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## A REPULSE FOR THE BOERS

### They Resume Hostilities Near Brantford

### BUT ARE DRIVEN BACK BY THE BRITISH TROOPS.

### Boers Said to be Going Northward From Brantford.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

#### BOERS REPULSED.

LONDON March 31.—The War Office has issued the following from Lord Roberts: BLOEMFONTEIN March 30, 2 55, p. m.—Owing to the activity of the enemy on our immediate front and their hostile action towards the burghers who surrendered under terms of my proclamation, I found it necessary to drive them from some kopjes they had occupied near Kalksiding station, a few miles south of Brantford.

The operation was successfully carried out by the seventh (Cocker's) division assisted by the first and third cavalry brigades, under Generals French and Legalla, and a regiment of mounted infantry. The enemy retreated to Brantford and our troops now hold the kopjes. Our casualties were: Scottish borderers, killed—Capt. Goring; wounded, Captains Sellar, Laird Peebles, Gergevan and Edwards; Lieuts. Coulson and French and about 100 rank and file.

#### A LATER REPORT.

LONDON, March 31.—The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 30, (evening): Reports point to the enemy leaving Brantford and proceeding in a northerly direction.

The casualties, yesterday were more numerous than at first reported. Officers killed, 2; wounded, 8; rank and file killed 10; (query, 19); wounded, 159; missing, 3.

#### KRUGER'S PLAN.

LONDON, March 31.—President Kruger has apparently made up his mind not to wait until the British are ready to advance.

Therefore, resuming hostilities, he sent a force of Boers to Kaare siding, fourteen

miles south of Brantford and only twenty one miles from Bloemfontein. "They entrenched themselves there on three kopjes. But Roberts despatched an overwhelming force against them which drove them back to Brantford.

The British loss was one killed and one hundred wounded.

Indications are not wanting that Kruger intends to make some attempt to support his threat to retake Bloemfontein.

In Natal as well as in the Free State clashes of outposts, which are always frequent, are beginning.

Reports from Boer headquarters state that the British troops are massing at Klansdalsage and that Colonel Bethune with his mounted infantry, has been busy in the neighborhood of Helpmakaar further to the east.

The Boers are showing signs of acting on the offensive once again.

In order to check this disposition, General Buller has had to strengthen his outposts.

#### LATER.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 31.—In yesterday's fight, many regiments received their baptism of fire and showed splendid coolness.

We have secured a fine natural position facing the huge plain before Brantford. Kipling was present during the fight. JOUBERT'S SUCCESSOR.

PRETORIA, March 31.—General Louis Botha has been appointed to succeed General Joubert.

#### FORCE FOR MAFeking.

LONDON, March 31.—Skirmishing continues at Warrenton.

The most important item of news concerning this portion of the seat of war, having a bearing on relief of Mafeking, is the intelligence that, on Monday, two thousand mounted men with three batteries passed through Barkley West apparently prepared for a long march, and that another one thousand men were extended to follow them.

The relief of the town from the south is only possible by mounted men, as the Boers have destroyed the railroad north of Warrenton, thus preventing it being used to transport an infantry force.

It is now thought that when Robert's advances, he will have about seventy thousand men.

#### Another Prince.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]  
LONDON, March 31.—The Duchess of York gave birth to a son this morning. The mother and child are doing well.

Black Bass is the favorite Canadian fish; and "Black Bass" Navy Chewing is the favorite tobacco. Both are firm, sweet toothsome and superior. Both are "on top" in their respective classes. "Black Bass" Chewing Tobacco is Union made.

#### THEIR GROWING TIME

Recent Improvements Made by James Paton & Co.

The dry goods house of James Paton & Co., is apparently advancing by leaps and bounds. Each year finds the firm making changes and improvements to meet their ever-increasing trade. This year is no exception.

Early in February the firm began the making of extensive alterations, and up to a few days ago the carpenters, painters and plumbers were hard at work. The extent of the changes that have been made is very much in evidence.

