

## JEFFRIES IS STILL CHAMPION.

### Knocked Out Jim Corbett in the Twenty-Third Round of a Rattling Battle.

### Corbett Displayed Wonderful Improvement, and Clearly Outpointed the Big Boilermaker Boxer.

SEASIDE CLUB, Coney Island, May 11.—In the fastest, prettiest, closest heavyweight battle ever fought in New York, James J. Jeffries has retained his title to the championship. In the arena of the Seaside Sporting club tonight he decisively defeated James J. Corbett, once champion of the world himself, after twenty-two rounds of scientific fighting. It was a clean knock-out, that came so quickly that it dazed the thousands of keen, alert, intent spectators and left them in doubt as to just how the winning blow was delivered. It was awarded that it was a left hand folt to the jaw, but Jeffries himself and Referee Charles White, who stood at his side, say it was a right hand swing.

There is credit for the victor and credit for the vanquished in this cleverest of ring battles. Jeffries must be awarded the laurels of victory, yet his opponent is entitled to all honor for his most wonderful fight.

That feature of the contest stands out in relief as the most striking one of the battle. Corbett emerged from a year's training for the ring, rejuvenated and fresh. He was as fast and clever as in the days gone by, when men marveled at his skill. His defense was perfect. He outdid his man at short and long range, and if he had had the strength would have gained an easy victory. A hundred times he ducked under left swings that would have ended him just as did the punch that knocked him out. At times he made the massive Jim look like a beginner in the art of self-defense in his hands. His strategy was great in getting away. When Jeffries stood over the quivering form of his opponent, his body showed marks of the

delay and interferences in the negotiations at the outset of the fight, and so much mystery surrounded the men, that placed Jeffries was a clear favorite at odds of 2 to 1. These odds veered at different times and different places during the evening, but 5 to 2 was probably the highest and 5 to 3 the lowest offered. A favorite bet was that Corbett would last ten rounds, and the men who had a true line on the former champion's condition reaped well for their knowledge. There was decidedly more Jeffries than Corbett money offered, but there was never at any time any activity in the betting.

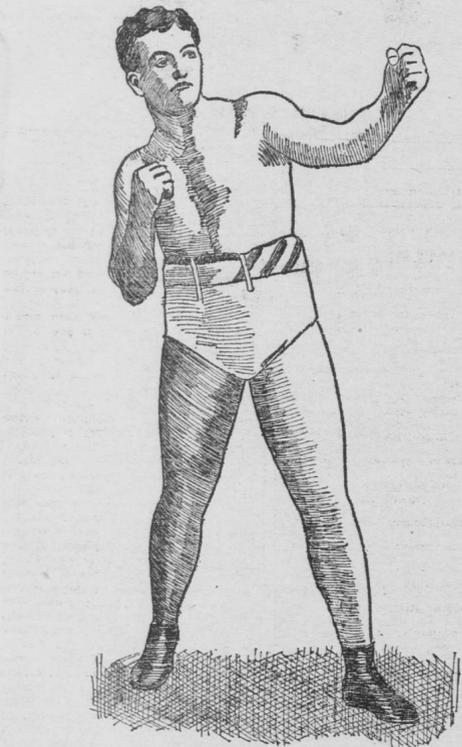
The contestants were slow to go to the ring, and a fight promised for 9:45 was nearly an hour late. Jeffries came to the arena first, and there was a cheer as, boy-like, he went bounding down the north aisle to his dressing room. The crowd was not very demonstrative, however. Corbett got in almost unobserved.

Despite the long delay that intervened between the arrival of the men and their entrance into the ring, the crowd was scarcely restless. It was made up of representative men of the professional sporting and theatrical world, and seemed to be dignified and critical. It was when the battle itself came that pulses quickened and cheers came to tell of hopes for a favorite or of money wagered. The crowd was at no time very demonstrative.

