

BOERS ON ALL SIDES

Roberts reports that British Force at Wepener is Still Hemmed In.

ON TO PRETORIA IS NOW THE SLOGAN

Mighty Army is Waiting the Word of Lord Roberts to Advance.

WHAT CRITICS SAY OF THE MOVEMENT

Sensational Dispatch from British Military Chief Made Public.

CAMPAIGN WAS ONE OF BLUNDERING

General Roberts Deals Severely with General Warren, Criticizes General Buller and Comments on Finco at Spionkop.

LONDON, April 17.—11:10 p. m.—The War office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, April 17:

"Our force at Wepener is still surrounded, but it is reported that the enemy is attacking in a very half-hearted manner and is anxious about their communications, hearing that forces are approaching Wepener from two directions—one under General Buller, via Reddersburg, and another under General Buller, via General Hart's brigade in support, via Rouxville.

Roberts Ready to Advance.

At last Roberts seems to be on the eve of making his main advance toward Pretoria. Unless all the usually reliable sources of information concur, all the indications assembled at the general are at fault the British army within a few days will be marching northward. After many premature and unfounded reports that have purported to tell of this move there is naturally, even in the most informed quarters, considerable hesitancy in definitely settling upon the day Lord Roberts is likely to leave Bloemfontein, but there is a settled impression that it will occur either at the end of this week or the beginning of next. The long, weary wait in the Free State capital has apparently effected a much needed rehabilitation, though it is probable Lord Roberts would still further have delayed his advance had not the Boer activity ceased in the past few days.

Critics Discuss an Advance.

The critics agree in the supposition that the advance will be made in parallel columns, with the main body of the army, the Third and Eighth divisions sweeping northward to the extreme northwest, the entire force amounting to 75,000 men.

Blunders Were Plentiful.

The War office tonight publishes in the Gazette a dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated February 13, submitting General Buller's dispatches from the Spionkop and other operations from January 17 to January 24.

Countess Perishes at Sea

Yacht of Count Festica Goes Down and All on Board Save the Owner and Two Servants Are Lost.

BERLIN, April 17.—A special dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, which gives meager details regarding the loss near Minorcy of the yacht of Count Festica with all on board save the owner and two servants. Among the victims was the countess, who prior to her marriage was Miss Haggin of San Francisco.

FORMAL APOLOGY TO SPAIN

American Minister Says United States Deplores Mistake of the Chicago Dewey Day Committee.

MADRID, April 17.—The United States minister, Bellamy Storer, visited Premier Silveira today and apologized for the action of the mayor of Chicago, Carter H. Harrison, in sending an invitation to the duke of Arco, the Spanish minister at Washington, to attend the Dewey day celebration there.

Philippine Commissioners Sailed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—The Philippine commissioners sailed on the transport Hancock early this afternoon. The Hancock will stop at Honolulu, Yokohama and Hong Kong en route to Manila.

ENGLISH PRESS ON BULLER

Demand for His Recall or Resignation is Imperatively Made by the London Journals.

(Copyright, 1900, by the Publishing Co.) LONDON, April 17.—The English press has been very busy since the receipt of the dispatch from Lord Roberts, Buller's recall is rendered untenable and his resignation or recall is a matter of course. The government cannot be charged with arranging a matter of this kind. With consideration of general policy there is no need to trumpet these things to the world. The dispatches might have slept in the archives for the future historian and Buller's recall have been arranged with diplomatic surroundings.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

United States Officials at Washington Aroused and Endeavor Likely to Result in Sending Turkish Minister His Passports.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—There is no longer any question that the diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey are in a critical state, growing out of the sultan's bad faith. He promised to pay the indemnity claims of the American missionaries for the destruction of eight buildings of the Euphrates colleges at Harpoot and several buildings belonging to the American missionaries at Marash during the Armenian massacres of 1895.

STUNNED ABOUT MAFEKING.

PLUMBER'S CAMP, Friday, April 6.—(Via Lourenco Marques, 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 11, from which it is learned that Captain Crewie died of his wounds. Lieutenant Milligan is not a prisoner and is believed to be among those Boers buried. The British casualties were two officers and six men killed, three officers and thirty-five men wounded, and one officer and eleven men made prisoners.

JUNKET OF QUEEN OF ENGLAND

Visit to Donnybrook a Feature of the Day's Ceremonies—Royal Party Will Not Visit Belfast.

DUBLIN, April 17.—After her morning drive today Queen Victoria received in audience the daughter of Sergeant Major Hartigan, now at Colenso, Natal, who presented the queen with a letter from her husband and his wife and widows of the noncommissioned officers and men of the Irish regiments in South Africa. The queen's afternoon drive included Donnybrook.

BEHEADED BY PAGAN THIEVES

Chief of Police in a British Columbia Fishing Village Murdered and Mutilated.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17.—The mangled and mutilated remains of Alexander Main, chief of police of Stevenson, were found this afternoon in a hastily made grave near a cluster of Chinese shacks, two miles from Stevenson.

HOLDS UP A FOOT BALL COACH

Edgar Atkins Seriously Wounded by a Negro Footpad in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 17.—Edgar Atkins, coach of Smith academy foot ball and base ball teams, was shot after a desperate struggle with a negro highwayman at an early hour today in the fashionable west end of town. Mr. Atkins had just left a street car when he was ordered to throw up his hands by the highwayman, who pointed a revolver at his head.

MAY TRAIN GUNS ON TURKEY

Sultan Shows Bad Faith in Payment of Missionary Claims.

Under Protecting Guns of Militia Work on the New Cornell Dam Will Be Resumed.

CROTON LANDING, N. Y., April 17.—The strike of the Italian laborers on the new Cornell dam on the Croton valley is still on, but the contractors claim it will soon be over. Everything points to either a speedy settlement of the difficulty, with many of the strikers going back to work, or else a prolonged procession of wearisome and fruitless days, if not weeks.

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ASSASSINATION OF GOEBEL

Ten Men Indicted as Principals and Accessories to the Crime—Several Are Prominent.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17.—The Frankfort grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against ten persons, charging them with complicity in the murder of William Goebel. The principals named are James E. Youtsey, James Howard, Henry Howard, William Whittaker and "Tad" Dick, all colored.

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RAID OF MAD WATERS

Deluge in Middle Gulf States Causes Enormous Damage.

DOWNPOUR ONE OF HEAVIEST KNOWN

Country for Miles in All Directions Completely Submerged.

LIFE LOSS IS COMPARATIVELY SMALL

Railroad Tracks Awash and Traffic Almost Completely Suspended.

CROPS OF ALL KINDS W'PED OUT

Storm Takes Fresh Hold in Storm Localities and Further Damage is Feared—All Country Streams Are Out of Bank.

NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—Damage to the extent of thousands of dollars has been done to railroad property, crops and bridges by floods in the middle gulf states caused by the record-breaking rains of the past two days.

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