

# LOSSES OF BRITISH SAID TO BE 100 TO 1

**Victory Reported by Boers—English Correspondents Confirm It—British Loss, 1,400; Boers 14—Other War News.**

(Early Dispatches)

London, April 11.—The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay:

"It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded, and 800 taken prisoners."

"Lord Roberts is declared to be finding great difficulty owing to the scarcity of water."

A quickie in the Daily Mail from Kimberley, dated Sunday, says: "Yesterday Gen. De Wet inflicted the third defeat on the British within a week at Meerkatfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900 with twelve wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded."

**CAUSES GREAT ANXIETY.**

But that the war office has issued no news from Lord Roberts during the last three days, the world is disposed to take any evidence in the Boer news of another British disaster. The unexpected rallying of the Free State Commandos, however, leaves the public in a nervous condition, fearing everything.

but they will endeavor to save their amour propre or to secure a truce for further negotiations. Mr. Fischer says the present Boer strength at the front is 35,000.

**TROOPS LEAVING BULLER.**

The Durban correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "Large numbers of troops are coming down for shipment to Cape Colony. The commandos have already sailed. Gen. De Wet is also going to the south probably in command of these troops."

The Durban correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Tuesday, April 10th, says: "Our naval guns have commenced bombarding the Boer positions between Sunday's river and Biggarberg."

**5,000 HORSES A MONTH.**

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The water supply continues satisfactory. In trying to proceed vigorously on the hills commanding Bloemfontein, Civilian labor is to be utilized. Sickness among the troops is somewhat diminishing."

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lized them greatly was the total absence of horses had been evacuated in succession by rear guards.

The trek proceeded throughout Sunday, and on Monday morning the convoy was ten miles from Bloemfontein.

Mr. Burnham, explaining the Boer method of obtaining the range for rifle fire, says: "One man fired successive shots and watched the dust raised by the bullets until accuracy was obtained, and he then communicated the range to his comrades."

**CAREFUL INSTRUCTIONS BY BOER COMMANDERS.**

Mr. Burnham also mentions the way which work intrusted to men with led horses was immediately taken up by others with fresh animals if occasion demanded, the new-comers being given instructions and the range of the men whose places they took. He adds: "I struck by the extraordinary dullness of the instructions given by the commanders to the men before any movement was begun."

These include information as to the route to be followed, the intention of the movement and the different rendezvous in case either of victory or defeat. Another thing that impressed him greatly was the total absence of

robbery. The thief who had been shot had been at work. Miss Potter at once notified her father, and in fifteen minutes it was seen that the second floor of the house had been ransacked.

It was found that more than \$2,000 worth of jewelry and articles of value in the family decided not to make known the loss for a while, at least, or to notify the police, having the hope that the thieves might make a proposition to return the jewels for a ransom.

Some of the jewels are of such design as to appear to the thief that the effort to attempt to dispose of them in a summary way would only invite capture. A diamond necklace belonging to Mrs. Potter is the most valuable single article that was taken. Some marquise rings were also in the booty.

An account of the following statement was made: "I was working at 8 o'clock when the robbery occurred. All who were in the house at the time were at dinner and the servants were busy in the kitchen and dining room. The burglar entered through the back door. The burglar entered through the back door. They broke the porch and pulled open the windows without making enough noise to be heard below. There was no money in the house, but there was a large amount of jewelry. The amount taken is not above \$20,000."

This is the third big burglary within a week. On the first night the burglar drove to the Free State a week ago.

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After the models were unpacked, the cost of the damage they had suffered was discovered immediately. Lieutenant Naval Constructor Gillmore, who fortunately had been ordered to Paris, examined the models and reported upon the repairs necessary to put them in proper condition again. At one time it looked as though it would be necessary to send to this country to get workers to make the necessary repairs, but the French government offered Mr. Gillmore the use of the French ship yard at Cherbourg, which was accepted.