### IN THE RING.

The men came in and exchanged handshakes. Their seconds also shook hands. Jeffries looked lazily. He exchanged smiles with friends in the crowd, but he did not look the most part seemed serious. He looked busy in his blue sweater. Corbett was clean cut. He said he weighed more than the day memorable in pugilism when he defeated Sullivan, but he did not look it. Maybe that came from comparison with the big man who faced him, for contrast produces the sharpest effect. He

JAMES J. JEFFRIES.



The Heavyweight Champion of the World, Who Added Another to His List of Victories Last Night.

punishment he had received. When Corbett went down to defeat it was regretted by the vast majority of the men in the arena.

### WON WITH STRENGTH.

Jeffries won with his strength, both that strength that lies in the power of massive muscle and that strength which is the essence of vitality. He made the pace for most of the distance, and at the end was still strong and effective.

At first glance the battle may seem to detract a little from his reputation, but it showed that a fast man could reach him and get away without a return. If that fighter of the future happens to be strong and rugged, in addition to fast, he will take the honors of the man who tonight left the ring exultant in victory.

It is improbable that there was ever a more orderly affair under the Horton law. There was order in the assembling and handling of the great crowd and order during the fight. The small force of police had no trouble throughout the evening.

The crowd gathered slowly. Coney Island was gloomy and cheerless under an overcast sky. The vanquished at Tapscott's Sheephead Bay, and Jeffries at Vanderveer's, were kept within doors. At 6 o'clock scarcely 2,000 persons had gathered at the arena. They were all curious, and mostly ticketless. They were of the general admission order, who wait around to see the notables. It was late before the life or color in the crowd. The boxes and stalls were first to fill, and then an aisle of humanity filed from the a side to the arena. The opening of the doors cleared the crowd a bit, but there were still many vacant places.

### BETTING LIGHT.

There was little betting on the outcome of the battle. There had been so much

looked in splendid condition, and his actions told the truth of his appearance as he made the wondrous battle against that mass of health and strength.

As the men sprang forward the spectators were stilled to silence that was broken by the rattling and clattering of the telegraph instruments. In the preliminary sparring Corbett showed wonderful advantage. He was quick on his feet, and darted in and out with confusing speed. He whipped his left into Jeffries' face and was either inside or away from punishment. Jeffries kept going in, however, and the pace of the champion was fast and there was a yell of satisfaction from the spectators when the gong ended the round. Jeffries kept up his rushing, but Corbett slipped away from him. Jeffries would try his left in a swing, but Corbett was almost invariably away. It made a superb exhibition, and there were cries of approval that at times broadened into cheers. Corbett was outboxing his man, and outpointing him with blows to the body and face. There were cheers for both, for while Corbett was outpointing Jeffries, the latter had the strength. Jeffries fought in his crouching attitude, which proved so hard to solve for Fitzsimmons.

### STRENGTH TELLING.

Jeffries then began to use his strength and in the clinches threw a little of his strength on to his opponent. Corbett showed astonishing activity against him, and it was long before the strength of the champion began to tell.

When Corbett reached the tenth round money limit there was a strong change of sentiment towards him, and those who had their money on Jeffries to win

began to feel dubious. Jeffries was grim and resolute, and kept at his man steadily. He knew that at every stage of the game he had a chance to end it. Corbett kept his wit and strength and avoided him. To the man who loves strength and in play of a glint of intellect it made a splendid picture. Here was youth and strength pitted against the master of the sport. There were cries that the young man was not to be defeated. The man who possessed it had their grave doubts. The pace was one that would have told against any man not perfectly prepared.

By the seventeenth round Jeffries, maddened by the danger of marring his reputation, began a series of desperate rushes in which he mixed it fiercely with Corbett. He seemed to be enjoying the jabbing at his face, and wanted to fight with swings from left and from right. Corbett, although his blows lacked force, was still speedy and congruent. He contented himself with avoiding punishment.

