

BOER GENERAL DE WET INFLECTS THIRD DEFEAT ON THE BRITISH WITHIN A WEEK

Conflicting Reports Received From the Scene of the Latest Battle South of Brandfort, in the Orange Free State, but the Information Is Given That the Imperial Forces Lost 600 in Killed and Wounded, 800 Were Taken Prisoners and 12 Wagons Lost.

LONDON, April 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Brandfort, dated Sunday, says: Yesterday De Wet inflicted the third defeat on the British within a week at Merkatfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900, with twelve wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded.

east of Kroonstadt, but, if the report be true, this can hardly be the place." PRETORIA, April 9 (via Lourenzo Marques, April 10).—The British casualties in the fight at Dewetsdorp were 100 killed and wounded and 459 captured.



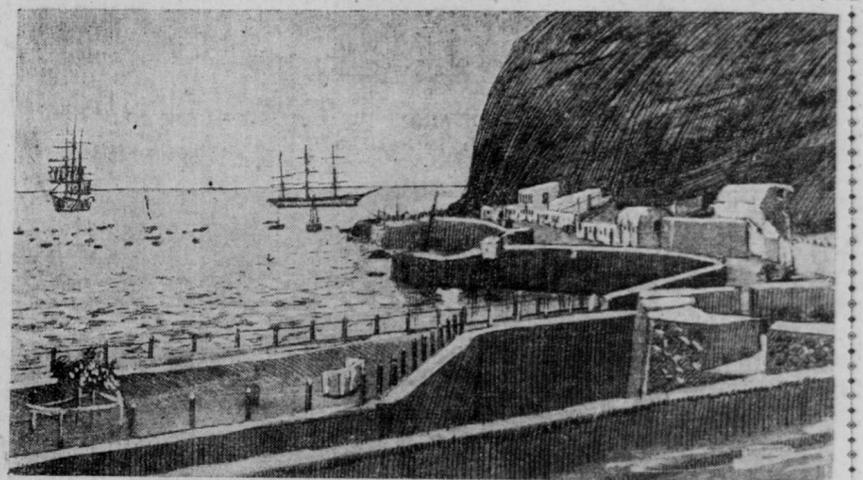
BREAKING IN THE RAW MATERIAL FOR ROBERTS' CAVALRY.

The above picture taken from the London Daily Graphic shows a scene that is now of constant occurrence in all parts of the extensive "remount" camps at Stellenbosch and Naauwpoort, Cape Colony.

After a Fierce Engagement the Boers Appear to Have Captured an Entire British Command of 1500 Troops.

Result of the Hard Fighting Around Wepener Monday and Tuesday, Where the Colonial Division Is Being Attacked, Is Not Yet Known, but Losses Are Heavy.

LONDON, April 11.—A third very serious defeat has been inflicted upon the British forces in the Orange Free State, according to dispatches to the Daily Mail, quoting advices from Boer sources.



IN THEIR SEAGIRT PRISON ISLE. A view of the landing place, Jamestown, St. Helena, where General Cronje and his fellow prisoners stepped ashore to begin their stay to the end of the war.

SCOUT BURNHAM TELLS OF BOER ACCURACY.

LONDON, April 11.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, dated April 9, gives a description by F. R. Burnham, the American scout with General Roberts, of the Boer trek from Komspruit.

THREE BOER PEACE COMMISSIONERS REACH NAPLES.

NAPLES, April 10.—The Boer Peace Commissioners, Messrs. Fischer, Wolmarans and Wessels, arrived here to-day and were welcomed by Mr. Muller, the representative of the Orange Free State.

BOERS SECURE THIRTY PIECES OF ARTILLERY.

LONDON, April 11.—The correspondent of the Times at Lourenzo Marques, telegraphing Monday, says: "Trustworthy refugees assert that the Boers recently obtained at least thirty pieces of artillery."

NAVAL GUNS BOMBARDING BOER POSITIONS.

LONDON, April 11.—The Durban correspondent of the Daily Telegraph telegraphing Tuesday, April 10, says: "Our naval guns have commenced bombarding the Boer positions between Sundays River and Biggarsberg."

ARMED KAFFIRS DEFEATED BY BURGHERS.

PRETORIA, April 7.—Advices from Mafeking say a band of armed Kaffirs left Mafeking through the burghers' lines during the night of April 5 and were followed and surrounded in the bush.

CRONJE AND THE BOER PRISONERS ARRIVE AT ST. HELENA.

ISLAND OF ST. HELENA, April 9.—The Nioke and the Milwaukee have arrived here with the Boer prisoners. Their health is good with the exception of four cases of measles.

FREE STATE PRACTICALLY HELD BY REPUBLICAN FORCES.

BETHULIE, Orange Free State, April 9.—It is expected that the Boers will endeavor to retake and destroy the bridge over the Orange River. Consequently extraordinary precautions have been taken.

LORD METHUEN'S FORCE RECONNOITERS EASTWARD.

ZWARTKOPFONTEIN, Orange Free State, Monday, April 9.—Lord Methuen's force is encamped here, ten miles east of Boshof.

BRITISH VERSIONS OF PLUMER'S DEFEAT.

BULUWAYO, Tuesday, April 3.—Colonel Plumer engaged the Boers between Ramathlabama and Mafeking March 31. The Boers appeared in considerable force six miles from Mafeking, and to prevent being outflanked on both sides Plumer had to withdraw on Ramathlabama.

LORD ROBERTS' MEN BUSY DIGGING TRENCHES.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Monday, April 9.—Remounts are continually arriving, but competent authorities estimate that the wastage of horses monthly by the British forces in South Africa must be calculated at not less than 500.

GENERAL VON BECHER POINTS OUT BRITISH DANGER.

BERLIN, April 10.—The latest events in South Africa are interpreted as being very unfavorable to Great Britain, but General Von Becher, in the Lokal Anzeiger, says: "Evidently the British will soon begin a concentric advance movement."

DEWEY'S CLAIM BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

Argument Begun in the Admirals' Appeal of the Suit for More Prize Money. WASHINGTON, April 10.—Argument was begun in the United States Supreme Court to-day in the case of Admiral Dewey and his men.

DEWEY DECLARES HE IS YET IN THE RACE

Denies a Statement Published in New York to the Effect That He Would Retire. NEW YORK, April 10.—A Washington special to the Evening World says: It is asserted this afternoon, on what seems to be good authority, that Admiral Dewey

CAPTAIN CARL REICHMAN LED BOERS IN BATTLE

LONDON, April 11.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News asserts that the Reichman who is credited with having led the Boers at Komspruit is certainly the American military attaché, Captain Carl Reichman.

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS IN CITIES OF NEW JERSEY

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BRITISH REPORT OF THE BATTLE

ALIWAL NORTH, April 11.—The British loss in the fight at Wepener yesterday was 11 killed and 41 wounded. Fighting was resumed to-day. The British are holding their own well.

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