The results will probably be of a temporary character. It is intended by Rear Admiral Hitchborn, who has been returned to Washington, to have permanent repairs made at the Washington navy yard.

Commander J. M. Hawley, of the training ship Hartford, has sent a report to the navy department relative to the progress made in the landing under his command in educating themselves to be seamen. He reports that a board of officers, of which Lieutenant Commander Alexander Sharp Jr. is one, have examined and recommended the men to be seamen. The northern colony of Canada is pretty well settled, and the thirteen districts know each other. In the Southern colony, which comprises three districts they do not know much about each other, and are not so likely to be friendly as those in the Northern colony.

The correspondent of the Times at Lourenco Marques, telegraphing Monday, says: "Turstworthy refugees assert that the Boers recently obtained at least thirty pieces of artillery, some of large caliber, which were brought from South Africa and placed in African ports. Eight of these guns were dispatched to the Free State a week ago. The Boer officials openly boast that they have succeeded in smuggling ammunition through Portuguese territory, and the cruiser Baltimore was also damaged, the severity of their injuries being indicated by the order in which they are named."

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**BOERS SECURE THEIR CONVOY.**

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, dated April 8th, gives a description by F. R. Burnham, the American scout with Gen. Roberts, of the Boer from Korn Spruit, Mr. Burnham says:

"On upon this, the Daily Mail remarks: 'There is now 300 miles from Brandfort about five and a half miles southeast of Kroonstad, but if the report be true, this can hardly be felt.'

**THIS IS NO MIX.**

A dispatch from Pretoria, dated April 8th, from Lourenco Marques, says: "The British casualties in the fight at Brandfort were 100 killed and wounded and 600 captured."

"The Transvaal volksraad has been summoned to meet in ordinary session on March 20th."

The Daily Mail publishes the following, dated April 19th, from Lourenco Marques: "The Netherland railway promises to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kroonstad, the Boers capturing 900 British."

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**LOOKING FOR AN OPENING.**

The Bloemfontein correspondent says: "The enemy is making a desperate attempt to discover a strategic opening. Their number is unknown to us, but are anywhere between three and six thousand. They are moving cautiously."

"Reinments are arriving, but the Argentine animals are little liked by the cavalry."

"Among the valuable documents destroyed, belonging to Messrs. Steyn and Fischer, is some correspondence proving that the fall of Ladysmith was to be the signal for a general Dutch rising."

"Twenty miles from Mafeking, the Daily Mail has the following from Mr. Wilson, dated Mafeking, March 20th: 'Col. Plumer's column is now within twenty miles of us, but its advance is unsuspiciously accompanied by food supplies. The column prevails here that young Conroy has returned to the ranks of the investing force and is trying to avenge his mother.'

**METHUEN ADVANCING.**

Reports seem to indicate that Lord Methuen is advancing from Brandfort toward Hoopstad. It is a bold and dangerous move, since, although it turns the flank of the Boer force at Bloemfontein, it puts Lord Methuen's force between where there may be at Bloemfontein, the Transvaal, and the Brandfort front."

The Boer peace commissioners at Cape Town, however, say that they have no hope of obtaining peace with the republics.

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**PORCH CLIMBERS  
GET \$40,000.**

Chicago Mansion of Orrin W. Potter Stripped of Valuables.

**FAMILY WERE AT DINNER.**

Burglars Entered Upstairs, and Nobody Heard Them—Amount Lost Claimed as \$20,000.

**(Early Dispatches)**

Chicago, April 11.—Some estimates place the amount the porch climbers got away with as \$40,000.

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In some cases the external signs of Contagious Blood Poison are so slight that the victim is firmly within the grasp of the monster before the true nature of the disease is known. In other cases the blood is quickly filled with this poisonous virus and the swollen glands, mucus patches in the mouth, sores on scalp, ulcers on tongue, sore throat, eruptions on skin, copper colored spots, and falling hair and eyebrows leave no room for doubt, as these are all unmistakable signs of Contagious Blood Poison.

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