It became simply a question of how long that sort of desperate game could be continued. At the twentieth round it looked as if Corbett would stay the limit, and popular judgment awarded him victory. He had up to that time not received any serious punishment. His face was not marked, and the scratches on his shoulders and arms were more the result of clinches than of blows. His defense was still perfect, and he was smiling and confident. He either sidestepped from Jeffries' terrible rushes or rushed into clinches. Jeffries was hammering away, however, and was strong and game.

### END WAS SUDDEN.

The end came with the suddenness of a shock. The men had two fierce rallies, followed each time by long-range sparring, and were in the act of exchanging blows when Corbett dropped. It needed no count to tell that Corbett's hopes for the championship were again dashed. The excited spectators jumped to their feet and gave a hearty cheer. The confusion was but momentarily, however, and in a silence that was most remarkable the fallen fighter was carried to his corner.

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### BATTLE BY ROUNDS.

### Round One—

Jeffries forces Jim, with Corbett breaking ground and springing. He forced Corbett to the body, and sent him right to face. Corbett sent hard right light to face, and Jeffries landed right light to face. He kept up his springing and sent left to Jeffries' head. Jeffries tried left to face, but Corbett blocked cleverly, and hooked another left to face. Corbett backed away and tantalized his opponent by his clever ruses. Corbett looks left to face. Jeffries then sent left to body, and Corbett tried right to face. This was Corbett's round on points.

### Round Two—

Corbett was first on his feet and sent right to Jeffries' head, receiving a left on face from Jeffries, but Corbett straightened up quickly and sent another left to face, but Jeffries got back with hard right on body. Corbett tried right to face, but Jeffries kept crowding in, and landed left to body. Corbett made Corbett more cautious. Corbett's footwork was wonderful. Jeffries led left to body, and right leads. Corbett made good work of his legs, and danced about with his opponent until the end of the round.

### Round Three—

Corbett hooked light left to Jeffries' head. Jeffries is cool and deliberate in his movements. He guarded his face cautiously, and forced Corbett to make four circles of the ring. Corbett feinted with his left, but did not land. Jeffries sent right and left to body. Corbett tried twice with left to body, but missed, and then he exchanged light lefts on head. Corbett feinted again, but Jeffries blocked, and sent hard left to body and right to body. Corbett endeavored to feint Jeffries out of position, but got a right on body for his quick shift for the movement Corbett sprang into his own corner, where Jeffries caught him, sending a stiff left to the ribs just as the gong rang.

### CORBETT LOOKED WORRIED.

### Round Four—

They rushed to a clinch, after which Jeffries hooked left to head. Corbett tried a right to body, but fell short, but Jeffries put his right into Corbett's head. They sparred for a spell, with Corbett breaking ground, and then Jeffries rushed in and landed a right on Jeffries' left to body. A moment later he repeated this blow, and Corbett looked worried. At close quarters Jeffries put his right to the head, and as they broke he came back quickly with right to body. Then Jeffries landed a right on Jeffries' head, and Jeffries followed up with another terrific left on the neck, and Corbett was very tired when the bell rang.

### Round Five—

Corbett resumed the contest with evident relief, but he was very anxious meanwhile. Jeffries got to him at close quarters with light left to body, and Corbett failed to resist. Corbett feinted with his right, but Jeffries caught the bluff and hooked his left to the body. Corbett sprang in and sent left to body, and after a little shifty work hooked left twice to head. Jeffries attempted a right to the jaw, but Corbett ducked and sent in a left to the jaw. Jeffries then crowded in and rushed in and landed a right on Jeffries' face, and Jeffries resumed the fighting, and put left to face and body with a terrific effect, just before the bell sounded.

### Round Six—

Corbett sprang to the center of the ring, but Jeffries was ready for him. "Don't let him get so close," said Corbett; "stop him, watch him, he can't hit you in a week." A second later Jeffries led a right to the jaw. Corbett made an ineffectual try for the head. The round ended with honors in Jeffries' favor. Corbett was compelled to shift continually to avoid the champion's leads. Corbett used his legs for safety, and that he was without having scored a single effective blow.

