

HEROIC FIGHTING BY BOER WOMEN

Fourteen Killed in One Laager in a British Charge at Spion Kop—Women on the Battlefield with Their Husbands.

[Early Dispatches.]
New York, April 6.—A correspondent of the World, writing from Pretoria, March 31, says:
"The World knows no finer example of heroism than that exhibited by fourteen women on one of the five days fighting around Spion Kop. A strictly family party of Boers, fourteen men and their wives, were entrenched in one position, and held it with amazing bravery against a small force of British. For a long time the men fought incessantly and kept their wives busy reloading their rifles.
"Finally fifty British soldiers, with fixed bayonets, charged on the trenchment. As they came closer, closer, the Boer men crept over the earth works, and while the women began shooting, tried with the butts of their rifles to hammer back the British. Before their wives eyes every one of the fourteen Boers were killed, bayoneted or shot.
"The fourteen women, so quickly widowed, never thought of surrender, but fought most valiantly and coolly for half an hour. The British surprised them not one of the fourteen survived to mourn her husband.
"Two days later, when the British forces moved across the Tugela, 23 women, 11 men and 14 women, were found within a radius of 100 feet. Now there is a big, long mound where rests the bodies of as brave a band as ever fought for freedom.
"Scores of women have been in every command's laager I have visited, and only one has been without her rifle and bandoliers—Mrs. Joubert, wife of the commander-in-chief of the Transvaal forces. But their bravery does not rob these women of any womanly qualities—gentleness, pity.
"Not far from the Pretoria laager I found a Boer woman under the canopy of one of the big treeling wagons. Her ears were falling so copiously that they matted her hair and she was about 15 years old, comely, lately well dressed.
"It is not strange to see a Boer woman weeping; there is not one but has either father or brother or many relatives in the war. But this one's grief was extreme that I stopped and found she spoke English exceptionally well. She told me her sister had been killed by a sharpshooter the day before.
"She was my twin sister, and we never passed a day apart," she said, between her sobs. "It breaks my heart to think that she lies over there in the ground." She pointed to a mound of fresh earth with a line of stones around and over it, a short distance away.
"I told her, too, her father, five brothers and innumerable relatives were fighting.
"Oh!" she exclaimed as her arm suddenly twitched. Then I saw a small

hole in the right sleeve of her dress just above the elbow.
"Have you been wounded?" I asked.
"Oh, yes," she replied rather languidly. "A bullet grazed me, and occasionally it pains me very much."
"Then this girl of 15 years explained, rather apologetically, that her father compelled her to remain in the wagon until the wounded were loaded.
"If it were not for him," she said, "I should not be here crying. I'd be down in yonder trench where I ought to be."
"The men suffer extremely from homesickness when the women are absent, for in peace they are rarely separated more than a few hours.
"And no finer, more inspiring exemplification of patriotism can be found on God's footstool than a Boer woman by her husband's side, a rifle in her hands, and well filled bandoliers over her shoulder.
"All but one of the women whom I have seen were black or brown dresses. One was in a man's apparel, but the Boers tell me the women often put on their husband's clothing when their own becomes worn.
"In the early days of the campaign the British capture three Boer women in men's clothing, and they are still held as prisoners of war on the warships at Simonstown, near Capetown, but they have been supplied with proper clothing.
"Whether they fought or not, whether they were black or brown, or not, it is hard to keep those warrior women from the front. They were the first to insist that the Transvaal should resist England. Now they are sharing the burden and expect to share the glory for every Boer man or woman, old or young, firmly believes that the republic will ultimately triumph.
"The relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith are regarded not as defeats but Boer victories, inasmuch as the Boer forces, which have been lying almost idle around the cities, can now be taken where there is real fighting."

Famous Tenor Dead.
San Francisco, April 6.—Ernesto Baldani, the tenor, who twelve years ago sang with Patti in leading roles, is dead in this city of acute bronchitis. He sang for the last time on last Sunday night at the O'Brien concert hall. He recently arrived in this city and organized the Philharmonic society of which he was the leader. He leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Trombley, of Chicago.

Japanese Museum and Art Gallery
Minneapolis, April 6.—A special to the Times from Tacoma, Wash., says:
Oriental art collections have been state that Japan's need of a national museum and art gallery is about to be supplied. It is being arranged that all loyal subjects disposed to offer presents to the crown prince and his bride at the approaching nuptials shall contribute money instead of purchasing presents. The fund thus obtained will

be devoted to building a fine art museum. Their imperial highnesses are willing to accept wedding presents, but combinations of donors will be necessary to secure suitable gifts. It is therefore argued that money contributions will be more readily given, each contributing what he likes. Viscount Hika, formerly minister of the household department, the Tokio chamber of commerce and the newspapers are supporting the project.

Cecil Rhodes in England.
Southampton, April 6.—Cecil Rhodes, who sailed from Capetown on March 21st, arrived here today.

