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(FROM THE NEW YORK JOURNAL.)

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ALL QUIET AT BLOEMFONTEIN

ONE REASON FOR THE BRITISH DELAY.

The Second Contingent Leaves for the Front.

Hussars Reported Missing—Boer Revival all Along the Line—Boers Reinforced in Upper Natal—Capture of ex-President Steyn's Brother—A Tribute to Alfred Riggs.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

CANADIANS TO THE FRONT.

LONDON, April 9.—A despatch from Cape Town announces the departure to the front of the Second Contingent of Canadian Mounted Infantry.

This evidently means the second part of the Second Contingent which includes the Toronto men who arrived in Cape Town by the Milwaukee.

BOER STATEMENT.

PRETORIA, April 9.—It is officially announced here that at the Bloemfontein Waterworks the Republican forces captured 11 officers and 362 men, with 11 guns, two ammunition wagons and mules.

ANOTHER CAPTURE.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 8.—Another of Ex-President Steyn's brothers was captured near Karee Siding yesterday, and arrived here today.

THE NATIVE MIND.

MASERU, Basutoland, April 9.—The re-occupation of Ladybrand, Thaba Nchu and Bloemfontein waterworks by the Boers, in the very sight of the Besutos who recently witnessed the expulsion of the Boers by the British, is far the most important aspect of the situation here, in view of its probable effect upon the native mind. Already the natives are arguing that the British have suffered reverses and should the British evacuate Wepener, the results, so far as the natives are concerned, are likely to prove disastrous.

All hoped to see General Brabant steadily advance and drive the enemy before them.

BOER REVIVAL.

LONDON, April 9.—The sequel to the recent inactivity of the British, is the revival of Boer energy along the line.

General Buller after remaining idle for 39 days is now menaced with raiding operations, similar to those from which Lord Roberts and Gatacre have suffered.

The Boers have been reinforced in the Upper Natal where their commandoes have re-appeared with guns and wagons

and it is reported that the raiders are on the way to the Tugela to cut the communication of Ladysmith with the coast.

The Boers plan of campaign in that quarter can only be surmised. But it is evident that General Buller's army will be harassed in flank or in rear.

Action is indispensable to the Boers as an undisciplined force cannot remain passive without suffering from desertions and despondency.

It is not improbable that Lord Methuen captured near Boshof the advance guard of a similar force of raiders operating against Kimberley and the railway line south of the Modder River and that there may be a renewal of the fighting in that district where communications are slightly guarded.

Lord Roberts own army is still exposed to Boer raids outside Bloemfontein, although no fresh mishaps or defeats are reported.

ARMCHAIR CRITIC.

LONDON, April 9.—When it is borne in mind that all the despatches from the front are severely censored, there is little in the news to bring satisfaction to England.

Assurances that nothing need be feared, even if the railways and telegraphs are cut and Bloemfontein is isolated, together with news that ladies and other civilians are being ordered away from Bloemfontein, do not augur well.

There are rumors from Capetown that the telegraph wires were already cut yesterday, Sunday and also that the Hussars, who were sent to the relief of the Royal Irish Rifles are missing, although probably these are the outcome of Boer exaggerations designed to encourage the Burgers.

The result of these serious checks to the British arms is that the whole Free State is up again and that the Boers are full of activity over the entire field.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG RIGGS.

HALIFAX, April 9.—The Evening Mail's correspondent with the first contingent in South Africa writes: "I cannot say too much in praise of that Christian soldier, young Riggs, of Charlottetown, whose death leaves a gap in the regiment. His parents will have the consolation of knowing that he died worthy of that meteor flag for which he fought."

PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, April 9.—All is quiet at Bloemfontein.

Remounts and other reinforcements are arriving and preparations are making to deal with the enemy.

ONE CAUSE OF DELAY.

LONDON, April 9.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing on Friday, says: "Owing to the lack of horses and to the suffering of the men from pneumonia, due to thin clothing, Lord Roberts has decided not to make a big movement until the troops are provided with thicker uniforms."

LETTER FROM CORPORAL

JOSEPH O'KEILLY.

Highly Interesting Details of the Paardeberg Fight.

