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GENERAL FRENCH AT JOHANNESBURG

THE NEWS COMES FROM CAPE TOWN.

General Rundle's Troops Drive Boers Out of Senekal.

Movements of Hamilton and French—Kruger and Peace Negotiations—Boers and Wagons Captured—Canadian Casualties.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

LORD ROBERTS' REPORT.

LONDON May 28.—The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts:—

Vereing May 27.—We crossed the Vaal this morning and are now encamped on the north bank.

The advance troops which crossed yesterday were only just in time to save the coal mines on both this and the other side of the river from being destroyed.

Our casualties were four.

Baden Powell reports that the railway between Mafeking and Bulawayo has been restored and that supplies are being brought into Mafeking.

He says the Canadian Artillery joined Col. Plumer from Beira with incredible rapidity.

Lieut. Webber was taken prisoner at Heilbron a few days ago. He was there on telegraph duty. It was not known that our troops had been temporarily withdrawn.

PRETORIA FEARS.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, May 28.—The following has reached me from Pretoria under date of May 25. The situation both from a military and a political point of view has become very critical. President Kruger yesterday admitted for the first time that matters were very grave. The Boer determination is to trust everything to a last stand in the Central Mountains to the north of Potchefstroom, where 3,000 Kaffirs are digging trenches. Thither every available man and gun have been sent.

The whole western border of the Transvaal from end to end is defenceless. Baden Powell can march in when he likes.

Lord Roberts will encounter the greatest resistance from the Boers in their endeavour to draw the British into appearing to threaten Johannesburg with an attack, whereby a reason will be given for the destruction of property. The government dare not destroy the mines and property without an excuse.

HAMILTON AND FRENCH.

KROONSTADT, May 28.—General Hamilton invaded the Transvaal having crossed at Wonderfontein Drift.

A correspondent with General French writes that the column was at Paris at 11 o'clock on Thursday.

The Dickens Brigade has crossed the Vaal river at Lindersdrift where only a few Boers were encountered.

BENNETT BURLINGH.

PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

LONDON, May 28.—At any moment news may be flashed from South Africa that President Kruger is suing for peace.

Lord Roberts has crossed the Vaal River, and the forces of the Republics have again fallen back before his onward sweep.

Confusion reigns in the Boer capital. From all quarters come reports of despondency in Pretoria, and of deputations of Burghers approaching the President to

protest against further resistance and to urge the advisability of surrender.

Voices are being raised in denunciation of the idea of subjecting Pretoria to the horrors of a siege.

According to one report a proclamation has been issued by President Kruger in which he declares that he places himself in the hands of the Burghers. If they are bent on continuing the struggle he is prepared to fight to the bitter end; if they are ready to submit, he too will accept the mandate and approach Lord Roberts in the guise of a suppliant.

Apparently, there is now reason to hope that the strength of the forts around Pretoria will not be put to the great test of an actual bombardment.

A CAPTURE.

MAKERU, Basutoland, May 27.—Four squadrons of colonials captured 150 Boers and ten waggon loads of grain near Ficksberg where they also captured a Maxim gun.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

TORONTO, May 28.—The Evening Telegram's special cable from London says: 'In the advance to the relief of Mafeking, C' Battery of the Canadian Artillery, though in the thick of all the fighting and rendering valuable assistance, as Colonel Mahon reported, only suffered two casualties, both men being wounded slightly. They were Gunner Wm. Patten, of Hamilton, and Gunner McCallum, of Fort William, Ontario.

Private Deroche Jocuelain, of Cleveland, Ohio, a member of 'A' Squadron of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, died at Springfontein, of enteric fever, and Private J. Rasbery, of the Wentworth Battalion, a member of 'G' Company Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, succumbed to enteric fever at Bloemfontein.'

SENEKEL OCCUPIED.

SENEKEL, May 28.—General Rundle with artillery, yeomanry, and with the Middlesex and Leicester regiments, under Major Dalbiac, has occupied Senekel.