Entering the main store the visitor's attention is at once attracted by the handsome hardwood floor that has been put down, and as he passes along he cannot fail to notice (if he has visited the store before) the other changes wrought. He will observe that the counters and tables have been made moveable, and that handsome brass rods suspended by chains replace the wire lines formerly used for the displaying of goods. The re-arrangement of the heating apparatus must also attract attention, for the old coils in the centre of the store have been replaced by circular heaters surrounding the pillars. The electric lights have also been changed from the ceiling to the pillars, producing a much better effect.

The floor area has been materially increased by the re-arrangement of the stairway and the removal to the rear of the private office. This change has also permitted the placing of several new windows, which makes the light much better.

To the rear of the main store is the millinery show-room, in connection with which there is a ladies ready-to-wear dress department, where, besides dresses there is an abundance of ladies' jackets, mantles, etc. There is a fitting-room in connection with this department. Miss McEACHERN, the firm's head milliner, was in New York for the February displays, and returned full of the latest Parisian creations in the millinery line. She is now hard at work getting ready for the big Easter opening, and, judging by the samples shown the reporter, the show promises to excel any ever before arranged by the Big Store.

There are two dress-makers in connection with the store—Miss Gallant and Miss Sellers—each of whom has a staff of assistants. Miss Gallant has only recently returned from Boston and Miss Sellers will be back in a few days. Each of these ladies has a separate room on the ground floor. Miss McEACHERN has her work-room on the second floor.

The improvements have also been extended to the upper floor, and a fitting room has been added to the ready-to-wear clothing department.

These are the most important of the changes that have been made in this establishment, which extends through the block from Richmond to Sydney Street and ranks with the largest and best-equipped in the province. They will, we feel sure, be highly appreciated by the public as they are by the firm and their employees.

By strict attention to business on the part of the management and every courtesy on the part of the large staff of employees Messrs Paton & Co., hope to merit a large share of patronage. Everything that can be done will be done to make the Big Store more attractive and popular than ever.

#### The Oar in England.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]  
PUTNEY, England, March 31.—The boat race between Oxford and Cambridge, today, was won by Cambridge.

#### FAIRPLAY WANTED.

SIR,—The winter steamers are run on the Family Compact system. The Wear family has four representatives on the Minto, and the Smith family has two in the service. Was it not enough for the great Sir Louis Davies to have one pilot from Pictou? It seems not. When the Stanley started running Sir Louis had to get a pilot from Pictou while plenty were idle on the Island. Mr. Clark, the pilot of the Northumberland, from Summerside, ought to have been remembered. Summerside should not have been forgotten after the way Sir Louis humbugged the people there about the winter service. Sir Louis forgets the people that put him where he is. But the time is coming when the people will remember his ingratitude.

#### FAIR.

IT'S ALWAYS MIDNIGHT GLOOM to the sufferer from the stomach disorders and the diseases which can be directly traced there—neglect or ignorance may have produced the darkness, but so sure as night follows day, just so surely will Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets let in the sunshine and bring back the full noonday brightness of perfect health. This is taking strong ground—but proof is to be had—one tablet after eating—60 in a box—15 cents.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The Marjons of Nicaragua are again threatening disturbances and H. M. S. P-yehre has gone to Bluefields to be on guard.

—In the course of a sermon lately delivered by him, the Rev. John Wilson, of Liverpool, (Ian McLaren) said: "England fights to-day for that justice dear to her from the days of the Commonwealth, for liberty, for righteousness, for equal rights between man and man, for lasting peace in a fair province of God's world, and for the undiminished glory of the English name. A covenant has been made between England and her colonies that will never be broken. They reviled us these nations of Europe; but it does not matter what the outside world says as long as your own family is true. We didn't care, and we don't care today when old England stands with her children round her. Speak ye home to the heart of England, for the covenant stands between God and England."

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—Any one who wishes to do so may attend, without further invitation, Mr. McSwain's lecture upon The classification of Birds before the Natural History Society, in the Y. M. C. A. Parlor next Monday night, at 8 o'clock. The subject is most interesting and of high educational value.

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