### CORBETT LOOKED WEAK.

### Round Seven—

They rushed to a clinch, Jeffries getting in a left on the wind. Again they went to a clinch, and in the break Jeffries threw his left over to the ribs. Corbett played for the body, but Jeffries called him and blocked him beautifully, but Jeffries rushed in and sent right and left smashes to the body which almost sent Corbett across the ropes. Jeffries rushed in, swinging both hands to the head, and Corbett sprang to avoid punishment. Jeffries landed left and right to body, and Corbett, after jumping back, ran into a straight left for the head. The round was together in Jeffries' favor, and Corbett seemed to be weakening at the close.

### Round Eight—

Corbett rushed in with a left to the body, which was blocked, and Jeffries forced him to the ropes with a right smash to the chest. Corbett hooked left to head, and Jeffries countered to

## FURED INTO THE CROWD

### ST. LOUIS POLICE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SHOOT AT RIOTERS TO KILL

### BULLETS WENT WIDE OF MARK

### DAY OPENED QUIETLY, BUT TROUBLE BEGAN WITH ATTEMPT TO START CARS

### KANSAS CITY MEN'S DEMANDS

### Street Railway Manager Declines to Accede to Them and a Strike There Now Seems Inevitable.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 11.—The aspect of affairs in the great street car strike today showed a complete reversal of the conditions prevailing yesterday.

The day opened quietly, but as the hours sped by, reports began to come of rioting in various parts of the city. In one instance the police fired into a crowd, and in others used their clubs on those who attempted to interfere with the running of cars.

While rumors of casualties were rampant during the day, up to 9:30 o'clock tonight no one of a serious nature had been corroborated.

The suburban system ran all its cars under an escort of police. So close was watch maintained by the police that practically no disturbance occurred on its lines.

The Transit company started cars on a number of its branches, and, notwithstanding the ample police protection afforded, trouble cropped out in various directions.

Two cars were taken out of the station at Grier and Jefferson avenues, and started for Carondelet at 2 o'clock. About 300 striking employes of the road and their friends were around the car sheds at the time, and when the cars came out a rush was made for them, in an attempt to pull the motorman off the cars. The crowd was forced back by the police, and the cars proceeded on their way without further incident.

A number of men attempted to board one of the cars on the Compton Heights division as it rounded the corner at Vandeventer and Park avenues, about 2:30 o'clock. The policemen who were on the car used their clubs on the heads of the first of the crowd who reached the car, and the rest retreated.

### FURED INTO CROWD.

As a Park avenue car was going into town at 3:30 o'clock, at Park and Mississippi avenues, a crowd of about 250 persons assembled at that corner began to crowd the car. The motorman refused to fire several shots over the heads of the crowd without stopping the trouble, and then fired directly into the crowd. So far as the crowd was concerned, the car was detained five minutes, then it started again on its way into the city.

An attempt was made to cut wires at Magnolia and California avenues, but it was unsuccessful, the men being driven off by the police.

A number of arrests were made during the day.

The suburban lines were liberally patrolled, but the public could not place courage to take advantage of the facilities offered by the Transit company, and as a consequence very few fares were received.

A general meeting of the trades and labor bodies of St. Louis has been called for Sunday night, for the purpose of considering the action that should be taken by the members of the city to actively support the demands of the striking street railway men.

The coroner today held Dan Donovan as the murderer of Frank Liebrecht, a innocent onlooker, in a riot on the suburban tracks Wednesday night. Floral Stegfeld, the ten-year-old girl who was reported killed by a brick thrown at a street car last evening, is alive, and may recover.

### DEMAND IS MADE.

### Street Railway Strike at Kansas City Seems Inevitable.

KANSAS CITY, May 11.—At noon today a committee of employes, representatives of the American Street Railway Association of America, waited upon President Holmes and submitted the following demands:

"That the railway company agree to recognize and treat with the employes' association in regard to any and all grievances that may arise; that in cases where a satisfactory decision cannot be made the company agree to submit to arbitration; that all men who have been in the employ of the company one year or over shall be paid at the rate of 20 cents an hour, all men who have been in the employ less than one year to receive 15c an hour; that a uniform work day of ten hours be inaugurated, and that all men discharged by the company since May 4 and against whom no charges of improper conduct have been proven, be reinstated.

