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BOERS FAIL TO MAKE STAND

Abandon Their Position at Rhenoster River on Roberts' Approach.

Part of the British Force Cross the Stream.

Transvaalers Had Prepared for a Strong Resistance.

Strategic Movement of the British Checkmated Them.

BELIEF NOW THAT THEY WILL NOT FIGHT IN BATTLE SOUTH OF THE VAAL—KRUGER KEEPS CLOSE WITHIN PRESIDENTIAL MANSION—BETHUNE FELL INTO TRAP.

London, May 23.—The following was received from Roberts tonight: "South Bank of Rhenoster River, May 23.—We found on arrival here this morning that the enemy had fled during the night. They had occupied a strong position on the north bank of the river, which had been carefully entrenched but did not think it advisable to defend it when they heard that Hamilton's force was at Hellbron and that our cavalry, which had crossed the Rhenoster some miles lower down the stream, were throwing their right and rear. The bridge over the Rhenoster, several culverts and some miles of railway were then destroyed. Hamilton's troops drove the Boers under Piet Dewet before them from Lindley to Hellbron. The passage of the Rhenoster was stoutly defended. Our loss might have been heavy but for a well concerted plan which brought Smith-Dorrien's brigade on the enemy's flank just at the right moment.

"The officer commanding at Boshof reports that upward of 350 Free Staters surrendered during the last few days, giving up 350 rifles, about a hundred horses and a large quantity of ammunition. Kelly-Kenny reports three companies of yeomanry who were sent to repair the telegraph and clear the country between Bloemfontein and Boshof, have returned to Bloemfontein, having performed their duty exceedingly well.

London, May 24.—Roberts' despatch tells all that is known here of his advance and the Boers' abandonment of their positions on the Rhenoster river. Their retreat is regarded as a further indication that they will not risk a battle anywhere south of the Vaal river. Some correspondents reaffirm that they are demoralized and are not likely to make a stand even at the Vaal.

KRUGER UNAPPROACHABLE.

The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Mail declares that the councils at Pretoria are divided. Those favoring a continuance of the war are in the minority. Kruger has been unapproachable for a whole week. He does not leave the presidency, pleading illness. He heads the council from day-break until midnight.

BETHUNE WALKED INTO TRAP.

Details in regard to the disaster to Bethune's horse in the neighborhood of Vryheid show that he changed the route prescribed for him and tried to occupy Vryheid, which he had been informed had been abandoned. The British walked into the trap and were mowed down with Maxim's, losing five officers and sixty-three men killed, including Captain Goff, who led them.

LORD ROBERTS ADVANCING.

London, May 23.—Once more Lord Roberts is advancing in force. The wait at Kroonstad is over and already the main British army is about twenty miles north of its former resting place. Judging from despatches from Lord Roberts at Honing Spruit station, while flanking him on either side of the railroad, General French's cavalry and General Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry are both slightly in advance of Lord Roberts and threatening to envelop the Boer position, which extends for twenty miles due north.

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WARREN TAKES DOUGLAS.

Cape Town, May 22.—General Warren has occupied Douglas after heavy fighting and without sustaining any loss. The Boers have retreated to the north.

BADEN-POWELL'S REPORT.

London, May 23.—The war office issues a despatch from Lord Roberts under date of Honing Spruit, May 22, announcing the receipt by him of the following message from Major General Baden-Powell:

"Mafeking, May 17.—I am happy to inform you that Mafeking was successfully relieved today. The northern and southern columns joined hands on May 15 and attacked the enemy yesterday and after a small engagement entirely defeated them with loss. The British casualties were three killed and twenty-two wounded. The relieving force marched into Mafeking and the relief and defense forces combined and moved out and attacked the enemy's head laager. We shelled them out and nearly captured Snyman and took one gun, a flag and a large amount of ammunition, stores, etc. Five dead and fifteen wounded Boers were found. The enemy appears to be retreating in all directions, except one commando which is lying low, possibly to cover the retreat of the remainder.

"Captain McLaren and Corporal Murray were found in the Boer hospital. The townspeople and the garrison of Mafeking are heartily grateful for their relief."

Lord Roberts' despatch further says: "Ian Hamilton reached Hellbron this morning, after a series of engagements with a Boer force under Dewet, who is retiring before him. Broadwood has captured fifteen Boer wagons. There have been 75 casualties in Hamilton's force to yesterday evening. We marched here this morning."

PLAN OF BOER ENVOYS

Washington, May 23.—Mr. Fischer, one of the Boer envoys, spoke freely today as to their general plans for the future. He said that it was their purpose to visit ten or twelve of the principal cities of the United States and explain to the people whatever they might wish to know of the Boer cause. They were, he said, particularly anxious to avoid even the semblance of taking any part in American politics. They came to plead with the whole American people for sympathy and support.

