

MORE BRITONS TO CRUSH BOERS

Quarter of a Million Men and Many Horses Needed

By Roberts.

BOERS GETTING DISHEARTENED

ROBERTS COMPLAINS TO KRUGER THAT COLONIAL OFFICERS AND TROOPS WHO ARE PRISONERS IN PRETORIA ARE TREATED LIKE CRIMINALS.

London, April 16.—The war office had nothing to communicate to the public yesterday. It may be taken for granted that the rumor of General Buller's victory at Wepener is premature. With the remainder of his force he left Aliwal North Saturday for Rousville, and there has scarcely been time for an engagement.

All the Bloemfontein dispatches breathe a confident tone. There seems to be a heavy demand on the railway, for so large an army leaves the place bare of everything save the absolute necessities of life.

The fact that the censors allowed Winston Churchill's dispatch on the subject of remounts to pass speaks volumes for the condition of that question and concerning the prospects of any immediate advance toward Pretoria. The utmost Lord Roberts will be able to do for some time to come will be in the direction of clearing the Boers from the southern part of the Free State.

Mr. Churchill's telegram is dated at Bloemfontein Saturday, and is as follows: "Two hundred and fifty thousand men will be needed before the end is attained. The question of remounts will continue one of vital importance. Great numbers are now arriving, but, owing to the fact that they have to be put to work before time is given them to recover from the effects of the voyage their condition is low and the death rate among them high. Thousands, therefore, will be wanted in addition to those now here or on the way and great resting depots must be formed, together with an ample staff to nurse and exercise them."

A Reddersburg dispatch says: Colonel Dalgety wired Friday: "All well. Enemy apparently slackening attack."



MAJOR GENERAL CHERMSIDE. General Chermiside's division is encamped 17 miles east of the railway. Boers are supposed to be in the vicinity, but an attack by them is improbable.

It is reported that reinforcements for the Boers, with 60 wagons, have arrived at De Wet's Dorp, en route for Wepener. This should precipitate an action.

The statement that President Kruger has been south seems to confirm the reports that the Boers are getting disheartened. This continued exertion of his personal influence appears now to have become a necessity.

Lord Roberts, in his telegram of protest to President Kruger regarding the treatment to which the colonial officers and troops who are now prisoners at Pretoria have been subjected, complains that the Boers have treated them as criminals confined in jail. He points out that there are 90 cases of enteric fever and dysentery in the prisoners' camp at Waterval, that the Transvaal government failed to supply, on demand of the doctor, the necessary medicines and medical comforts; that the prisoners were forced to bivouac on the open veldt; that the sick were placed in an open shed, with an iron roof and that it was only when the new doctor treated to resign that medicines and mattresses were supplied. He invites President Kruger to remedy this state of things and contrasts it with the treatment the British give to Boer prisoners, sick and wounded, who, as Lord Roberts says, "receive the same treatment as our own soldiers."

Four farmers who had taken the oath to abstain from further co-operation with the Boer's enemies were found signaling to the Boers at Karee Siding and have been brought here.

Sir Godfrey Lagden, British resident commissioner, has returned to Maseru, Basutoland, from the scene of operations near Wepener. He and the paramount chief have stationed 3,000 armed natives to resist possible Boer entrenchments. The orders of the resident commissioner are that the Basutos are not to be allowed to cross the Free State frontier on any pretence whatever. Two natives who crossed and looted an abandoned Boer farm are now in custody.

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EXCELLENT MUSIC RENDERED

BY THE VARIOUS CHOIRS, WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARING FOR THE OCCASION FOR WEEKS—SERMON ON "THE EMPTY TOMB" AT ST. JOHN'S.

Easter's glorious festival was celebrated yesterday with all the manifestations of joy which mark the anniversary of Christ's resurrection from the dead. The day was an ideal one. Time was when only the Episcopal and Roman Catholics observed the day, but now it is celebrated by churches of all denominations and of all faiths, and in the homes of the people as well. Flowers, symbolizing the awakening of nature from her long Winter's sleep, were seen in profusion, not only in the churches, but in the front windows of many hundred homes.

AT ST. JOHN'S. Tall, fragrant Easter lilies, graceful sprays, modest daisies and stately palms beautified St. John's P. E. Church yesterday; and these, combined with the fresh, sweet voices of the choir boys, the eloquent sermon of the rector, and the dim, religious light of the beautiful church itself, made up an ideal Easter here.

Some time before the hour of service a large congregation had gathered, which later on earnestly took part in the beautiful, impressive ceremony of the church. The music was of an unusually high order and showed careful training on the part of Francis Morrison, the choir leader. Mr. Morrison was ill yesterday, but his place at the organ was acceptably filled by his assistant organist, C. W. K. Bradford.

Archdeacon George C. Hall, the rector, based his sermon on Mary Magdalen's visit to the empty tomb. It was of deep interest, and listened to with marked attention. Dr. Hall concluded by reciting a beautiful Easter poem.

In the afternoon, instead of the regular service, the children's festival was held. The program rendered by the choir and the Sunday school orchestra was thoroughly enjoyed by a large attendance of children and adults.