The reference to reinstatement involves sixty employes, who have been discharged within the past few days because apparently of their having joined the union, which has been but recently organized in Kansas City.

The conference consumed but a few minutes' time, Mr. Holmes refusing absolutely to grant the demands or consider either proposition. The committee withdrew and called a meeting of the strike leaders to decide what action shall be taken. It seems certain that a strike will be ordered to take effect immediately and that a stubborn fight will ensue.

The Metropolitan company operates all the lines in both Kansas Cities, save a small one run by the Heim Brewing company, and employes about 1,600 men. Union men claim that about 800 of the Metropolitan employes belong to their union and that they have many sympathizers among the others. The company claims that but 250 of their employes are members of the union.

Harry Bryan, national organizer, who is said to have engineered the recent Cleveland strike, and who organized the local union, said today:

"We wanted to avoid a strike if possible, but the boys are in good shape to carry on a strike. The demands we make are all practicable. We ask 19 cents an hour for men who have worked less than a year, and 20 cents afterward. With ten hours work that does not make big wages.

"The demands that the men work ten hours and that they do it all in twelve hours is to do away with the company keeping the men around their headquarters so many hours idle."

President Holmes said today: "I have

## BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Weather Forecast for St. Paul, Cooler.

1—Jeffries Defeats Corbett. Getting Serious at St. Louis. British Rushing to Mafeking.

2—Nomination of Towne. Thief Chased a Mile. Douglas on Renewal Fees. McCurdy Recount Claim.

3—Minneapolis Matters. Second District Enumerators. Warships Out of Date.

4—Editorial.

5—Sporting News.

6—Pioneers Hold Dedication. Field Sports at Fair Grounds. Decision Against a Bank.

7—St. Paul Social. Hints on Fashion.

8—News of Railroads. Popular Wants.

9—Markets of the World. Chicago July Wheat, 65 3/4c. Bar Silver, 60c. Stocks Lower.

10—Jag Law Declared Valid. Chances for Educators.

been assured of ample police protection. We have a large number of men in our employ who have been with my brother and myself for fifteen or twenty years, not one of whom has given me any complaint, and many have given me their personal assurance of their satisfaction with the treatment they have received and pledged themselves to stand by the company at this time. So many men are with us that it will not be possible for the strikers to succeed in tying up our lines. During the last few days a hundred former employes have offered their services. Whenever men who have joined the union are let out these old men step in and fill their places.

## HALF A MILLION LOSS.

### FALL IN TEMPERATURE PLAYS HAVOC WITH FRUIT.

CATSKILL, N. Y., May 11.—The temperature last night fell to 26 degrees above zero. In consequence the fruit and berry crop in this vicinity, which a week ago never appeared more promising, has been destroyed. The loss in this immediate section is estimated at \$500,000.

## STEEL AND WIRE AFFAIRS.

### Indications Are That They Are in Satisfactory Shape.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The newly organized board of directors of the American Steel and Wire company met today in the local office of the company. The presence there of Elbert Garry, president of the Federal Steel company, also aroused some curiosity, but all Mr. Garry would say after the meeting was:

"We are pleased with the management of the Federal Steel and wire company, and our business relations with them are certainly satisfactory."

Fred Clifford, who succeeded John W. Gates as chairman of the American Steel and Wire company, met today with the board of directors. He declined to talk for publication.

Six-President John Lambert who returned to take a rest, will probably leave for his home in Illinois tomorrow.

He will return to this city shortly with his family and go to Europe.

