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NO RELIEF YET FOR MAKING GARRISON

Capetown Advances Continue to Be Optimistic—General Hunter Expected to Reach There Tuesday or Wednesday.

LONDON, May 15.—A dispatch received by the Associated Press from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, today, brings the first intimation of a success attained by General Buller in northern Natal. The sender of this dispatch evidently assumed that the Boers had been received direct from the scene of hostilities, for he merely says:

"General Buller's official telegram referring his success at the Biggarburg, received here an hour ago, has given great satisfaction."

It is confidently anticipated that Dundee will be occupied by the British to-day. The residents of the north country are delighted, as forcing the Biggarburg means that they will be enabled to return to their homes.

Another dispatch to the Associated Press, dated Stone Hill Farm, 8:20 this morning, says:

"After four days' march eastward, at the foot of the Biggarburg ridges, in the direction of Helpmakaar, which was occupied by the federals, the second brigade, Sunday, led the attack. Dundee's cavalry broke the Boers' center and Bethune's horse advanced on their extreme right. In the direction of Pomeroy a small party of burghers occupied a ridge overlooking Helpmakaar, but they did not wait for the assault."

Buller's Move a Bold One.

Recent British scouting in the direction of Dundee has shown that the federals were in great force on the Biggarburg. So, apparently, General Buller concluded that it was necessary to clear them from his rear before commencing a movement in the direction of the Drakensberg range. It is that his plan he has possibly divided his forces, sending one column eastward to threaten Vryheid and Utrecht and take Laing's neck in the rear, while a westbound column attempted to form a junction with the forces of Lord Roberts, via the Hartmuth railroad.

General Buller's turning of the Biggarburg position was effected by a bold movement. The Boers had evacuated Helpmakaar, but were making a strong stand at Blieskopskloof, seven miles from Dundee. The corps on the spot regarded this as a rear guard action intended to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time General Bullard took Indaba and it is reported that the Boers withdrew in disorder.

General Buller, who seems to be enjoying his full strength, is expected to push on. His first marches were fifty miles in three days. He is thus breaking into British territory which had been administered for six months by the Transvaal. The Boers were part of the republic, they holding courts and levying taxes. His success, therefore, has political as well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infantry are concentrating at Kroonstad, where they will rest for a day or two, his horsemen have penetrated eighteen miles northward. In the squadron which cut the railway fifteen miles beyond Kroonstad was the American scout, Frederick Burcham. Two hundred Boers who had hidden in the river jungles near Kroonstad to escape service have surrendered to the British and taken the oath of allegiance.

Two Volksraad Members for Peace.

According to a dispatch from Bennet Burleigh to the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, May 10, Paul Botha and Macdonald, members of the Free State Volksraad, demanded that the chairman should call a meeting to sue for peace, as further resistance was suicidal and proposed to make President Steyn a prisoner.

Nothing definite has been heard about the expected relief of Mafeking. The Capetown correspondents continue to wire that relief is imminent, fixing Tuesday or Wednesday as probable dates. Inquiries at the war office are said to have been made public immediately on its receipt. No word had come to hand at midnight. The latest supposition concerning General Hunter is that possibly he is marching up the north bank of the Vaal with a force sufficient, in co-operation with Lord Roberts, to render Boer defense of the Transvaal frontier impracticable.

East of Bloemfontein General Buller is advancing toward Ladysmith. His troops and those of General Brabant are stretched over a distance of thirty miles. The Boers are described as quite disorganized and as retreating northward. President Steyn's lieutenants are trying to rally them.

Tales of Distraction come from nearly every point where the English correspondents are. Hollowell, formerly a correspondent at Mafeking, who was put over the Transvaal border, telegraphing from Laurens Marquet Monday, says:

"I am taking from this I have had with the Boers the end of the war will come in a month or six weeks. Mr. Stokamp, chairman of the second Raad, who traveled with me, said that if the burghers were pressed from Pretoria they would retire to the district of the Leydenburg mountains, which had already been provisioned. He remarked that he hoped the burghers would stand firm, but feared they were too broken in spirit."

"I gathered from him that the whole available force of the Transvaal was now in the field, the final commandering having taken place last Thursday, and that it is only the powerful magnetism of President Kruger that is holding his burghers together."

At the British hospitals in Bloemfontein the deaths from enteric fever average from eight to ten daily.

Proclamation of Annexation.

