

BULLER & WARREN ERRED

Roberts' Sharp Reproofs Endorsed by the London Newspapers.

GEN. WARREN IS PEREMPTORILY CALLED HOME

The Situation at Wepener—Boers Fear They May Be Cut Off—Canadians Indignant Over Unequal Discipline—Tourists in South Africa Turned Back—General Elections Near.

GEN. WARREN ORDERED HOME.

LONDON, April 18.—(Special.)—It is said a peremptory order has been cabled recalling Sir Charles Warren.

THE SITUATION AT WEPENER.

Col. Dalgetty's casualties since besieged at Wepener have been 20 killed, 100 wounded, the Boer loss being much heavier.

Caledon River is rising and alarms the Boers as they are on both sides of the river and may be cut off.

BULLER'S RECALL DEMANDED—TOURISTS STOPPED.

The papers all call for Buller's recall and praise Roberts for his frankness.

There is absolutely no fresh news today. The military authorities are turning back hundreds of men and women tourists from Norval's Point.

ALL ABOUT A BOER CHICKEN.

The Canadians are indignant because one of their number is sentenced to 56 days hard labor for stealing a Boer chicken, while thousands of others who have committed the same offence went off free.

WIFE DOING BRAGGING.

PRETORIA, April 18.—(Special.)—The Boers claim they have blown up Bethulle bridge and say they chased the British force across the river in the direction of Alwal North, capturing several prisoners.

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

LONDON, April 18.—(Special.)—The indications are that the British Government will hold a general election at a very early date.

LORD ROBERTS' FAMOUS REPORT.

LONDON, April 17.—The war office tonight publishes in the Gazette a despatch from Lord Roberts, dated February 18, admitting Buller's despatch describing the Spion Kop and other operations from January 17 to January 24. Lord Roberts deals severely with General Warren and some others. Even General Buller does not escape. Lord Roberts complains that the plan of operations is not clearly described in the despatches. After sketch-

ing General Buller's intentions, as communicated to Sir Charles Warren, who commanded the whole force, Lord Roberts points out that General Warren seems to have concluded, after consultation with his officers, that the flanking movement ordered by General Buller was impracticable and therefore so changed the plan of advance as to necessitate the capture and retention of Spion Kop.

WARREN WAS AT FAULT.

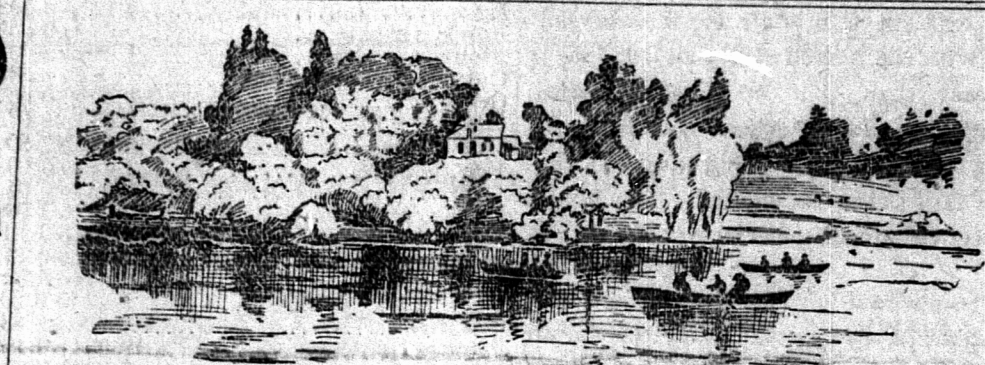
Lord Roberts continues:—"Warren considered it impossible to make the wide flanking movement which was recommended if actually prescribed in the secret instructions. He should, forthwith, have acquainted Buller with the course he proposed to adopt. There is nothing to show whether he did so or not, but it is only fair to Warren to point out that Buller appears throughout to have been aware of what was happening.

DISAGREES WITH BULLER.

Regarding the withdrawal from Spion Kop, the retention of which had become essential to the relief of Ladysmith. Lord Roberts says:—"I regret to be unable to concur with Buller in thinking Thorneycroft exercised wise discretion in ordering the troops to retire. I am of the opinion that Thorneycroft's assumption of responsibility and authority was wholly inexcusable. During the night the enemy's fire could not have been formidable and it would not have taken more than two or three hours for Thorneycroft to communicate by messenger with Major-General Coke or Warren. Coke appears to have left Spion Kop at 9.30 p. m. for the purpose of consulting with Warren. Up to that hour the idea of withdrawal had not been entertained. Yet almost immediately after Coke's departure Thorneycroft issued the order, without reference to superior authority, which upset the whole plan of operations and rendered unavailing the sacrifice already made to carry it into effect. Therefore it is only right to state that Thorneycroft appears to have behaved in a very gallant manner throughout the day.