PAARDEBERG, South Africa, Feb. 23th, 1900.

DEAR FATHER,—Believing that friends in P. E. Island would like to know how the time is passing with us here, I send you—though I am now writing under difficulties—an account of our engagement with the Boers at the battle of Paardeberg, Orange Free State. Getting tired of inactive life around Belmont, our desire was satisfied by being brigaded on Monday the 12th with the Gordons, Cornwalls and Shropshires under Gen. Smith-Dorrien at Graspan, leaving at 5.15 a. m., and marching 13 miles to a place called Kam Dam, where we joined Sir H. McDonald's brigade of Highlanders and a large provision train. Water was had and difficult to obtain, having to carry it a mile. The usual way to secure water here is to dam the valleys in the rainy season; so when using it it is neither pleasant to sight nor taste, being a kind of silver grey in color and containing a fair mixture of solids carried from the source in the higher ground.

Wednesday 14.—Ready for a hurried breakfast at 3.30 a. m.—marched at 5 going ten miles to a drift on Reit River which we crossed and joined Lord Roberts' and Kitchener's forces. We reached the drift at one o'clock, but it was dark when our turn came to cross. An officer told us later that it took two days and three nights for the entire division to cross. The object of making this advance into the enemy's country was to force General Cronje out of his strongly fortified position at Magersfontein or cut off his lines of supply and communication with his own territory. Lord Roberts' judgment was correct, for Cronje crossed the Modder River southward to reach Bloemfontein, and then began the race. General French was ahead of us with his cavalry. He surrounded and took Jacobsdal, capturing also a provision train and a quantity of other stores.

Thursday, 15.—Up at 2 a. m.; on the march at 4 a. m., going eight miles to within sight of Jacobsdal and near the Riet River, of which we took advantage a second time by bathing and washing our clothes. Two of our maxim fellows went foraging; they called at a farm house and got some new potatoes and a lamb on which we made a first-class dinner, enjoying it better after being tired of canned stuff.

Friday, 16.—Up and marching at 5 a. m. for Jacobsdal where we rested for the day, getting an hour's leave to go about the town. We had a calf killed and had an enjoyable stew. Word came that General French had the Boers cornered. We marched at 10 p. m. reaching Clift Drift at daylight.

Saturday 17.—Rested, had a refreshing bath in the river, and ordered to march at 6 p. m. This was a forced march of 22 miles to Paardeberg, which we reached at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Sunday 18.—We could hear the fighting going on up the river, and every man in our regiment was wriggling with anxiety to be in it. We had barely time for a drop of coffee and a biscuit when we had to be off. There was great activity, a lot of troops going up the right side of the river. The enemy being entrenched on the left of the river we had to cross by fording. It was a sight to see over 4000 men and 500 horses, with several heavy guns crossing in 4 1/2 feet of water. The men crossed in fours with arms locked, the "outside" man having hold of a rope. Our Maxim company was the last to cross and we could only take one gun on a small pontoon—ourselves wading and so excited we didn't mind the wetting. We had to march 2 miles to our position after crossing, the rest of the regiment being already in action and receiving their "baptism of fire."

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

Renewal of Modus Vivendi

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

St. John's, Nfld., April 9.—Mr. Chamberlain has notified the Colonial Cabinet that the British and French Governments have renewed the Anglo-French *modus vivendi*, covering the fishing rights on the Newfoundland treaty shore, until the close of the present year.

This removes all apprehension as to the friction between the two powers over the rights of their respective subjects during the approaching fishing season.

Obituary.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

NEW YORK, April 9.—Elizabeth Eily Mary Coghlan, (actress), died at Stamford, Connecticut, yesterday.

HALIFAX, April 9.—Ex Judge Desbrisay died at Bridgewater yesterday.

HALIFAX, April 9.—The first death in the Provisional Regiment garrisoning at Halifax occurred yesterday. Private McDonald, of Charlottetown, who went into hospital two or three days ago developed pneumonia. Yesterday morning he became much worse and last night breathed his last. There are several patients in the military hospital, but McDonald's case was the only one that was considered serious.

Rev. Dr. Heartz, in the absence of the chaplain to the Methodists, was sent for and was with McDonald when he died.

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