## HE KILLED A WOMAN.

### Deliberate Crime of Elmer Benjamin, Aged Twenty.

SPARTA, Wis., May 11.—About 1 o'clock this morning Elmer Benjamin, aged twenty, shot and killed Mrs. Emma Priest, aged thirty-eight, a widow, young Benjamin accused Mrs. Priest of alienating the affections of his father from his family, consisting of a wife, two daughters and himself. The tragedy took place near the home of Mrs. Priest, who was returning on her way home from a near-by restaurant. He fired two shots. The first shot went wide of the mark, but the second struck her in the chest, and she fell on the sidewalk. Young Benjamin then returned to the restaurant, and, telling the proprietor what he had done, gave himself up to the city authorities. Mrs. Priest leaves a fifteen-year-old daughter.

## PROBABLY FATAL SHOOTING.

### Tragedy Enacted on the Streets of Pine Bluff.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., May 11.—J. S. Estes today shot and fatally wounded Dr. J. O. Coke, on East Barreque street. Samuel Files, a bystander, received a wound in the leg from Estes' revolver. Estes fired six shots, three of them taking effect in Coke's body. Estes was arrested and refused bail.

## BOERS RUSHING ON TO MAFEKING

### Relief Column of Three Thousand British Fighting Its Way Toward the beleaguered City.

### Expected That the Long-looked for Relief May Be Accomplished Within the Next Forty-Eight Hours.

LONDON, May 12.—A British column 3,000 strong has arrived at Vryburg, 100 miles from Mafeking. It reached there Thursday, and though harassed by the Boers is pushing swiftly forward. Fifty miles south of Vryburg, at Taungas, is Gen. Hunter's main body, moving slowly and contending with considerable forces. The pick of his mounted men are 3,000, who are going without transport, and at a rate that may possibly bring them to Mafeking on Monday or Tuesday next.

Lord Roberts' narrative closes with Thursday evening, but he continued his march yesterday toward Kroonstad, twenty miles distant, and by this time he must know whether the Boers intend to fight. The Boers are reported to be Mr. Winston Churchill says there were only 2,000 Boers who opposed the British at Zand river. Another estimate is that 6,000 Boers, with six guns, made a rear guard action while many other thousands with convoys retired without firing a shot.

### DECIDED TO FIGHT.

President Steyn and a council of the leaders of several thousand Free State in the Ladybrand and Ficksburg district determined to submit to the men the question of continuing the war or not at a great open air meeting. The fighting men decided to fight on. Steyn, who appears to be in active command, began to advance toward the British, and came into contact, on Thursday, with Campbell's brigade and Brabant's horse twenty miles northeast of Thaba N'Chu. A smart engagement ensued, with no positive success on either side, except that the Boer advance was stopped.

Gen. Ruddle disposed of 10,000 infantry along a mile front in such a way as to bar a Boer advance toward Lord Roberts' communications. With the exception of Brabant's columns, Gen. Ruddle having no horsemen, the cavalry are all with Lord Roberts' advance.

According to a Pretoria telegram Gen. Buller is moving from Elandsbaag in the direction of Helpmaker, and the British vanguard engaged a Boer patrol of Italians on Thursday. Twelve Italians are reported as routing fifty British.

The dispatch also says that British reconnoitering parties have invaded the Transvaal near Fourteen Streams and that the scouts on both sides met frequently, with varying results.

### HAVE FAITH IN AMERICA.

W. T. Stead, who was the last man in Europe to bid farewell to the Boer delegates, obtained from Abraham Fischer (a member of the Orange Free State executive council, and one of the delegates) a message to the American people, which is practically in the same words as the message previously sent through the Associated Press. Mr. Fischer, however, added:

"The governments of the old world appear paralyzed. We hope to find a different state of things in the new world. We know at the very time when the Jameson raid threatened the independence of the Transvaal, the American republic succeeded in inducing Great Britain to submit to arbitration a question which involved not her existence, but the interests of a free people of Venezuela. As you obtained arbitration for Venezuela, after England had declared it was impossible, so we venture to hope the free, enlightened public opinion of the American people will succeed in inducing the power attacking our very existence to stay her hand and submit the question of the future government of these regions to a free judgment of an impartial tribunal."

