

RELIEF IS HELD BACK

While Making Buffers, Burglers Keep the British Forces in Check.

COLUMN FROM KIMBERLEY STOPPED

Has Its Hands Full at Warrenton. Fourteen Streams.

PLUMER BEING VERY HARD PRESSED

Instead of Aiding Garrison He is Fighting in Self-Defense.

LIEUTENANT KILLED, ANOTHER CAPTURED

Unconformable Humors of Relief in London—Anxiety Over Plumer's Inability to Reach Mafeking on Advance.

LONDON, March 22.—A m.—Again there is a persistent rumor that Mafeking has been relieved. It is even asserted that the War office has received a dispatch announcing the relief, but that publication is withheld because the form of the message admits the possibility of a mistake.

The War office, however, declares that there is no confirmation of the rumor and no further news is on hand.

It seems certain that Mafeking's only chance for relief are by the column supposed to be advancing from the south on the possibility that General Buller-Fowell is still strong enough to attempt a sortie with a view of capturing the Boer guns at a time when Commandant Snyman has withdrawn his men to oppose Colonel Plumer.

It is reported from Lourenco Marques that Pretoria is prepared to stand a siege of two years and that the Boer women, frantic at the reverses to the Boer arms, are entreating to be allowed to shoot the British officers imprisoned at Pretoria.

It is also announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian government has declined to intervene.

Holding the Relief Column.

LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch to the Times from Kimberley, dated Thursday, says:

"The date of the departure of the Mafeking column from Warrenton has not yet been fixed. The point at Warrenton is guarded by our troops. Skirmishing continues around Warrenton. The Boers are reported to have four guns, but this is doubtful."

KIMBERLEY, March 22.—There was a smart artillery duel at Warrenton yesterday. A battery under Major Blewitt, supported by the Kimberley Light Horse, located the Boers, who had four guns, two of which used cordite, but ineffectively. The British battery replied with effect and silenced the Boer guns. The Boers sent two shells near the railway station, which was not damaged.

A scouting party got too close to the bank of the river and encountered a hot fire. The men were unable to get away and it was impossible to relieve them without loss. The party being obliged to wait for darkness in order to escape. The reconnaissance succeeded and Major Blewitt retired with only one wounded.

This morning break firing was resumed at Warrenton at 6.30, but now slackened up. A detachment of fusiliers has arrived. A detachment of Vryburg inhabitants who had been imprisoned by the Boers was sent in to Warrenton under a white flag after being taken from laager to laager around the district. They say the big gun from Kimberley has been taken through Christiansburg to Pretoria. There are women and children in nearly every laager.

Trains now run within eight miles of Warrenton.

Making It Warm for Plumer.

LOBATSI, Friday, March 16.—The Boers, under Commandant Snyman, are advancing in force from Mafeking towards Lobatzi. Colonel Buller made a reconnaissance on March 13 and found Pitsani and Potlugo occupied by the Boers. He returned to George Siding and made a demonstration on March 14. He found the Boers in strength at a sharp curve on the railway. They had mounted a gun on the line and were lying in wait for the construction train.

A brisk firing occurred a few miles south of Lobatzi on the morning of the 15th. The Boers' Maxim was fired upon. Colonel Buller came in touch with the Boers just in time to prevent the camp being surprised. The Boers attacked the advance party and captured a few boxes of ammunition and nearly secured a Maxim. Lieutenant Tyler was killed. Colonel Buller, Chapman, captured Colonel Buller, coming up, put the Boers to flight with heavy loss.

Boers Very Near Lobatzi.

The Boers yesterday were within a few miles of Lobatzi. Yesterday afternoon the Boers pressed closely on Colonel Plumer's main camp and kept up a hot fire with a Maxim, killing one white man and one native. They placed the Maxim and a twelve and one-half pounder on a hill on the east side of the line, 4,000 yards from the camp.

The British right is protected by Chief Balthous, who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory.

Colonel Plumer's present endeavor is to insure the safety of the railway north of Lobatzi and to watch well the left flank. It is probable that before the Boers retire towards Pretoria they will tackle the Rhodesians in force.

It is reported that the burghers are abandoning the environs of Mafeking, leaving only a sufficient number of artillery to man the big guns. There are none at Ramathlabama, where they were supposed to have their base. Colonel Plumer's scouts were at Ramathlabama yesterday. The usual Mafeking dispatches are overdue, but no anxiety is felt on that score.

Dynamic explosions were heard on the railway, are proceeding south of Lobatzi.

Causing Anxiety at London.

LONDON, March 22.—The reports of skirmishing near Lobatzi, while apparently not inflicting any serious loss on Colonel Plumer's column, cause grave anxiety in regard to his ability to reach Mafeking. Further news from that quarter is anxiously awaited, for in the six days that have elapsed since the last message were sent off a serious engagement may have occurred, though not of Colonel Plumer's seeking. The Boers seem determined not to give up their prey at Mafeking without a fierce struggle.

In reply to the mayor of Capetown's request to make "Mafeking relief day" a public holiday, Premier Schreiner wrote: "The holiday comes soon and may be a spirit of general good will and kindly consideration prevail later."

Report Oliver on the Run.

ALWANI, NORTH, Cape Colony, March 22.—Commandant Olivier left Smithfield two hours before the British scouts arrived. He

TREATMENT OF THE REBELS

England Perplexed to Adopt a Definite Plan Toward the South African Patriots.

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Immense crowds watched the arrival of her majesty at the station in Woolwich and lined the route to the hospital. There were lavish decorations and unbounded enthusiasm was displayed. The queen appeared to be in excellent health. She drove in an open landau through the arsenal grounds, where 2,000 employees were drawn up in line and

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STEEL KINGS UNITED AGAIN

Frick Secures All He Contended For in the Suit Against Carnegie.

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