All the correspondents agree that to all intents and purposes the Free State has severed their military alliance with the Transvaal, though severed bodies, they may possibly hold out here and there for some time.

At the same time a dispatch from Capetown, dated today, says a proclamation will be published this week annexing the Orange Free State. It is also said that General Botha, the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, threatens to resign if any prepar-

HADLEY PRACTICE FOR CROKER

London Express Proposes to Suppress the Big Tammany Boss Because of Pro-Bourgeois Tendencies.

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LONDON, May 14.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—The Express this morning advances the criticism of Richard Croker in England in revenge for Tammany's attitude on the Rose and Lily case. It has not escaped notice in this country that the American welcome to the British monarch has been inspired and encouraged by many Hall, controlled by the notorious Tammany boss, Richard Croker.

The secret of Tammany's ready blood enough without the aid of this new infamy, but what makes the action of Tammany particularly infamous now is the fact that Croker claims the hospitality of an English domicile, poses as an English country gentleman, runs race horses on English turf, yet is aiding and encouraging the worst of England's enemies. Croker's position is practically on all fours with that of the Duke of Orleans, except that it perhaps does not carry that high a prestige.

It is his highness of Orleans' duty to associate with respectable fellow creatures. The duke has already paid the penalty of having fallen under the ban of social ostracism.

Croker, having excellent reasons for not spending more of his time in America than he can help, has bought Mont House, Warrage. His claims upon our hospitality have already been fully recognized, for he has been admitted to various sporting clubs of owners, his brothers of other English landowners. He now apparently desires to qualify as an English landowner by encouraging the voters who he controls in New York to express sympathy with the men who are engaged in shooting the sons and daughters of other English landowners. This may be American politics, but it may be doubted whether it will commend itself to the members of those clubs which Croker has hitherto frequented or the Englishmen who live in the district where he has his home.

If Croker finds that the brazen air of an Italian does not invariably suit his constitution he should secure the calm seclusion of an Italian villa within reach of the Duke of Orleans, whose company he will probably find congenial."

KRUGER'S REPLY TO ROBERTS

States that No Difference is Made in Treatment of Colonial Prisoners.

LONDON, May 14.—(The War Office has published a dispatch from Lord Roberts dated Kroonstad, Sunday, May 13, giving the correspondence between Lord Roberts and President Kruger, relative to the alleged mistreatment of colonial prisoners. The Transvaal's reply was to the effect that there was no difference in the treatment of the prisoners and that only a few who had contravened martial law or who had tried to escape or who had been placed in jail for security. Otherwise they had been treated like the other prisoners of war.

Regarding enteric fever, the government of the Transvaal said it was prevalent among the civil population as well as among the prisoners and that every remedial measure had been taken.

Lord Roberts replied April 22 that he was glad to receive President Kruger's assurance and pointed out that no difference was made by the British authorities in regard to the Boer prisoners against whom there might be reasonable ground for suspicion that they would try to escape, adding that such exceptions gave room for abuse.

Without the knowledge of the authorities.

CAPTURED UNDER WHITE FLAG

Captain Killed, Two Officers Wounded, Two Others Wounded, with Twenty-One Men.

LONDON, May 14.—(The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts dated Kroonstad, Sunday, May 13.—There were more casualties in the cavalry division May 10 than reported by me. I have been unable to get an exact account of what occurred, as the commanding officer, Captain Kruger, was killed, and two officers were wounded at the same time and have been sent to the rear. But it would appear that a party of our men going up to a kraal on a white flag was flying was suddenly surrounded by a party of Boers. Two officers—Captain Haig of the Sixth dragoons and Lieutenant Wilkinson of the Australian horse—were made prisoners and twenty-one men are still unaccounted for. Some of them may have turned up, as the cavalry covered a considerable distance May 10 and several reported missing have rejoined during the last few days."

The above dispatch refers to the losses sustained by the British on May 10 in the detailed dispatches of the Associated Press Saturday last. The troops were fired on while unsaddling their horses, having approached the kraal unsuspectingly, as a white flag was flying from it.

WOMEN FOR HOME DEFENSE

Three Hundred and Fifty at Pretoria Ask for Arms and Ammunition.

PRETORIA, Saturday, May 14.—(Via Lourenco Marquez)—A war bulletin has been issued here announcing that the British are advancing against the federals at Helpmakaar and Tonder's Nek.

