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Latest Reports Cause American Officials to Become Less Confident of Chinese Honesty —Edict Wondrously Like War Cry —Europe Continues to Believe in Massacre.

New York, July 28.—A despatch to the Tribune from London, says:

The campaign in South Africa has taken an unexpected turn. Lord Roberts' army has advanced to Bronkhorst Spruit, about half way between Pretoria and Middleburg. He is leaving Pretoria and Johannesburg a strong guard, and acting on the theory that the Boers profit by his halts and love whenever his columns are in motion. The Boers have attempted to thwart his plans by raids west and north of Pretoria and to hold him back by hanging on his flanks, just as they did when it set out from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. He has again pushed ahead, and is striking for the gateways to the Lydenberg district, leaving Lord Methuen and General Baden-Powell to suppress the soldiers in the western district and Colonel Broadwood to pursue General De Wet across the Vaal.

It is not clear whether General De Wet has made a fresh haul of two hundred prisoners belonging to the Welsh Fusiliers near Roodeval or whether this incident is an amended form of the previous account of the capture of 100 Highlanders.

The situation is most confusing and veterans are shaking their heads over it, but apparently Lord Roberts has decided that the best method of suppressing guerilla warfare is to follow the railway toward the entrance to the Lydenberg district, and to cut off Boer communications with the only remaining base of supplies at Delagoa Bay. The plan is a bold one, since commandos of raiders are prowling about in many directions, but Lord Roberts counts, without doubt, upon effective support from Sir Redvers Buller, and also upon the paralyzing effect of a renewal of the advance toward Mr. Kruger's last stronghold.

Broken Lines Are Again in Shape

London, July 25, 12:45 p. m.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

Vandermer West Station, July 24.—We made a general advance yesterday from the position we have been holding, east of Pretoria, since June 12th. Ian Hamilton, from the north, reached Rustfontein, seven miles north of Bronkhorst Spruit on July 22d. This so completely surrounded the enemy's line of retreat that they abandoned the strong position they had been occupying in front of Pole-Carew. Stephenson's brigade advanced yesterday unopposed to Elands River Station. Our right was protected by the First and Fourth Brigade of Cavalry under French and Hutton's Mounted Infantry. The former crossed east of Wilgye river.

"Telegraph and railway communications were restored last night.

"In the supply train captured at Roodeval were 200 Welsh Fusiliers, most of whom had been prisoners. De Wet's force is continuing to move northeasterly. It was at Roodepoort July 22d with Broadwood not far behind and Little's cavalry brigade following Broadwood.

"Baden-Powell reports as follows:

"Kagata Farm, July 22.—Colonels Airey and Lochington, with 450 men, drove 1,000 Boers from a very strong position and scattered them with considerable loss. Our casualties were six killed and nineteen wounded."

It is not clear whether the supply train and 200 Fusiliers mentioned in the above dispatch are identical with the train and one hundred Cameron Highlanders, the capture of which was reported by Lord Roberts in his communication of July 22.

The following dispatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War Office:

"Bronkhorst Spruit, Tuesday, July 24.—We marched here today. This is the place where the Ninety-fourth was attacked December 26, 1899. The graves of the officers and men are in fair preservation and will now be put in good order. The march was unopposed, but French's cavalry and Hutton's mounted infantry, making a wide detour on our right, met bodies of the enemy. These were driven back, leaving several dead and wounded. A good many were also captured. Our casualties were one killed.

"Broadwood reports that he captured five of De Wet's wagons today. He was waiting at Vredefort until Little joined him."

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Hunter Retired From Beer Front

London, July 26.—Lord Roberts reports to the War Office under date of Balmoral, July 26, as follows:

"We marched here yesterday without seeing the enemy. The Boers on July 25, engaged French and Hutton, six miles south of Balmoral. While Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry attacked the Boers' right, French made a flanking movement around their left. Seeing their retreat threatened, the Boers broke and fled. French and Hutton followed and proposed to cross Olphant's river today at Naauwpoort.

"Our casualties were one wounded."

Lord Roberts reports to the War Office that General Archibald Hunter's command was heavily engaged July 21 and July 25 in the hills south of Bethlehem. The Boers were strongly intrenched and fought stubbornly throughout the 24th and compelled the British to retire from some of their positions with about fifty casualties. At last accounts General Hunter had worked around into Brandwater basin, in the rear of the Boers, while Hector MacDonald and General Bruce Hamilton were blocking outlets on the front of the Federals, who had evacuated their position at Witnek.

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BOERS RETREAT AGAIN

Bronkhorst Spruit, Tuesday, July 24.—The Boers, having got wind of the British advance, have evacuated all their positions and the reported to be moving to the northeast, towards Leydenberg, whither President Kruger is going. A portion of the Boers remain north of Bushveldt, whence they attempt to interrupt communications on this line.

The bridges here and smaller bridges to the east have been destroyed.

The British force comprises two brigades under General French and a brigade and a half under General Hamilton. It is not likely that the advance upon Middleburg will be contested. The Boers remaining upon their farms state that most of the farmers are anxious to bring matters to a finish but that the foreigners are persistent.

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