

The War.

LONDON, May 4.—Lord Roberts reports to the War office as follows, under date of Brandfort, May 3:

"We occupied Brandfort today without much opposition and without, I hope many casualties. The first brigade of mounted infantry covered the left flank of the fourteenth brigade of the seventh division, and the right flank was supported by the fifteenth brigade. Pole Carew's division advanced directly on Brandfort. The Boer army, which was under the command of Delarey, retired in a north-easterly direction."

THABA N'CHU, May 4.—The Boers have evacuated Thaba N'Chu hill and are believed to be still trekking, though one gun has shelled the camp indiscriminately. Scouts report that some of the Boers retired towards Wepener. They believe the Boers evacuated the position during the night, trekking to the northward in three directions. General French left today. General Rundle is in command here. It is expected that General Brabant will effect a junction at any moment.

IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO VICTORY.
LONDON May 4.—News of the occupation of Brandfort was issued by the War office at 10 o'clock this morning, confirming a despatch previously received by the Associated Press. It is generally considered the most important communication received from the front since the capture of General Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith.

The fact that the position gives the key to one of the main roads leading to the Drakensberg passes, which possibly may be the means of co-operation with General Buller later on, provides an advance base of supplies, and at the same time menaces the Boers now south-east of Bloemfontein, is obviously the reason for the importance attached by all hands to the intelligence.

The Boer army at Brandfort was commanded by General Delarey. It is presumably retreating on Winburg. Brandfort, thirty-five miles nearer the Transvaal capital, is now Lord Roberts' headquarters. What particularly gratifies the British public is the evidence that the army of Lord Roberts in the Orange Free State has recovered its mobility and is again capable of undertaking the general advance, so long retarded. It is hardly expected the Boers will make much of a stand south of Kroonstad, and possibly not there, if Lord Roberts succeeds in capturing Winburg, thus interposing between the main Federal army and the Boer forces in the neighborhood of Thaba N'Chu and Hutnek, in which case the latter may be forced to move far to the eastward and their mobility would probably enable them to reach the Bethlehem and Harrismith line of safety.

The only opposition which the British encountered at Brandfort seems to have come from the Irish-American commando.

CAPE TOWN, May 5.—Lord Roberts, as known in inner circles for some days, is operating in the direction of Bethlehem and is not going to touch Kroonstad.

New of the relief of Mafeking may be expected any moment. There is a force of mounted infantry and yeomanry operating between Warrenton and Taung's and at present it stands unaccounted for. The authorities would not be surprised to hear at any minute that this force has succeeded in relieving the beleaguered town.

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry (Special Service Battalion) is with Lord Roberts' forces, being included in the Nineteenth division under command of General Smith Dornen. Lieut-Col. Buchan is in command since the wounding of Col. Otter.

The Canadian Mounted Rifles and at least three of the batteries of Royal Canadian Artillery are believed to be also with Lord Roberts, the Mounted Rifles forming part of the cavalry division under command of General Ian Hamilton.

Strathcona's Horse.—It is not yet certain whether this corps has yet gone to the front. They were reported some time ago to have been assigned to the cavalry division under General Hamilton, but to-day's telegrams indicate that the horses are still at Cape Town.

C. Battery, R. C. A., is in Rhodesia taking part in General Carrington's expedition to the relief of Mafeking.

LONDON, May 6—3 p. m.—The war office has published the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Vet River, Saturday, May 5, 7.15 p. m.

"I marched here today with Pole-Carew's division. Headquarters and Wavell's brigade, of the seventh division, are two miles in the rear. Maxwell's brigade, of the same division, is the same distance to our right.

"The enemy are in considerable strength on the opposite bank of the river. Our guns engaged theirs for some three hours without our being able to force a passage of the river, but shortly before dusk, the mounted infantry, under General Hutton, turned the enemy's right and, in a very dashing manner, pushed across the river under heavy shell and musketry fire.

"We are now bivouacking for the night within three miles of Vet River. Our casualties, I hope are not numerous.

"Hamilton was in action yesterday and succeeded in preventing a junction of two Boer forces by a well executed movement by some of the Household Cavalry, the Twelfth Lancers and Kitchener's Horse, who charged a body of the enemy and inflicted serious loss. The enemy fled, leaving their dead on the field and their wounded to be attended to by our doctors.

"MacDonald's Highland Brigade dislodged the enemy on the right flank under cover of the naval guns, in which operation the Black Watch distinguished themselves and were skillfully led.

"Hamilton was advancing this morning to a difficult drift over the Kleinevet (or Little Vet) River.

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"Hunter reports that Barton's Brigade was heavily engaged this morning, two miles north of Roidan.

"The enemy's position was quite four miles long and strongly held. He states that our men marched magnificently and carried ridge after ridge in grand style.

"Casualties in this force, in Hamilton's and Hunter's will be reported as soon as possible.

"Captain Miller, who was taken prisoner near Thaba N'Chu, has been sent to Rundle's camp by the enemy, with a severe wound in the abdomen.

"Brabant reports that one sergeant and three men were captured on May 2, while on patrol and that one of them, who had been brutally ill-treated and left for dead by the Boers, was found the following day.

"Lieut. Lilley, Victoria Mounted Rifles, reported missing, was found at Brandfort dangerously wounded and has been carefully attended by the Netherlands Ambulance Corps."

break on a 19 mile march. He first came into contact with Boers holding the river at one o'clock p. m. The British soon had two batteries in action and later they added two naval nine-pounders, two 4.7 and 5 inch siege guns.

The Boers fired with great accuracy and the duel continued unabated until sunset; and even later there was desultory firing. It is marvellous that nobody on the British side was injured.

General Hutton started early to find the drift on the west. When this was discovered it proved to be strongly held and protected by two guns. The British speedily engaged the Boers, who enfiladed the dismounted firing line with a Maxim; but General Hutton pushed forward his own pom pom and galloping Maxim and forced the Boers to leave the river bed.

Meanwhile General Hutton, after a sharp engagement, crossed the river on the left just before sunset.

The encounter was terribly hot. Later the whole British force crossed the river, threatening the Boer right.

The Boers must have received about the same time news of General Hamilton's occupation of Winburg.

About sunset a detachment of twenty-six Australians, who had crept unseen toward the river bed, found themselves near a kopje occupied by the Boers. After firing, they fixed bayonets and charged, capturing the kopje. All was done on their own initiative.

Thus night fell. Early this morning, it was discovered that the whole Boer force had fled.

General Hutton, during the night, got two squadrons to blow up the line near Smaideel. The British discovered yesterday at every hundred yards along the railway, concealed small packets of high explosive. The Boers had destroyed three bridges over spruits between here and Brandfort, but in every case it was possible to make a detour.

The Boers to be fighting with much less spirit. It is reported that they are commanded by General Lucas Meyer.

The bridge over the Vet River is completely destroyed.

General Hutton captured at Maxim and took twelve prisoners.

MISS BESSIE NASON

A well-known young lady of Clover Hill, N. B., writes: "I gladly recommend Laxa-Liver Pills to anyone suffering from Constipation. They cured me entirely before I had finished the third box."

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BAD WITH WORMS.

Some time ago my little boy was very bad with worms. I procured a bottle of Dr. Low's Worm Syrup and am thankful to say it cured him quickly and completely.
Mrs. C. Carleton, McKellar P. O., Ont.

DIED.

COOMBS.—At Woodstock, on Monday the 7th, Lewis Coombs, at the age of 92 years. The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. today from his late residence, St. James St., near the stand pipe.

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