The telegraphist at Malopo says that a heavy rifle and cannon fire was heard before 6 o'clock today and that the "Kaffir location" was in flames within an hour and was totally destroyed. At 10 o'clock, he adds, everything was quiet.

At a meeting of 350 Afrikaander women held yesterday it was resolved to ask the government for arms and ammunition and that they do the work of the men officials in the town, who, they declared, "ought to be fighting at the front."

The resolution was carried unanimously. The collection committee of the British prisoners in the hands of the Boers will first feel the effect of the embargo placed on tinned meats and clothing destined for Transvaal at Delagoa bay.

Escaped Prisoners Captured.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 14.—Sheriff O'Connor and a posse of farmers today captured and returned to the city five of the prisoners who escaped from Marysville and who shot and killed Deputy Marshal Roberts Sunday. They were found asleep in the woods. Murphy surrendered at once. In a lively scuffle in the woods, a soldier attached was burned to death and five horses owned by the Hamm Brewing company were burned.

Firebugs at Duluth.

DULUTH, Minn., May 14.—A desperate effort was made today to suppress a fire in the city tonight. Some unknown incendiary started a fire in the business portion of the city, burning five buildings in two hours, including the man and live horses to death and endangering over \$200,000 worth of property. It is believed that the fire was started by a man named John J. Salen, a saloon attaché who was burned to death and five horses owned by the Hamm Brewing company were burned.

Attempt to Murder Priest.

WILKESBARE, Pa., May 14.—An attempt was made today to assassinate Rev. Father Klonowski, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church in this city.

The priest was called out about midnight on the plea of visiting a sick man. Arrangements apparently had been made to ambush him on the road, but he discovered the danger and fled. He had scarcely reached his house when a bullet was fired through the window, striking the wall within an inch of his head.

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Robertson was drunk and claims that his gun was discharged accidentally. Kane was in an adjoining room lying on his cot and the ball passed through a pine wall, striking him.

Des Moines Company Barred

Life Insurance Concern is Charged with Violating the Law in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 14.—Superintendent of Insurance Van Cleave today revoked the license of the Des Moines Life Insurance company of Des Moines, Ia., under the provision of the law which compels all of the companies granted a license in Illinois to sign an agreement not to bring any action in the United States court. The Des Moines company had violated that agreement, it is alleged, by bringing suit in the federal court at Peoria and securing an injunction restraining Mrs. Jane Montgomery of Rock Island against bringing any action in state court against the company on a policy of \$5,000 issued to her husband, Robert S. Montgomery, now deceased, on the ground that false statements were made by Montgomery in his application.

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STRIKE NEAR A SETTLEMENT

One St. Louis Street Car System Now in Peaceful Operation.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TAKES A HAND

Every Indication that an Amicable Adjustment Will Occur—Governor's Statement Surprises Strikers—Little Disorder.

ST. LOUIS, May 14.—At a conference held between the officials of a suburban railway company, the only system in St. Louis now controlled by the St. Louis Transit company, an agreement was inaugurated ten days prior to that declared on the Transit system, and the officials of the employees on that road, an amicable adjustment was effected and the men will return to work tomorrow morning. On just what basis the strike was settled, it is not known at 9:30 o'clock tonight, but it can be positively stated that the union receives full recognition until arbitration settles differences.

In many quarters it is figured that the settlement of the strike on the Suburban means an adjustment of the difficulties between the Transit company and its 3,500 striking employees in the near future. In fact, it was learned tonight that at a conference held this afternoon of the officials of the Transit company, the chairman of the employees grievance committee and some of the members of the citizens' committee, matters were adjusting themselves for a settlement of the difficulty when a member of the citizens' committee injected into the proceedings a proposition of such a character that the discussion was brought to a close. The matter was not discussed further than had heretofore existed. It is thought, however, that a future meeting of the same parties will result in determining a basis for a settlement of the strike.

The Suburban company had no difficulty in maintaining a thorough schedule today and there were no demonstrations on that line. On the Transit company's system there were a number of demonstrations—more noisy than otherwise. In one instance the police were obliged to charge on a crowd of strike sympathizers dispersing a number of innocent bystanders used the flat side of their sabers in accomplishing their purpose. No casualties of a serious nature were reported during the day.

Late in the afternoon rumors of an embankment nature as to the Transit company's strike received currency. So emphatic were they that the afternoon papers came out with extra editions making the positive statement that the strike on this system had been amicably settled.

Trace Between Organizations.