At the conclusion of the morning service bags of Easter candy were presented to the choir boys.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. With an augmented choir and beautiful floral decorations St. Andrew's Church celebrated the glad Easter-tide. The sermon, which was on the resurrection, was by Rev. W. J. B. Jackson, which was an interesting address. In his report Superintendent Robert Adair said that the missionary collection of the day and the school's mite box collection aggregated about \$89. The total Lenten collection will be over \$100.

Bishop Coleman will administer the rites of confirmation at the church next Sunday.

THE DAY AT GRACE. Rev. W. King, D. D., preached his second morning sermon as pastor of Grace M. E. Church yesterday. His discourse was appropriate to the season, and was heard by a large congregation. Members of the quartet choir, composed of Miss Katharine Garrett, Miss Lulu Elliott, Howard H. Carver and Frank H. Mason, gave one of the finest programs ever heard in the church.

Grace Sunday school held its Easter festival last night at 7:30 o'clock. The program included addresses by City Solicitor Henry C. Conrad, Rev. W. W. King, recitation by Miss Beulah Whitman, solo by Miss Ethel Rogers and selections by the Sunday school orchestra. The church quartet also assisted.

IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES. Solemn high mass was celebrated at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral at 10:30 a. m. Vicar-General J. A. Lyons preached the sermon to a large congregation. The address was on the direction of Professor Gorman, rendered an elaborate program, with orchestra accompaniment.

Bishop Monaghan celebrated grand pontifical vespers at 7:30 p. m. His assistants were Very Rev. J. A. Lyons and Fathers F. Fullerton, McVeigh, McGoldrick and Dougherty. Rev. F. Fullerton preached the sermon.

At St. Paul's R. C. Church Father Viaban, S. S., of Baltimore, was the celebrant of the mass. Father Fullerton was the deacon and Father McKenna, sub-deacon. The former preached the sermon. The musical program was especially fine.

AT EPWORTH CHURCH. Crowds thronged Epworth M. E. Church at all the services yesterday. The pretty auditorium was effectively decorated, and the choir, under the direction of George H. King, rendered a program of rare excellence. The pastor, Rev. F. B. Short, preached a powerful sermon from Corinthians: "How Are the Dead Raised Up? And With What Body Do They Come?"

OTHER CHURCHES. An immense congregation filled St. Paul's M. E. Church, both morning and evening, and the services were of an interesting character.

Rev. J. H. Chesley, of Claymont, gave the address at the Easter festival at Trinity P. E. Church last evening.

Rev. William Frederick Lewis preached an eloquent sermon at Rodney Street Presbyterian Church yesterday. The music was fine.

ALONG THE BRANDYWINE

MANY PERSONS TEMPTED OUT BY YESTERDAY'S FAIR WEATHER.

Brandywine Park was thronged with people yesterday. The summer houses and park benches were in use throughout the entire day. Easter flowers and costumes were to be seen on the hill-sides, along the paths, avenues and drives.

The sunshine and warm weather were appreciated by the crowds, and the only thing that detracted from their pleasure was the scarcity of Spring water. Hundreds of persons who repaired to the springs to quench their thirst were disappointed. The large spring near the pavilion is dry, and the small one on the north drive below the suspension foot bridge is almost out of service.

Work of laying new foot boards on the small bridge which spans the stream below the railroad bridge is progressing.

MANY FEVER CASES. TWENTY-SEVEN HIGHLANDERS ILL WITH TYPHOID FEVER.

Typoid fever continues to prevail in the Highlands. On Saturday there were twenty-seven cases of the disease, there, but a Washington street physician who is attending fifteen of the sick people, says none of his patients is dangerously ill.

The disease throughout the Highlands has been of a mild type. There have, however, been two deaths, but the attending physicians say that no more are threatened.

The people of the Highlands and the officers of the Board of Health are at a loss to know what has caused the prevalence of the fever in the neighborhood.

SECURING RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE TROLLEY ROAD TO WEST CHESTER.

JAMES H. HOFFECKER, OF THIS CITY, PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY, WILL GO OVER THE ROUTE TO-MORROW.

The right of way for the Wilmington and West Chester electric railway has not been secured, notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

Agents of the company are now along the proposed line of the railway, and as they have secured considerable right of way, they anticipate but little trouble in inducing all the land owners along the line to allow the road to traverse their properties.

James H. Hoffecker, of this city, president of the company, will go over the route to-morrow with James A. Noylan, who will build the road.

CREWS FOR SUMMER RUSH. In anticipation of heavy Summer travel, the Brandywine Springs Railway Company is engaging its crews. Men who were employed by the company last season are being selected as far as possible.

SWORD OF CHINESE COINS. George B. Campbell, of Thirty-fifth and Tattall streets, has received from his son, George, who is on the United States steamer Brooklyn, at Hong Kong, a sword made of 250 Chinese coins.

FARM AT SHERIFF SALE. Sheriff Taylor on Saturday afternoon sold the 187-acre farm of George W. Gray, in Red Lion hundred, to Harry Emmons for \$2,500. The sale was made on a second mortgage, amounting to \$2,500.

