

SIMPLY A BOER HUNT

British Army Spread Out in Form of a Great Crescent.

CENTER FORTY MILES FROM THE VAAL

Infantry Advances is Delayed by Deep Water in Rhenoster River.

TO PUSH STRAIGHT ON TO PRETORIA

General Opinion Among Correspondents that Advance Will Be Rapid.

FEDERALS STILL RETREATING TO VAAL

Boer Army Voting on Whether to Fight—Fortnight May Elapse Before Government Knows Result of Vote.

LONDON, May 25.—3:35 a. m.—Lord Roberts' infantry advance is delayed at the Rhenoster river for a day or two by the depth of the stream, which is not fordable. The banks, which are precipitous, are forty feet high. A pontoon and temporary bridge constructions are under way.

A dispatch from Rhenoster, dated Wednesday, May 23, 7:45 p. m., says: The general opinion is that we will arrive at Pretoria as fast as we can march, though the Boers announced to all the countryside that they intended to fight to the death.

The British troops are in the form of a crescent, with horns thirty miles apart, and General Buller's cavalry is the seat within three miles of the Vaal and General Hamilton's mounted men on the right within thirty miles of the Vaal.

The Boer rearguard was composed of Russians, to whom was committed the task of destroying the bridges. They also looted freely.

What the Boers are doing is an absolute mystery. The embargo on news out of Pretoria for the last twenty-four hours has been complete. Such shreds of information as the correspondents at Lourenco Marques have picked up are being sent to the Boer designs and dispositions further than that the movement toward Lydenburg continues and that a referendum vote on the question of continuing the war is going on among the Boer fighting men.

How an Earl Escaped. Earl de la Warr, who was supposed to have been captured at the time of the disaster of the squadron of Bethune's horse, lay all night with a wounded leg behind an ant heap, reaching camp next day.

As the railway is now open north of Mafeking an abundance of provisions is entering the town. The telegraph messages will probably come from Mafeking direct over the northern route in a day or two.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY REJOICINGS

Anniversary is Chosen for All Kinds of Celebrations Throughout the Empire.

LONDON, May 24.—Under the stimulus of the relief of Mafeking and Lord Roberts' rapid and successful progress the queen's birthday has been celebrated throughout the empire, with unique and almost unprecedented rejoicings.

In the provincial towns there was a tricolor erection, and in private houses was decorated with miniature union jacks and a picturesque carnival procession a mile long of car emblematic of the war paraded the northern suburbs of London.

The school children had a holiday and at most places there was a partial suspension of business. The west end of London tonight is brilliantly illuminated and thousands are crowding the streets wearing patriotic favors.

In the House of Commons today the government leader, Balfour, announced that Lord Salisbury would consider a proposal to appoint a national thanksgiving day, with a suitable form of prayer, in acknowledgment of God's vouchsafing victory to the British arms.

Among the incidents of the day was the presentation by William Waldorf Astor to the town of Maidenhead of a polished five-pounder to be placed in the park. The salute was fired today in the presence of 5,000 people, where it was formally accepted by the mayor on behalf of the town, after which a royal salute was fired.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, May 24.—The English colony in Santiago city gave an elaborate banquet this evening in honor of the queen's birthday.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., May 24.—Queen Victoria's birthday will be celebrated in Newfoundland June 14, the present time being inopportune for a celebration, owing to the preparations for the summer fishery.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Canadian society of New York held its fourth annual dinner, or celebration of the birthday of Queen Victoria, tonight at Sherry's. More than 170 guests were present.

Princess Opens the Bazar. Royalty Patronizes the Great National Fair at Kensington.

RUSSIA PREPARING FOR WAR

Six Fortified Posts Are to Be Erected in Manchuria.

CZAR GETTING READY TO FIGHT JAPAN

Chief of the Russian General Staff and Other High Officers to Leave St. Petersburg This Month.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.—A plan for the defense of Manchuria has been drawn. Six fortified posts will be erected. For the purpose of strategical study General Sarachoff, chief of the Russian general staff, will start for Manchuria at the end of the month, accompanied by eight high Russian officers, to prepare for a possible conflict with Japan.

Manchuria is the extensive region of Eastern Asia which formed a portion of the Chinese empire until Russia obtained control of it. A portion of the southern end is bounded by Korea. On the north the Yaloung mountains divide it from the westward it is shut off from Mongolia by a palisade connected with the great wall of China.

RUSSIA TO GOBBLE COREA Starts a Rebellion and Then Offers Troops to Suppress It—Oriental News.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 24.—The Northern Pacific liner Glenora reached here yesterday morning, having departed from the Victoria at the same time. It is a race across the Pacific. The Glenora brings news that Russia is continuing its aggression in Korea and reports published in the Hong Kong press state that during the maneuvers a Russian war ship fired a shot at a Japanese ship.

UNITARIANS AT A BANQUET Notable Gathering of Eminent Persons Entertained by the Boston Laymen.

BOSTON, May 24.—The notable events of the American Unitarian convention today were the Sunday school anniversary at Tremont Temple in the afternoon and the banquet to the denominational clergymen in the evening.

MEANT TO STAND AT KROONSTAD Ten Miles of Cumulatively Constructed Rifle Pits Discovered.

KROONSTAD, May 24.—Although the Boers retreated without a shot being fired, the news that they meant to fight along the steep south bank were cunningly constructed rifle pits, resembling the defenses of Paardeberg. These pits extended for ten miles. A number of gun emplacements had been blasted in the rocks and for seven miles the ground had been burned in patches with a view of marking the ranges.

STREET CARS MOVING FORTS

Bombardment With Rocks Followed by a Fusillade and Three People Are Wounded.

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—In an attack on a train of the Park avenue division of the Transit company at Compton and Park avenues tonight at 8 o'clock several shots were fired by guards and three persons were wounded, one seriously.

Another bullet passed through the glass front of the cafe and lodged in the right leg of Dave W. Smith, a crowd of people from the union station to the car sheds on Park and Vandewater avenues.

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COLORADO DEMOCRATS SPLIT

Governor Thomas Starts a Personal Party in Arapahoe County.

TWO CONVENTIONS ARE CALLED ALREADY

Rivalry Between Aspirants for the Wolfcut Senatorial Succession Divides the Party Into Two Camps and They Are Fighting.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska Generally Fair; Warmer.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Day, Hour, Day. Rows for 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

GRAND CEREMONY AT ROME

Canonization of Jean Baptiste de LaSalle and Rita Di Cascia at St. Peter's.

ROME, May 24.—There was a magnificent spectacle in St. Peter's today on the occasion of the canonization of Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, the founder of the Order of the Christian Brothers, and Rita Di Cascia, a nun of the Augustinian order.

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TAGALS IN SENATE

Allen, Bacon and Pettigrew Again Attack the American Government.

ALLEN SAYS GENERAL OTIS IS A LIAR

Nebraska Senator Claims to Have Private Information on This Point.

SPOONER RESENTS THE ASPERSIONS Insists that Allen's Informant Came Out and Made Open Charges.

WARM DEBATE ON ISLAND POSSESSIONS Sympathizers and Partisans of Aguinaldo Make Bitter Assaults on the American Government and Its Army.

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