEN IN THE TRENCHES.

Have Petitioned Kruger to Allow Them to Go to the Front.

A despatch from Pretoria says:—The Afrikaner women have been deeply stirred by the reverses that have befallen the Boer arms, and they are seeking by every means in their power to add to the strength of the forces of the Republic. A number of them have offered the Government to immediately form a corps to guard the railway to proceed to the front and fight in the trenches with their male relatives.

# BOER GENERAL KILLED.

Commandant Van Aswegen Slain Near Warrenton.

A despatch from Pretoria says:—A despatch from Christiansburg, sent from that town Tuesday, states that there was fighting on the Vaal river Monday. Gen. Van Aswegen, who was in command of the Griqualand Boers, was killed.

According to the despatch, the British were repulsed and compelled to retire to Warrenton.

# GAVE BOTHA A GUARANTEE

That the Johannesburg Mines Would Not Be Destroyed.

A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from Pretoria says Gen. Louis Botha, who succeeded Gen. Joubert as commander of the federal army, informed the Government that he would resign his command if it were intended to destroy the Johannesburg mines. He had no grievance against private property, he said, and would only fight a hostile army. Gen. Botha was officially informed that it was not intended to destroy the mines.

# FAVORED SUBMISSION.

Free State Burghers Want to Give Up the Fight.

A despatch from Bonnet Burleigh to the London Daily Telegraph from Welgelegen, dated Wednesday says:—

"The burghers held a meeting recently, without the consent of President Steyn, at which the advisability of submission on the part of the Free State was discussed and approved."

# BOY SHOOTS HIS FATHER

## Peter McIntyre, of Toronto, Killed by His Son.

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD LAD QUARRERELLED WITH HIS FATHER AND DREW A REVOLVER—AFTERWARDS SAID IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

A despatch from Toronto says:—Arthur McIntyre, of 299 Marchmont street, the 13-year-old son of Peter McIntyre, freight manager for the Ontario Richelieu Navigation Company, shot and instantly killed his father at the latter's office at Milloy's wharf, on Thursday morning. The boy wanted to go to St. Catharines to see his uncle and Mr. McIntyre objected. The boy then, as he says, to frighten his father, drew a revolver and pointed it. Mr. McIntyre sprang from his chair and the revolver went off, the bullet entering Mr. McIntyre's left breast, 1-1/2 inches above the heart.

**KILLING HIM INSTANTLY.**

Two clerks, Edward Nevin and C. E. Watson, who were in the outer office, heard the shot and ran out of the shooting was inside they went back and found Mr. McIntyre dead. The boy told the men that he had shot his father, and to go for a doctor and a policeman. This was done, but no medical aid could help the victim.

# DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Notes of Proceedings in the National Legislature.

**BILLS NOW LAW.**

The following is the list of bills to which the Royal assent has been given:—

Respecting La Banque Jacques (Banque), and to change its name to La Banque Provinciale du Canada.

Respecting the Kalso and Lard-Duncan Railway Co.

Respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway Co.

Respecting the Montreal and Ottawa Railway Co.

To amend the Dominion Lands Act.

Respecting the Canada and Michigan Bridge and Tunnel Co.

Respecting the Horford Railway Co.

Respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Co.

Respecting the River St. Clair Railway Bridge, and Tunnel Co.

Respecting the Canadian Southern Bridge Co.

Respecting the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway Co.

To incorporate the Port Dover, Brantford, Berlin, and Goderich Railway Co.

Respecting the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories.

To incorporate the Canada Steel Co.

Respecting the members of the North-West Mounted Police force on active service in South Africa.

Respecting the Ontario and Rainy River Railway Co.

Respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Co.

To amend an Act to provide for the conditional liberation of penitentiary convicts.

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED.**

Sir Hibbert Tupper was informed that Mr. Ogilvie, the Commissioner of the Yukon district, received \$6,000 a year salary, \$2,500 for living expenses, \$600 per month for housekeeper, and \$250 a month for heat. Mr. W. P. Clement, as legal adviser for the Yukon district, received \$2,500 a year prior to June 18th, 1899, and \$3,000 a year since that date, together with \$100 a month for living expenses.

Mr. Monk was told by Mr. Blair that it is not the intention of the Government to increase the salaries of local men employed on the Yukonean frontier, nor is it the intention to give them any more extra pay than they now receive when their services are required for Sunday work. There is no regulation obliging workmen to attend on a Sunday, but such a regulation is optional. The workmen at Sir Hibbert Tupper was told by Mr. Sutherland that the Department of the Interior has not yet received a reply to the telegram sent to Mr. Ogilvie asking for his report on the Yukonean territories.