ELOPING COUPLE ARRESTED. An eloping couple was arrested near Townsend yesterday by Kent county officers. They were George Classick and Mrs. Julia Spencer, both of Kenton. They were sent back to that place.

If you want a good smoke try the Spoon Holder 5c, cigar, clear Havana filler, at 313 Market street. George M. Peirce, manager.

Fine lunch served at Taylor's, 615 Shipley, daily from 10 to 1. Best in city.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

The Sunday school board of Union M. E. Church has elected Marvin Hanna organist and Miss Effie Schumayer, pianist.

From the steamer City of Chester, in the Christiana river yesterday, the National Homing Association of America released a number of birds.

Louis B. Baldwin, a prominent member of the Sons of Delaware, died in Asheville, N. C., on last Friday.

Newark is said to be overrun with worthless dogs.

Work on the new pier at Lewes has been begun.

After repeated attempts, the stone barge built by Contractor Patrick Fahy, was launched on Saturday.

George Nichols stood in the pillory at Georgetown on Saturday as part penalty for a vicious assault committed on William H. Danks, of Caroline county, Md.

Dr. Edward Fowler may announce himself a candidate for election to the insurance commissionership of the state, which position he now holds by appointment.

The Delaware Pilot, published at Lewes, has been enlarged.

Another meeting of carpenters and joiners will be held in the Labor League rooms to-night for the purpose of further discussing plans for the contemplated union.

The Jackson and Sharp Company will build a large steamboat for the Barrett Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia.

Contractor John E. Healy will begin work on the proposed improvements to St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral within a week.

PARIS CROWDED WITH VISITORS

Provincials and Foreigners Have Full Swing at French Exhibition Opening.

PARISIANS REMAIN AT HOME

NOT EVEN A BAND OF MUSIC TO MAKE THE INCOMPLETE SHOW ATTRACTIVE TO 250,000 PERSONS WHO THROG THE GROUNDS.

Paris, April 16.—Glorious weather favored the opening of the exposition to the general public yesterday, and immense crowds flocked into the grounds. The area of the exhibition, however, is so great that nowhere was there any crush. The visitors were mainly composed of provincials and foreigners. Comparatively few Parisians were to be seen. Aware of the great backwardness of the preparations, they remained away for the most part. The admissions numbered 250,000.

The management demanded two entrance tickets for morning admission, one for afternoon admission and two during the evening, when the Eiffel tower and the palaces on the Champs de Mars were illuminated. But there were absolutely no attractions provided, not even a band of music, and the people promenaded in front of the empty and in many cases unfinished buildings, and along roads where only in the case of the main avenues had the work of paving been completed.

Visitors who left the central arteries found their pathway filled with pitfalls and heaped with debris, some thoroughfares resembling mere bridle paths. The crowd, however, was perfectly good natured and took the matter philosophically. Hardly a murmur was heard anywhere in the way of criticism.

The moving sidewalk, access to which cost 50 centimes, proved a great success and was jammed throughout the day.

The American national pavilion remained closed. So also did most of the other pavilions, for the excellent reason that their interiors are still unfinished.

TO MEET IN LONDON. DELAWARE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS WILL ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

On July 14 next the International Convention of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held in London. For the purpose of transporting delegates from Pennsylvania, the London committee, after months of effort, has chartered a North German Lloyd steamer. This steamer will be used exclusively by the Pennsylvanians and their friends, which will include the Delaware societies, many of which will be represented.

The Pennsylvania and Delaware delegation will reach London on the day the convention opens. After spending a week there they will divide into five parties, which will tour the continent. All will spend a week at the Paris Exposition and see the Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau. There are but fifty berths left in the steamer.

FORT DUPONT TEAM. Fort DuPont has organized a baseball team with these players: Meads and Ludlum, pitchers; Fell, catcher; Hopkins, first base; Wells, second base; Allen, shortstop; Coy, third base; McGinley, left field; Garrett, centre field; Ashley, right field. The team wishes to hear from first-class teams in the State of Delaware. A. T. Rinsake, Fort DuPont, Delaware City, will receive challenges.

DEATH OF MRS. FOLWELL. Mrs. Mary P. Folwell, wife of Rev. George W. Folwell, a former pastor of Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, died at her home, in Germantown, recently.

THE WEATHER. New York Herald's Forecast.—The area of higher pressure on the Atlantic coasts will move slowly eastward to-day, and temperatures will rise slowly in this section.

A disturbance, moving north, in the Christiana river yesterday, with energy, will advance towards the Great Lakes to-day. Temperatures are higher on its eastern side, but snow has fallen in Colorado on the west.

In the Middle States and New England to-day fair weather and slowly rising temperature will prevail, with light and fresh southwesterly to southeasterly winds, followed by cloudiness in the western districts of this section.

On Tuesday fair to partly cloudy weather will prevail, with slight temperature changes and fresh southerly and southeasterly winds, followed by rain in the northern districts, probably extending to the coasts of New Jersey.

On Wednesday partly cloudy and slightly cooler, preceded by rain.