WARREN'S ERROR OF JUDGEMENT.

"It is regretted that Warren did not himself visit Spion Kop in the afternoon or evening, knowing, as he did, that the state of affairs were very critical and that the loss of position would involve the failure of the operations. He consequently was obliged to sum-



PICTURESQUE KROONSTADT.

NEW CAPITAL FREE STATE.

A Description of the Little Town which Steyn has Recently Elevated Into the Dignity of Capital of the Orange Free State.

One of the few perennial rivers in South Africa which does not dry up and become a bed of sand during the winter months but is always reliable for a greater or less depth of water and flow of stream, is the Valsch River, upon the north bank of which lies the pastoral little town of Kroonstad, which President Steyn has just elevated into the dignity of the new capital of the Orange Free State, in place of Bloemfontein, now occupied by our troops.

Kroonstad is in many ways a delightful little spot. It is about 100 miles south of Johannesburg, 570 miles from Port Elizabeth, and 870 miles from Capetown. It is 4,500 feet above the sea, and the air there is particularly bright, clear, and invigorating.

It has a population of some 2,000 souls, mostly engaged in farming, agriculture, and the exploiting of visitors from more populous centres.

THE FARMERS IN THIS DISTRICT are particularly well off, but, although they have derived peculiar benefits, financially and otherwise, from the influx of the Uitlanders, they cannot be said to be particularly well disposed towards them.

At the beginning of the war it will be remembered that on more than one occasion the Kroonstad burghers displayed great unkindness towards the refugees who passed through their town. The chief beauty of Kroonstad lies in its charming situation. The Valsch River affords about five miles of excellent boating, and the Johannesburgers had a club there which boasted of a dozen good boats, specially imported to meet the requirements of these who had been used to the delights of boating on the Thames. The banks of the river are lined with trees, bushes, and flowers; the stream itself is sluggish but fairly clear and

WELL STOCKED WITH ROUGHFISH. It is fully navigable as before mentioned and the stream is only barred above and below the town by small rapids hardly worthy of the name on which wild fowls are to be found in great numbers. The overhanging willow trees afford a pleasant shade, and there are many corners which adapt themselves easily to the pleasant exigencies of the ordinary picnic party.

mon Coke to his headquarters, and the command at Spion Kop thus devolved on Thorneycroft, unknown to Coke, who was under the impression that the command devolved upon Colonel Hill, as senior officer. Omissions or mistakes of this nature may be trivial in themselves yet they may exercise an important influence on the course of events, and I believe Buller was justified in remarking:—"There was a want of organization and system, which acted most unfavorably on the defence."

WHY THE ATTEMPT FAILED.

The attempt to relieve Ladysmith was well devised and I agree with Buller in thinking it ought to have succeeded. That it failed may in some measure have been due to the difficulties of the ground and the commanding positions held by the enemy and probably also to errors of judgement and want of administrative capacity on the part of Warren. But whatever faults Warren may have committed, the failure must also be attributed to the disinclination of the officer in supreme command to assert his authority and see that what he thought best was done and also to the unwarrantable and needless assumption of responsibility by a subordinate officer.

The despatch concludes:—"The gratifying feature of these despatches is the admirable behavior of the troops throughout the operation."

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 18.—(Special.)—The following are the closing rates: April, wheat, 65 1/2, corn, 35 1/2, oats, 23 1/2, pork, \$12.92 1/2. May, wheat, 66, corn, 36 1/2, oats, 23 1/2, pork, \$12.95. July, wheat, 68 1/2, corn, 40 1/2, oats, 23 1/2, pork, \$13.07 1/2.

There are even comfortable hotels at Kroonstad, that is to say comfortable for South Africa, which boasts of no very high standard in this respect. These establishments cater almost entirely for the holiday-maker from the Rand and in summer they are thronged with affluent miners, generous speculators, and gaudy book-makers, who render the neighborhood hideous with their garish apparel and flaunting ways.

Kroonstad is also the centre of some remarkably good shooting. A good many of the farmers round about have carefully preserved the duck for some years past, and as a result it is a man is KNOWN TO BE A FAIR SHOT he is liable to be invited to spend a few days with a Boer farmer to test the shooting capabilities of the farm. The springbolt is very prolific, hereabouts, and affords most excellent sport. Larger buck are also to be met with, and it is thought that with a continuation of careful preserving this corner of the Free State may be a happy hunting ground for years to come.