PHILADELPHIA, May 14.—The third week of the strike of men employed in the building trades of this city, the eighth week and shorter hours opened with a suspension of hostilities between the Allied Building Trades council and the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, the two organizations of workmen that have been at odds since a few days after the beginning of the strike. The trace will last a week pending negotiations between the unions. Out of the 10,000 strikers this will return 1,000 to work.

The strike situation between the employers and the men remain the same. The men are holding out and in some instances employers have signed the scale.

About 400 inmates were placed under the closest supervision and they will be arrested as soon as their services can be spared. As a matter of fact if they were all to be suddenly relieved of duty it would not be possible to carry on the postal department of Havana. Reeves and Reynolds, the telephone company and the electric light companies of the city struck today for a day of nine hours and higher wages.

Nonunion Man Injured.

CHICAGO, May 14.—Several workmen were injured in a fight which took place today in front of a building in course of construction on 29 Seelye avenue. A riot call was turned in and upon the arrival of the police a crowd scattered, leaving M. L. Brown, a nonunion iron worker, on the ground suffering from a wound in the head. He was removed to the hospital, but the police were unable to make any arrests. Half a dozen strikers were wounded in the riot, but the scene was unassisted. The trouble arose over the employment of some nonunion men on the structure.

Kansas City Strikers Parade.

KANSAS CITY, May 14.—The street railway strike here was devoid of exciting incident today. The strikers, to the number of about 200, paraded the streets with a brass band this afternoon, appearing on the streets after the chief of police had refused to issue a permit for the parade and an appeal to Mayor Reed had been resorted to, the mayor issuing the permit.

No Increase for Freight Handlers.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 14.—The general superintendent of both the Erie and New York Central railroads in New York have absolutely refused to treat with the striking freight handlers here on the subject of an increase of wages.

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BRISTOW IN RATHBONE OUT

Such is the Interpretation of the Appointment of the Former.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Postmaster General Smith, after a protracted interview with the president, today announced that Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, will proceed to Havana to investigate, possibly to take charge of the affairs of the island. The postmaster general declined to say whether or not Director General of Posts Rathbone would be suspended, though today's action is tantamount to this.

It is said, however, that the fact that Bristow will assume those duties does not necessarily indicate that Rathbone will be relieved of all connection with the service. Bristow outranks the director of Cuban posts and the latter might act as a substitute, though on this point no statement is vouchsafed.

The letter directing the fourth assistant to proceed to Cuba is dated May 12. Bristow will remain in Cuba during the pending investigation, possibly to take charge of the affairs of the island. In any event he will have supervision of the postoffice inspectors conducting the examination and his transfer to Havana will bring him into closer touch with their operations.

"Croker's" announcement that Bristow would go to Havana the postmaster general said that there had not been an intimation that there had been any wrong doing in the postal affairs of either the United States or Cuba. He had had no experience in postal affairs and it was feared that he might make some mistake, but the whole system was conducted in an exemplary manner.

Bristow was appointed fourth assistant at the beginning of the present administration. He is a native of Kentucky, but for many years was resident in Kansas, from which state he was appointed. He had been engaged in newspaper work and for three months was secretary to Governor Morrill of Kansas. Chief Clerk Merritt O. Change will be acting fourth assistant during the absence of Bristow.

Respecting rumors that similar irregularities to those developed in Cuba have occurred in the other insular possessions over which military jurisdiction has been extended, it is declared positively at the War department that while the inspectors have been sent to investigate, no irregularities of an administrative service they have not found a single case involving moral turpitude.

Populists Are Unsettled.

Returning pilgrims from the populist shrine at Sioux Falls confirm the Bee's story that Bryan had outlined a plan of action for their guidance, but had slipped up on getting a man who would withdraw in favor of the nomination of a presidential nominee. Congressman Sutherland says that the convention was very harmonious after the nomination of Mr. Towne, the feeling being that he should stay on the ticket to the end. He expressed the hope that Towne would be the nominee of the democrats and says he understood that the Michigan democracy had endorsed him. Senator Heffelfinger of Idaho said that he heard but one opinion expressed at Sioux Falls after Towne's nomination and that he should stay on the ticket.

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HAVANA, May 14.—The extent of the postal frauds is far greater than originally expected. Besides taking in the Postal department the frauds seem to include the local office at Havana and various other offices throughout the island, and also the Havana post office. It is reported that the administrative service they have not found a single case involving moral turpitude.

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