Outrage by Peruvians.
Chicago, April 6.—A special to the Record from Washington says:
Edward Gottfried, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., late consular agent of this government at Truxillo, Peru, in a sworn statement which he has filed with the state department, asserts that in the summer of 1893 at Huamachuco, Peru, fifty or sixty Peruvian revolutionaries dragged him half dressed to the public square, where they demanded that he produce 5,000 soles, (between \$3,000 and \$4,000), and twenty-five rifles within fifteen minutes or submit to chastisement in what is termed in Peru the "flying stocks."
Gottfried says he protested he was unable to comply with the demand and was immediately knocked down with a blow from a gun and overpowered. His thumbs were tied together with thongs and his hands twisted back of his head. Heavy rifles were inserted between the inverted elbows and his head, and in that position he was stung up. In a short time the agonizing pain rendered him insensible. The administration will demand restitution and an apology.

Murdered and Burned.
Birmingham, Ala., April 6.—Joe Scott, a negro, was murdered and his house set on fire by two young unknown negro men early this morning. The house was located in Eason Ridge and before the fire department could reach the place the building was completely destroyed together with two adjacent houses. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the crime.

BOERS DEMAND A SURRENDER.

British General Brabant Sends Back the Usual "No Reply."

LONDON SHOWS IRRITATION

Thinks Roberts and Buller are Too Slow in Moving—Long Sickness Among Cattle.

[Early Dispatches.]
London, April 16, 10 a. m.—The Times publishes the following from Wepener, dated Wednesday, April 4:
"The Boers are sniping our patrols.
"A party of blindfolded Boers was brought in with the following written message:
"I am here with several thousand burghers; and in the cause of humanity and to save such a dreadful sacrifice of life as occurred in the last battle, I demand your immediate surrender."
"This was signed 'Banks, general.'
"The party was sent back with the answer: 'No reply.'
"General Brabant's force is here, and will give some trouble to any body of Boers likely to attack us."

Pretoria, Wednesday, April 4.—The Free State Raad adjourned sine die after passing the President's speech. Twenty-six members were present.

London, April 6, 5 a. m.—The war office issued no news yesterday, and the ter passing the President's speech. According to the Standard's representative there is no sign that the Boers intend taking the offensive. Gen. Clements is so disposing his forces as to guard against any surprise attack, which, although improbable, is evidently not regarded as impossible, judging from the preparations of Lord Roberts. As usual whenever there is any check in the progress of the Boer campaign, the war office is being severely censured for failing to maintain the necessary supplies of remounts for the army. It is possible Lord Roberts has difficulties other than remounts with which to contend. Much anxiety is felt as to the water supply, despite the statements cabled home that there is no fear of a water famine.
Whatever the reasons may be, considerable dissatisfaction is beginning to be expressed here at the unaccountable delay, both at Bloemfontein and in Natal, which enables the Boers to recover from the demoralization caused by Lord Roberts' former rapid movements.
The enemy now evidently hope to retard the advance by threatening the railways behind Lord Roberts. So far as the Natal railways are concerned, repairs are being made beyond Elands-laagte, and the idea, so often repeated, is that an advance is imminent.
A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Ladysmith says that the Boer investing positions reveal immense strength, ingenious construction and immunity from the British shrapnel and shelling fire.
A dispatch from Ladysmith to the Daily Chronicle gives serious news of

the outbreak of a deadly tick sickness among the oxen, which, if it spreads, is likely to cripple Gen. Buller's operations.
From Lourenco Marques comes the report that Mr. Steyn has been appointed commandant of the Free State forces.
Although Col. Plumer is reported to have got within six miles of Mafeking, it is evident that the siege had not been raised on April 1st. Toward the end of this month Col. Plumer will be reinforced by the troops now going by way of Beira, so that relief cannot be far distant.

EIGHT GUNS AT ONCE.
Terrible Noise in Testing the Kearsarge Battery.
Newport News, Va., April 6.—The new battleship Kearsarge has returned from a short trip to sea with the naval inspection board. The test of the ship's turrets proved entirely satisfactory. When clear of the coastwise steamer course, the guns of both batteries were tried, each gun being fired twice. The four guns of the forward turret, two eight and two thirteen, were fired simultaneously and the four guns of the aft turret in the same way. This was the first time in the history of navies that four guns of that calibre were ever fired at the same time from one turret. The structural strength of the turrets were found to be remarkable, there being no strain whatever.
The supreme test was the simultaneous test of the eight guns on the two-story turrets. Here again, the turrets and the ship stood the terrible force of the discharge without the slightest evidence of strain. The broadside batteries of eight-inch guns also stood their tests.

RUSSO - JAPANESE FIGHT.
Russian Cruiser Fires a Torpedo at Japanese Battleship.
Later Replies With Several Shots, but Both Vessels Were Uninjured—A Dangerous Incident.

Vancouver, B. C., April 5.—Admiral by steamer from the Orient says: "The war toward which Russia and Japan are believed by the Oriental papers to be drifting was almost precipitated by an incident which Japanese officials have vainly endeavored to suppress. On March 24th a Japanese battleship encountered a Russian cruiser in the neighborhood of Hakkaido. Without any warning, the Russian discharged a torpedo against the battleship, but missed aim, and the Japanese ship escaped unhurt, but before returning fired several shots at her assailant."

FIGHT WITH NATIVES.
Negroes Give the British Trouble in Ashantiland.
Accra, British Gold Coast, Africa, April 5.—Tribal fighting has taken place in Ashanti. Governor and Lady Hodgson are at Comassie. The telegraph wires have been cut, communication stopped, and dispatches destroyed. A body of hussars is leaving here for Comassie. The situation appears to be serious.

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