WILL BE NO REVISION.

Presbyterians Decide Not to Change Confession of Faith.

Atlanta, May 23.—No discussion on a revision of the confession of faith of the Presbyterian church will arise in the present session of the southern general assembly now in session in this city. The overture from the Brazos, Tex., presbytery asking a change regarding the death of infants was reported negatively this morning by the committee to which it had been referred, and the report was adopted by the assembly precluding the possibility of a discussion over the confession.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Next Annual Meeting Will be Held in This City.

H. Taylor Rogers received the following telegram yesterday afternoon from E. L. Harris, supreme representative for North Carolina of the Royal Arcanum:

"Asheville secured supreme council by good majority."

The supreme council Royal Arcanum is now in session at Montreal, Quebec and will hold its next annual session in Asheville. There are probably about one hundred representatives, with their families, who attend the meetings, and generally spend about ten days.

Montreal, May 23.—The supreme council of the Royal Arcanum today closed its session, lasting several days, by the election of officers. The council will meet next year in Asheville.

YES ERDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

At Pittsburg— RHE
Pittsburg..... 8 9 1
Batteries: Waddell and Chover; Howell and McGuire.

At St. Louis— RHE
St. Louis..... 2 4 1
Boston..... 3 6 2
Batteries: Young and Robinson; Dineen and Sullivan.

At Chicago— RHE
Chicago..... 5 10 2
Philadelphia..... 3 10 2
Batteries: Griffith and Chance; Platt and McFarland.

At Cincinnati— RHE
Cincinnati..... 4 6 5
New York..... 15 17 3
Batteries: Scott and Peitz; Doheny and Bowerman.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Cleveland—Cleveland, 5; Chicago, 1.

At Buffalo—Kansas City, 11; Buffalo, 5.

At Detroit—Detroit, 7; Milwaukee, 6.

At Indianapolis—Indianapolis, 6; Minneapolis, 6.

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THE CUMNOCK MINE DISASTER

22 Miners Lost Their Lives in the Chatham County Colliery.

Only Five Saved From the East Heading.

Explosion Caused by a Broken Gauge in a Lamp.

Fourth Disaster in the History of These Mines.

MINE WAS NOT DAMAGED—VICTIMS DIED IMMEDIATELY FROM BURNS CAUSED BY EXPLOSIONS AND SOME FROM AFTERDAMP.

Raleigh, N. C., May 23.—Twenty-two miners, ten white men and twelve negroes, lost their lives in an explosion at Cumnock mines, Chatham county, N. C., yesterday afternoon. The explosion occurred at 4:30 o'clock, and is supposed to have been caused by a broken gauge in a safety lamp. The accident was in what is known as the east heading and between forty and fifty men were in the mine at the time. Five were brought out alive from the east heading, while none of the men in the other parts of the mine were injured.

About fifty persons from Sanford, a town six miles from the mine, went out immediately when the news of the disaster was received to assist in the work of rescuing the dead and lending assistance to the injured.

THE DEAD.

The names of the killed are as follows: White—John Connelly, mine superintendent; Joe Glass, William Tyson, James McCarthy, John Hankey, Wesley Clegg, John Willett, John Gatewood, Robert Gatewood.

Negro—Sim McIntire, Dan Goldston, Joe Fagan, Will Reeves, Robert Reeves, Allie Bynum, Joe Taylor, Jim Maks, John Lee Palmer, Jim Palmer.

MINE NOT INJURED.

The explosion occurred in the 460 feet east level, half a mile from the shaft. The mine was not damaged, and the explosion was not heard outside.

Twenty miners at work in the west levels went to the rescue of the others and saved five, all seriously burned or bruised, four of them negroes, and one, Garland Thomas, white.

There was much damp in the mine. The explosion burned to death all save four, and these afterward killed.

WORK OF RESCUE.

Within an hour after the explosion the work of rescue began and by night all the bodies except one, that of Sim McIntire, had been brought to the top. John Connelly, the mine superintendent, came to this state about three years ago from Pittsburg, Pa. He leaves a wife and three small children.

Willie Tyson was the son of Jordan Tyson, a prominent citizen of Moore county.

The bodies were prepared for burial last night, and the funeral took place today.

A great many of the bodies taken from the mine had been burned and the scenes around the mouth of the shaft yesterday had been heartrending.

A BAD HISTORY.

The Cumnock mines already had a reputation for fatalities. On December 19, 1895, an explosion of fire damp occurred there while sixty-five men were at work, and forty dead bodies were taken out. Since that time, however, extensive improvements have been made, and the mines were regarded as free from fire damp. Pennsylvania capitalists own the property.

