BOERS CHECKED AT ELANDSLAAGTE

Steadily Advanced on British, but Stopped After Two Hours' Fight.

LITTLE FROM LORD ROBERTS

Baden-Powell's Death Doubted—Condition of Mafeking—Sir Alfred Milner Accused of Falsehood.

[Early Dispatches.]

London, April 12.—A special dispatch from Elandslaagte, dated yesterday, says:

"Fighting was renewed beyond Elandslaagte this afternoon. The Boers steadily advanced upon the British positions. There was a continuous rifle fire and the Boer big guns were in action. The British replied effectively, and after two hours' fighting the Boers were checked."

GATACRE'S SUDDEN REMOVAL.

London, April 12, 5:20 a. m.—There is little fresh intelligence from the seat of war in South Africa. It looks as though Lord Roberts may be preparing to take a strong force to clear the Boers from behind him. A Capetown dispatch says he will not move for another week, owing to the necessity of gathering stores and supplies.

Sir William Gatacre's sudden removal is the theme of much speculation. The curt manner in which it is announced causes much comment. The general impression is that it is connected with the Reddersburg affair, although there are many who consider that there must be something much more serious, as other generals in South Africa have been retained in command after blunders more formidable than Gatacre's.

BADEN-POWELL'S DEATH DOUBTED.

The war office has received no news of the death of Col. Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking, and utterly discredits the rumor. The report comes in a dispatch from Pretoria.

The operations in Natal have not yet been fully explained. There appears to have been an attempt to outflank the British at Elandslaagte and to sever them from their base at Ladysmith.

The duke of Marlborough has arrived at Bloemfontein. There are now fifteen grandsons of the duchess of Abercorn serving with the British forces.

It is announced from Bloemfontein that Col. Inigo Jones has been appointed to the command of the guards brigade, Col. Maxwell to the command of the fourteenth brigade, Col. Knox to the command of the twenty-third brigade and Maj. Brazier-Creagh of the Indian staff corps to the command of Roberts horse.

AMBULANCE CORPS FROM CHICAGO.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Lourenzo Marques, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "The departure of the Chicago ambulance corps for Pretoria was delayed on suspicion of filibustering. The members left by a special train this afternoon accompanied by a motley following of French and Germans, 100 in all. The departure only occurred after many story interviews with the Portuguese authorities.

"The members have no passports and no credentials beyond a letter from Miss Clara Barton to the effect that she knows some of them personally and believes them to be genuine, but many have openly expressed their intention of fighting. The Boers are paying from £30 to £40 per month for such recruits.

"Thirty-five thousand Boers, with ninety guns, are concentrating on the range of hills between Kroonstad and Winburg. The whole line is fortified and is almost impregnable."

FORTIFYING BLOEMFONTEIN.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated Tuesday, says: "The permanent defenses are nearing completion so that the town can be held by a relatively small garrison. A British scout who has visited the Bloemfontein waterworks reports that the machinery and dams are intact. Only a few Boers remain in the neighborhood. The enemy have retreated six miles north and formed a lager near Waterval. News from Gen. Brabant at Wepener shows that all is going satisfactorily there. The troops are getting new khaki uniforms and boots."

MAFEKING IS WEARY.

The correspondent of the Times at Mafeking, under date of March 30th, comments upon the "hopeless confusion and fluctuation of spirits in the garrison as to the chances of relief since Tuesday's terrible bombardment," and upon the variety of rumors regarding the location of the relief forces, rumors involving, so far as the southern column is concerned, discrepancies of a hundred miles.

The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "Epler, an Austrian financier, who is acting as captain of the Rand mines police in order to frustrate the destruction of the mines, sent a remonstrance to Pretoria against boring, with the result that State Engineer Munniks' order for boring was canceled."

The Durban correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "A brigade is being sent from here to join the main army under Lord Roberts. It is under command of Gen. Hunter."

NO WAR IN EUROPE.

New York, April 11.—A London cablegram to the Tribune says: "The Boer peace commission has arrived in Europe, where it will be coolly received at every continental capital. Whatever popular sympathy there may be for the Dutch cause, no European government is prepared to declare war on Great Britain nor to undertake to dispatch an army of several hundred thousand men to South Africa. Those are the only conditions under which intervention would serve any practical purpose, after the explicit warnings given by the British government.