There are other attractions at Kroonstad which are not to be despised. For instance there are excellent golf links. The houses, churches, and buildings in Kroonstad have no great pretensions, but are all of the village order of architecture, one story bungalows, with wide verandahs, but the place has never been looked upon other than as a farmers' headquarters combined with a holiday-making resort. Quite recently there has been some mineralogical work done in the neighborhood. There are coal mines at Groenfontein, and also at Vierfontein, and the quality is said to be quite good. There is also the 'Lace' diamond mine near the town, where good little stones are found up to the extent of some 1,400 carats a month. Both these industries are capable of very much further development.

It is not likely that Kroonstad will remain the capital of the Free State for very long, but in the meantime Mr. Steyn has certainly chosen his head quarters with discrimination and taste. He is in the middle of his own people, surrounded by pretty scenery, and on the main line of railway to Pretoria.

It was probably this last consideration that induced him to choose this place as a temporary seat of Government, with the idea of eventually being able to run away to Pretoria at the shortest possible notice.

Ed. Examiner.

I thank you for your candid answer re Provincial Prohibition. If you are speaking for the Conservative party, so much the worse for it. We may again be deceived, but we will vote for those who promise Prohibition. What does the following paragraph from yesterday's Examiner mean? I presume it is a printer's error. "As to the 'P. S.', we have to say that if the Liberal-Conservative Party should repeal the Charlottetown License Law and collect the \$9,000 or \$10,000 in some other way, and shall continue to it."

PROHIBITIONIST.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(Special.)—Showers, fair, brisk to high southerly, to southwesterly winds.

JAPAN - RUSSIA TROUBLE

Both Actively Preparing to Fight Over the Korean Question.

UNITED STATES DEMANDS ON SULTAN OF TURKEY

For Outrages on American Missionaries—Smyrna May be Seized—Strike Over at Croton—Plague at Red Sea Ports—The Budget Debate—Toronto Wants a Dominion Exhibition.

PLAGUE NEAR THE WORLD'S HIGHWAY.

LONDON, April 18.—(Special.)—Bubonic plague has made its appearance at several ports on the Red Sea.

OTTAWA DOINGS AND PROSPECTS.

OTTAWA, April 18.—(Special.)—At least forty members are yet to speak on the Budget.

Mr. Flint's prohibition resolutions will be discussed next Monday.

A large delegation representing many important live stock, agricultural and dairying interests is here urging the Government to grant \$100,000 for a Dominion Exhibition at Toronto next year. Consideration promised.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN MAY FIGHT.

YOKOHAMA, April 18.—(Special.)—Reports via San Francisco show that Japan and Russia are apparently on the

verge of war over Korea. Japan's superior navy is counted on to give them a great advantage.

UNCLE SAM TO COLLECT HIS BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(Special.)—Minister Coakley will be directed to inform the Sultan that the United States Government insists on payment, without further delay of the \$100,000, indemnity for outrages on American missionaries and their destruction of their property.

They may seize Smyrna temporarily and collect the revenue through the customs if the indemnity is not soon paid.

CROTON DAM STRIKE ENDED.

NEW YORK, April 18.—(Special.)—Croton Dam work was resumed this morning and the strikers offered no resistance.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Table with columns: Closing prices, April 18th. Includes American Sugar, American Steel and Wire, American Tobacco, Brooklyn Transit, Burlington, Continental Tob., Federal Steel, Federal Steel Prod., Louisville and Nashville, New York Central, Rock Island, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Union Pac Pr'd, United States Rubber, April Cotton per 100 lbs.

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Mr. S. N. Earle's Grand Concert and Opera combined.—The music loving people of Charlottetown will have the opportunity of taking in two concerts in one evening at the Opera on Tuesday evening May 1st. The first part will consist of 12 choice numbers, consisting of choruses, quintettes, Orchestra music, vocal solos. The second part will consist of "The Beautiful Operetta in two acts, entitled Pauline, or the Belle of Saratoga." This is under competent management.—17 3/4, ex & pat.

See our new baby carriages. First installment have arrived. They're beauties—call and see them.—John Newson. 17 1/2

Some of Our Ladies

Fine footwear has arrived (others to arrive daily). They have turned out as we expected, neat, pretty and well finished. These first arrivals we think are the forerunners of the finest selection we have ever made. We have used our 18 years experience in picking out the newest and prettiest things shown for the season's wear. Full stock in a few days.



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