Mr. Davin was told by Mr. Sutherland that the Order-in-Council providing that claims in the Yukon be abandoned shall revert to the Crown is dated October 7th, 1899. The Order provides that after having severally been disposed of as may see fit, the records of the department do not show that any of these claims have been disposed of except such of them as have been included in hydraulic positions.

Mr. Casgrain was told by Mr. Sutherland that the system of receiving mail by rail is being improved by means of brackets while the train is running full speed has been in operation about a year at several stations on intercolonial. At first some of the mail bags were injured through defective construction of the brackets, but this has since been remedied.

Mr. Patten was told by Mr. Mulock that for the week ending 7th April, 1903, there were 87,170 letters handed in the Winnipeg post-office. At the

# BOY SHOOTS HIS FATHER

Police Constable Johnson and Detective Forrest and Varnum went down and arrested the boy, who was taken to number one police station and questioned by Inspector Stark. He was then taken down stairs, and searched. Besides the revolver he had in his pockets, but no money. He tried continually at the station and then arraigned in the court.

**THE BOY SHOOTER.**

"Here is a lad against whom I must file a charge of murder," said the town attorney.

"I didn't murder him," said the boy, who was verbally remanded till tomorrow.

Arthur McIntyre is a bright-looking lad of 13, with fair hair, blue eyes, and a rosy complexion. He was dressed in a dark suit, brown peaked cap and tan boots. He has four children, there being two boys and two girls in the family. He has not worked with his father for the last few months and it is said that his relations have always been friendly. Mr. McIntyre being an exceptionally good father. People who know the boy say that he had never given an unfavorable opinion. He is very obliging and was always on the best of terms with his brother and sisters. He is known to be an excellent reader and to be a deep thinker. It is believed by a number of acquaintances that this mind has an temporarily unbalanced from much reading and thinking.

# BOER LOSSES HEAVY.

Seventy Were Killed in One Engagement.

A despatch from Smaldeal says:—The British have been successful at all points recently.

Gen. Hunter has passed Fourteen Streams, after a fight in which over twenty Boers, including two commanders, were killed.

At the Vet river the Gordon Highlanders put a large commando to flight, and the 8th Hussars killed over seventy of the retreating Boers.

Although Gen. Ian Hamilton was fighting every day last week, his casualties were only about one hundred. The Boers are reported to be retiring from the Zand river. Many Boers are turning in their horses and Mausers.

# URGUE GUERRILLA WAR.

Foreign Mercenaries Advise Boers to Abandon Present Tactics.

The London Standard publishes the following, dated Wednesday, from Welgelegen:—

"The engagement on the Vet River caused the Boers to be dissatisfied with their leaders. I learn from Pretoria that the Boers intend to retire ultimately to Lydenburg, leaving to the foreign mercenaries the task of defending Johannesburg and Pretoria."

The foreign mercenaries are now advocating the sending out of guerrilla parties of 300 to 400 strong, rather than a persistence in operations on a large scale; but the Boers are not dashing enough for that kind of work."

# LOSSES AT BRANDFORT

They Were Heavier Than at First Understood.

A despatch from Cape Town, says:—The British losses at Brandfort are now reported to have been much heavier than was at first understood. After the battle British patrols visited the farm houses and surrounding districts, and all the men were taken prisoners, while the horses and arms were moved. Lord Roberts is adopting a sterner policy with a view of preventing guerrilla fighting in the rear of the British. Horses are now commandeered and farm-houses where guns are found are destroyed, while the men are arrested.

# MAY EXPEL THE REST.

Proposal to Eject Every British Subject From the Transvaal.

A despatch from Pretoria says:—Despite the edict of expulsion recently issued against all British subjects in the Transvaal, which followed the explosion at Beggie's engineering works at Johannesburg, the question of permitting the British yet remaining in the country to stay here is again receiving official attention.

# BOOKS FOR BOER PRISONERS

British Government to Buy Dutch Books for the Men at St. Helena.

A despatch from Amsterdam, says:—The British Government has instructed its Consul here to expend \$500 on books for Dutch books for the use of Boer prisoners at St. Helena.

# PURELY ORNAMENTAL.

Visitor—Your smoking room is beautifully furnished.

Mr. Henpeck—Yes; if only I were allowed to smoke in it!