"It is expected in diplomatic circles that Messrs. Fischer, Wolmarines and Wessels will make a short stay on the continent and will cross the Atlantic in hope of drawing the Americans, with the help of politicians, into some kind of ambuscade."

INCOMPETENCY IN WAR.

London, April 3.—(Correspondence Associated Press.)—Judging from the number of prominent officers marking time along the British lines of communication, many of them, writes Bennett Burleigh to the Daily Telegraph, have been "found out."

"I am satisfied," he says, "that in at least one instance a certain leader by the statistics allowed 2,000 Boers to slip free when they should have been caught to a man. For that he and others have been transferred into forwarding agents, directors general of bull beef and biscuits, instead of, as they aspired to be, leaders of men in the field. But instances of mistaken vocations due to heart and head weaknesses are not rare, even in the military profession. It is a real surprise and comfort to find that Field Marshal Roberts rigorously deals with such cases, and will not tolerate the round peg in the square hole.

"Echoing a truth with which I have long been familiar, Gen. Kelly-Kenney remarked to me the other day: 'I have been woefully undeceived in many things in this campaign. Men I had thought were splendid fellows, who would have gone anywhere and done anything, have betrayed themselves as the rankest frauds, and those I had expected little from have done great things. War gives you the measure of men in an astonishing way.'"

Mr. Burleigh's allusion to the escape of 2,000 Boers refers seemingly to the 2,000 men with the best forces, who left Gen. Cronje on the night of February 22nd, five days after it was thought he was completely surrounded.

LONG BOER LINE.

Elandslaagte, Wednesday, April 11.—Last night the Boers set fire to the grass on two hills, almost on their extreme wings. The motive has not been ascertained, but the incident disclosed the fact that their position extends over fully fifteen miles in a continuous row of hills, from Jones kop on the British left, to a kopje commanding Sunday's river bridge on the British right.

During the night the Boers moved most of their cannon. There has been some unimportant skirmishing today.

The British still command Sunday's river bridge. No developments from yesterday's affair is expected.

KITCHENER WITH BRABANT.

Aliwal North, Wednesday, April 11.—Lord Kitchener arrived here today and left soon after. He inspected the positions across Frere bridge with Gen. Brabant and staff, after which he sent a sympathetic message to the Wepener garrison, hoping for an early change in the circumstances.

A big Boer gun was knocked over yesterday at Wepener. The garrison is holding its own. There has been heavy cannonading there again today.

TO EXPEL FOREIGNERS.

Durban, Wednesday, April 11.—It is stated that State Secretary Reitz of the Transvaal has asserted that all Britishers and Americans, with a large proportion of the Germans, will be expelled from the republics within a fortnight. Twenty-five out of seventy arrivals at Delagoa bay by a German steamer have been refused passports to the Transvaal, at the instance of the British consul, owing to the fact that ammunition was found in their possession.

MILNER ACCUSED.

Naples, April 12.—The Transvaal commissioners, accompanied by Dr. Muller and Herr Van Boeschoten, started this morning for Milan.

Rome, April 11.—The Naples correspondent of the Tribune telegraphs an interview he has had with Mr. Fischer, one of the Boer peace commissioners, who arrived there yesterday.

Mr. Fischer said he was convinced that Sir Alfred Milner, when appointed governor of Cape Coony and British high commissioner in South Africa, went to Capetown with a fixed intention, with a mission to bring about the war, and this was proved by the fact that Milner had systematically opposed the Transvaal's "generous efforts and concessions to avoid war," as though he had received precise instructions to follow this line of policy. "While the Transvaal was making concessions," said Mr. Fischer, "Great Britain was gathering troops along the frontier."

The Boer envoy accuses Sir Alfred Milner of falsifying dispatches. In fact, according to the commissioners, accusations against Sir Alfred Milner constitute one of the principal features in the prognostications which the commissioners seek to carry through. The Boer envoys left Naples today, going by way of the St. Gothard pass, and without stopping here.

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BOER AMAZONS, SKETCHED BY HOWARD C. HILLEGAS AT PRETORIA.