The disaster that occurred yesterday is the fourth, and in the disaster about eighty-five men have lost their lives and many others have been injured.

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lives and many others have been injured.

The mines are situated at Cumnock, in Chatham county, about six miles from Sanford. The mine has been long used in a desultory fashion, but in 1888 Samuel H. Henzy, of Philadelphia, organized a company, and put in modern machinery. There are two shafts, one a small affair for ventilation, and the other, the main working shaft, is 8-12 feet, and is considerably more than 500 feet in depth. The explosion in 1895 was caused by fire damp, although many of those killed on this occasion lost their lives from the resulting explosion of almost 250 pounds of dynamite that were stored in the mines.

WHAT THE NEGRO ASKS.

Address by Booker T. Washington—Equality of Opportunity.

Washington, May 23.—Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee last night delivered an address on the future of the negro at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church. He said:

"In these latter days we hear much of removing from our fundamental law the precious magna charta of our citizenship, the fifteenth amendment. Whether wisely or unwisely this guarantee of our rights was placed in the constitution by the ripest thought of the nation, at the time it was enacted, and there in my mind, at the behest of the conservative and patriotic opinion of both the north and the south, it will remain while the constitution itself stands.

"What the negro asks is equity of opportunity. Close the door against the negro now, and within a few years the temptation will be to close it against a class of white men. The minute you recognize a law which taxes a negro for the support of government and deny him the opportunity to make his wishes felt at the ballot box, that minute you begin to undermine our whole theory of government and throw to the winds the principles for which the revolutionary war was fought."

A BUBONIC PLAGUE CENTER.

New York, May 23.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro says the government has published a decree proclaiming that the town and harbor of Rio Janeiro are suspected as a plague center, and it is officially announced that several plague cases have occurred there. Eleven suspicious cases have been reported during the past twenty-four hours. There have been seven deaths and rigorous measures have been adopted to isolate the victims' families and disinfect their houses.

MR HYAMS GOES TO GREENSBORO

Special to the Gazette.
Washington, May 23.—W. S. Hyams, secretary of the state committee, left here today for republican headquarters, Greensboro, to assist in directing the work of the campaign.

A YOUNG MAN'S SUICIDE.

San Francisco, May 23.—Thomas McDermott, brother of Maxine Elliot, the actress, committed suicide today. Domestic troubles led to despondency.

MOSELLE VINTAGE DESTROYED.

Berlin, May 23.—It is reported that the recent cold weather almost entirely destroyed the Moselle vintage.

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A SEARCHING EXAMINATION

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Postmaster General's Instructions Made Public.

War Tax Reduction Bill to be Framed After Adjournment, June 6.

The Anti-Canteen Bill Favorably Reported.

PROPOSED MISSISSIPPI RIVER IMPROVEMENTS CAUSE INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS—RICHARDSON FAVORS REPEAL OF BEER TAX.

Washington, May 23.—The house today adopted a resolution providing for the adjournment of congress June 6, also a resolution appointing a committee to set during recess to prepare a bill for reducing the war taxes. A bill was passed amending the revised statutes so as to provide for the extradition of Neeley.

The senate was almost wholly devoted to Cuban affairs. In connection with Bacon's resolution calling for an investigation and report of moneys received and expended in Cuba by American officials Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, made a vigorous defense of the administration and declared that the president would not allow any one guilty of irregularities in the postal service to escape. Later on while Mr. Spooner was speaking on his resolution in regard to the government of the Philippines he adverted to Cuban affairs. Hoar took occasion to say it would have been a good thing if we had abandoned Cuba. The Cubans would have spared the present lesson in corruption. He frankly declared he suspected the United States had no intention of granting the island independence. Mr. Spooner refuted this.

Washington, May 23.—In his speech in the senate today upon the Bacon resolution for an inquiry into the postal irregularities in Cuba, Senator Platt, of Connecticut, made public a letter of instruction given to Mr. Bristow upon his departure for Cuba. The letter is as follows:

"May 16, 1900.—Hon. Joseph L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General: Sir—Supplementing my letter of May 12, directing you to proceed at once to Cuba, the following further instructions are given for your guidance: You will immediately on your arrival at Havana confer fully with General Wood, military governor, and will keep in constant communication with him in the work in which you enter. You will co-operate with the military governor, both in the investigation of all irregularities in the postal service of Cuba and in any measures that may be undertaken. The examination by the inspectors already provided for will have begun before your arrival. You will assume general supervision of this examination and will force the instructions heretofore given that it shall be of the most searching and thorough character. If you find that you need a still larger force for the prompt and complete performance of this duty, you will call for it. The investigation must be comprehensive and minute, covering every branch of the service and all classes of officials. Its prosecution must be governed solely for the purpose of ascertaining the

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