The Boers were driven out by a few shells.

A field cornet and a number of other Boers were killed.

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CAPE TOWN, May 28.—It is rumored here that General French has entered Johannesburg.

Obituary.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

HALIFAX, May 28.—Hon. H. H. Fuller, M. L. C., died yesterday morning after a brief illness. He was head of the hardware firm of H. H. Fuller & Co., and a Liberal in politics.

BAIT FREEZING STATIONS.

Much for the Politician—Little for the Fisherman.

On Friday last, the House of Commons went into supply, taking up the appropriations for bait freezing stations. Sir Louis explained that a 15-ton establishment had been erected at Ballantyne Cove, and one of the same capacity at Frog Pond, Prince County, P. E. I.

Mr. Kauback thought these were very small affairs.

Sir Louis Davies said there was a large one of twenty-five tons, and still larger one of 140 tons. At Alberton a small station was under construction. There was one almost completed at Gaborus, but there was some difficulty about the accounts between their company and the government. This was a 100-ton affair, would cost \$8,800 and the Dominion Government was to pay half.

Dr. Kendall, who gave instructions in these matters, was paid at the rate of \$1,000 a year, and had received \$1,311 to date. Asked about Dr. Kendall's service Sir Louis Davies said that Dr. Kendall was the first man to bring the matter to the attention of the Government and it had been thought he was the best man to carry it out.

Dr. McLennan, Inverness, objected to this statement, pointing out that he and other members had brought the matter to the attention of the Government.

Mr. Martin, P. E. Island said that he had also pressed the matter on the minister.

R. L. Borden said it was understood Dr. Kendall not only lectured the fishermen about bait, but also gave them suggestions as to how they should vote.

Sir Louis Davies had not heard of this. He explained that stations were to be placed at Whitehead, Guyaboro, of 15 tons; one at Clarke's Harbor of 25 tons, one at Lockport of 20 tons, one at Tignish of 10 tons, at Souris of 40 tons, and Murray Harbor of 40 tons. Others had been undertaken and some of them were almost completed.

The debate on the ice-freezing station was resumed after dinner. Davies gave a list of places where it was hoped to establish freezers, making thirty seven in all. The Minister got \$25,000 last year. He did not spend it all and asks for a new vote of \$25,000 for the fiscal year beginning in July.

Hon. Mr. Foster said he quite approved of giving all possible help to fishermen. He pointed out that while Davies said last year that the Government would do administration work without help, he now acknowledged he was paying a large salary to a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature. This government was keeping in the Yukon, on salary, a member of the Quebec Legislature. It kept the Prince Edward Island government alive by a corrupt deal made here with a member for that province who had been elected to oppose the government. Dr. Kendall did not appear to be required at all; and, as a matter of fact, he had been here about the corridors of the house for several weeks. Last year Davies proposed that \$25,000 would pay the government share of fifty freezers. Only two freezers were yet in operation and the minister mentioned thirty-seven others, and for this he

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was asking a second \$25,000. Mr. Foster was willing to make any appropriation when necessary, but was anxious that no money so voted should be used for the benefit of the fishermen and not for the benefit of Dr. Kendall or other politicians.

Kauback pointed out that Lunenburg had more in crest in deep sea fishing than all the rest of the province but seemed to be neglected by the Government scheme. Davies promised that Lunenburg would be reached in due time.

R. L. Borden (Halifax) approved of preserving the bait, but feared that the scheme had too much for men like Dr. Kendall and not enough for the fishermen.

In the course of the discussion concerning Pineau, Sir Louis Davies, replying to Mr. Foster, said he had nothing to do with the matter and had never met Pineau here.

Mr. McDonald (P. E. I.) suggested that Sir Louis Davies' department had placed Pineau in cold storage while he was here.

N. F. Davis rehearsed the proceedings by Sir Louis and his comrades in bolstering up the Prince Edward Island government. He was afraid that Davies was manoeuvring in some way with parties in Nova Scotia.



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