Howard C. Hillegas, the famous war correspondent and author of the book "Oom Paul's People," has sent the New York World a sketch of two Boer women who are fighting in Natal. He states that at least 1,000 Boer women are now with the troops investing Ladysmith. They are fighting side by side with their husbands, brothers and sweethearts. Mr. Hillegas declares that during the fighting around Spion's kop 14 Boer women fought beside their husbands until all were killed. Each woman in the Boer army carries a Mauser rifle, and strapped around her body is a bandolier full of cartridges.

MAGOON'S OPINION.

War Department Did Not Follow it Because it Was Not Well Founded.

Washington, April 11.—The war department today complied with the recent resolution of the House of Representatives calling for an opinion by Mr. Magoon, law officer of the insular division, relative to the extension of the Constitution over Puerto Rico. The opinion was given in May, 1899. After referring to Spain's cession of the island, the opinion says:

"Thereupon the territory conveyed became a part of the United States and as such subject to the Constitution. No further action by Congress was necessary or possible. The Constitution does not depend upon Congress for authority in any part of the United States. The reverse of the proposition is the fact. From this time on Congress must look to the Constitution for authority to legislate for Puerto Rico."

Mr. Meiklejohn, in transmitting the opinion, says that when criticisms were made on the practice of the war department in maintaining the tariff schedule adopted by the military government, he requested Mr. Magoon to furnish him a statement of the arguments against the continuance of the practice.

Mr. Meiklejohn adds that the request was complied with by the preparation of a memorandum. This memorandum was not made in any case pending in the department. It was entirely unofficial and intended for personal use. Upon consideration, the argument against continuance was not considered to be well founded and no change was made in said tariff regulations.

Subsequently, Mr. Meiklejohn says, Mr. Magoon furnished an opinion on the general subject, which has been made public heretofore.

Not Lawful Reserve.

Washington, April 11.—The comptroller of the currency, in answer to inquiries today, said:

"Under authority of section 5193, U. S. R. S., national banks have heretofore been permitted to deposit with any assistant treasurer of the United States lawful money in sums of not less than $10,000 and to receive therefor a certificate of deposit, which certificate they were authorized to count as part of their lawful money reserve.

"Section 6 of the act of March 14, 1900, known as the 'currency bill,' repeals this entire section of the Revised Statutes and in consequence the banks will hereafter be prohibited from counting such certificates as part of their lawful reserve.

"There are about fourteen and a half millions of these certificates now outstanding which are held entirely by the banks in the principal cities of the East, with the exception of two or three Western cities, and are indicated in their reports as United States certificates of deposit.

"The result of this repeal of section 6 will be the reappearance in circulation of the legal tenders on which the certificates have been issued."

No More of That Legislature.

Butte, Mont., April 11.—Gov. Smith, in reply to a question as to whether he would convene the legislature in executive session to elect a senator to succeed Clark, said: "No; such an idea is absurd. You are at liberty to quote me as saying that I never would call that legislature together again under any circumstances."

McKinley by Acclamation.

San Francisco, April 12.—Republican National Committeeman Henry C. Payne of Milwaukee, who is in this city, predicts the nomination of McKinley at Philadelphia by acclamation, and is confident of his re-election. When asked what he thought of Dewey's candidacy, he said:

"I think that is too bad. I think this expresses it."

Losing Flesh.

More than half the sickness and disease in the world comes from exhausted nerves. When the nerves are weak the digestion is imperfect, and the blood becomes deficient in nutritive principles. The heart is affected, circulation retarded, liver and kidneys deranged and the general health suffers. People who are losing flesh, are nervous, restless, cannot sleep at night, are irritable of temper and easily excited. There is one thing lacking to make the harmony of the system complete and that one thing is nerve force. Dr. Miles' Nervine makes nerve force. It is the exact remedy for that large class of feeble-minded, thin-blooded and nervous persons whose greatest need is rest and quiet for the weary brain and nourishment for the wasting nerves and failing strength. It feeds and cures.

"My wife was nervous, weak, restless, could not sleep, and nothing that she ate did her any good. In spite of all her physicians could do for her, she continued to fail and waste in flesh until she had lost sixty-three pounds. I finally bought a bottle of Dr. Miles' Nervine and she began taking it. In four days she wanted to start cleaning house—the first time she had felt able to work in eleven months. She could go to bed at night and sleep soundly until morning, and she began gaining in weight. In three months she had regained her lost flesh and weighed ten pounds heavier than before her illness." GEO. B. RATHBUN, 65 Bridge St., Springfield, Mass.