### GEN. HAMILTON'S VICTORY.

A special dispatch from Riet Spruit, dated May 10, describing more fully yesterday's successful operation, says: "Gen. Hamilton's scouts had on two previous days ascertained the Boers position and strength. On Wednesday night the Cheshire regiment crossed the river, entrenched themselves, and prepared to hold the passage for the regiments following them.

"At daybreak on Thursday the main body crossed at two or three points. The mounted infantry were then in action, driving off the advanced Boers, preparing to a general forward movement.

The Boer right first gave way, but Tucker and Hamilton had a tougher task on the left. The Boers had six guns and served them well, working with great determination, but the British worked up closer and closer, their guns meantime firing incessantly.

"The East Lancashire and Sussex regiments, by 11 o'clock, had worked well like a flash the two regiments sprang forward simultaneously, and in a few moments had secured two commanding ridges.

"The advanced line was within 1,200 yards of the Boers' main trench, and the latter were already losing heart from the demonstration on their flank, but they kept up a rapid, though wild fire. At this moment the final charge was ordered, and away went the Lancashires and the Sussex regiment again, but the Boers could not stand, and they fairly bolted, and the rout of the Boers along the whole line was then complete."

### MAFEEKING RELIEF FORCE.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Town, dated Thursday, says the Mafeking relief force has passed through Vryburg.

### FROM BOER SOURCES.

The Lourenco Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a dispatch dated Friday, May 11, says:

"The Boer papers report severe fighting on the western border. The facts are very much confused, probably by design, to conceal the truth from the burghers, but there is enough to show that the Boers admit a British occupation of Taungas.

"A special dispatch from Christiansburg (Transvaal), published Wednesday by the Standard and Diggers' News, says: Six hundred British cavalry crossed the Vaal Friday at Kalmberg, about eighteen miles below Fourteen Streams, and went to Taungas, followed by the second detachment of the British crossed at the same place Saturday. The Griqualanders, under Gen. Aswogon, after being reinforced, repulsed the British and forced them back in the direction of Taungas. Gen. Aswogon was killed. The other Boer casualties were seven wounded. The British loss was heavy. Everything was carried away from the laagers except a few tents left to attract the enemy's shells. Taungas is occupied by about 3,000 British.

A special telegram from Pretoria, dated Monday, in the same paper, records the British seizure on Fourteen Streams Sunday afternoon. It says: The British were engaged by Commandant Bissel's second detachment of the British crossed towards our position, bombarding them with such effect that the burghers were compelled to retreat, which they did in regular order. Today a forward movement of the British was checked by our forces, who drove them back in two places.

A telegram from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, in the Standard and Diggers' News, says: The British, in their passage along the Stella Land border toward Mafeking, were engaged by Commandant Bissel, near the Taungas, with great success. Hundreds of British troopers met a water-gate while attempting to cross the Vaal. A second advance was made on Taungas Sunday morning by 1,500 British troops and six guns. Communication with Taungas was cut Sunday afternoon.

### ROBERTS AT VENTERSBURG.

CAPE TOWN, May 11.—Lord Roberts wires that he is at Ventersburg, that he is continuously opposed, but that he is making progress.

### BOER PRISONER SHOT.

JAMESTOWN, St. Helena, May 11.—Tuesday night one of the guards shot a Boer prisoner as he was attempting to escape over the boundary fence. The man was brought eastward, but received no reply, and then fired. The matter is being investigated by a court-martial.

### FREE STATER'S CONCENTRATING.

MASERU, Basutoland, May 10.—The Free Staters are concentrating strongly in good position on the Kowannaberg range, lying eastward of the direct line from Thaba N'Chu to Winburg. President Steyn was with them yesterday, but is believed to have gone northward after insuring the burghers with predictions of approaching Boer successes through the assistance of thousands of foreigners.

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The Dispatches Say His Advance Is Within Twenty Miles of Kroonstad.