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$15.00 to $18.00 Suits—$11.75.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

At Friday's and Saturday's price you couldn't buy the materials alone. In these three lots the suits are made of splendid Scotch Homespuns and Bannockburn Tweeds in tan colors, brown, steel, pearl and medium and Oxford grays; with stylish, well cut jackets, reefers or tight-fitting waists, tailor stitching, braid or silk trimmings, and inside linings of silk. The skirts are perfectly shaped, well lined with good percaline, nicely finished. Many of our suits are fitted without so much as turning a seam. Only a fair price for any of these when $15.00, $16.75 and $18.00, two days one price.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

For boys of 3 to 8 years. Some blouse suits made of grayish brown wool fabrics. A natty style for small boys is this blouse effect. Regular price is $5.50, two days— **$4.19**

Also for little men of 3 to 8 years, handsome vestee suits, made of pure wool cloths, highly finished, dark gray in color, herring bone pattern, double breasted vest, coat prettily trimmed on front with black silk braid. Worth all of the regular price, two days— **$5.19**

Knee trouser suits for boys of 8 to 15 years. All wool, gray cheviots, in neat check patterns, excellently tailored and regularly priced $7.00, two days— **$5.19**

$1.25 Corsets—98c.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

The excellent fitting "Kabo," in the medium length French model, made of ventilated Madras cloth, pink, blue or black, prettily lace trimmed top and bottom, our regular $1.25 corsets, two days— **98c**

$6.50 Petticoats--$3.75

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Mercerized French Sateen Petticoats, good width skirt with double umbrella ruffle, heavily corded, nicely and well made. Quite as rich looking are they as Taffeta silk and better for general wear. Colors—different shades of blue, cardinal, lavender and black, two days only, reduced from $6.50 to **$3.75**

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

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Men's Hats—$1.37.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

They are new blocks for spring of 1900; and why the cut price? Because it's a way we take to remind you we sell Hats. Of course higher priced kinds. Our $4.00 Stetson, for illustration—it's $5.00 elsewhere. Look at it when you come for these new spring shapes in Fedora, Greco or stiff Hats, black, brown, fawn and pearl colors. Let the price tag tell their regular prices. Friday and Saturday— **$1.37**

Pretty Neckwear Reduced.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Fancy stock collars, in different shades of silk—blues, pinks, cream and red with chiffon bows, 75c regular—two days— **67c**

Fancy Lace Bows, 40c kind— **31c**

Long Ties made of Net, lace trimmed at— **22c**

Colored silk string Ties, medium shades only—each **5c**

Silk Shield Bow Ties for wearing with turn over collars—each— **3c**

Fancy velvet stock collars with jet and steel trimmings, sell for 75c up to $4.00 each—two days—

One-fourth off regular prices.

Children's Reefers—Half Prices and Less.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Really a wonderful opportunity for mothers of girls from 6 years up to 14. We don't want to carry them through the summer, that's the only reason for selling them thus. Every mother knows how frequently, even in summer, children need wraps, so we won't attempt the telling, but should these reefers be considered only for next year wear, they will not have a passe look, being the late pretty styles of this season. Made of Kersey cloths, Cheviots and Serges in very many different colors, stylishly cut, with large or small collars, variously and handsomely trimmed. Three groups divided thus:

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$2 Kid Gloves—$1.25.

A bargain worth looking into. Our order on these sizes was just doubled by mistake; hence a clearance of half. Made of finest French kidskin, the thin, soft and pliable kind; perfect fitting gloves, in sizes 5¾ to 6¼ only, 4 clasps, tan colors, modes, black and a few beautiful white kid with four small jeweled buttons. Regular price $2.00, for two days Easter sale— **$1.25**

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Women's fast black cotton hose, in some out sizes, very elastic, high spliced heels and toes, good 35c value for— **25c**

Children's 1 X 1 ribbed cotton Stockings, medium weight, elastic and did sell for 20c the pair, two days— **19c**

A broken line of children's Tan Hose, fine weave, very elastic, to close out, 30c value— **19c**

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