

The War.

LONDON, April 6.—The War, office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5:

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof (in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley) as follows: "Surrounded General Villebois Mareuil and a body of Boers today. None escaped. Villebois and seven Boers killed, eight wounded, fifty prisoners."

Our losses were: Killed—Capt. S. Boyle and Williams, both of the Yeomanry, and two men of the Yeomanry. Wounded—About seven men. The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our force was composed of Yeomanry, the Kimberley mounted corps and the Fourth battery of artillery.

Mareuil was the chief of staff of the Boer army. He was about 50 years old and is said to have been responsible for many Boer successes. It is said that he entered the Boer army merely because war was his trade. He went through a number of campaigns in the French army.

Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by the Boers near Bethanie, south of Bloemfontein, in the Orange Free State.

LONDON, April 6, 4.09 p. m.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts's despatch to the War office announcing the capture of five companies of his troops:

"BLOEMFONTEIN, Thursday, April 5—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiments of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethanie railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy with four or five guns. The detachment held out from before noon, April 3, until 9 a. m. April 4, and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gen. Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, and I despatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethanie. Gatacre arrived at Reddersburg at 10.30 yesterday morning without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachments. There can be no doubt the whole party has been made prisoners."

The following despatch which appeared in the afternoon paper on Saturday is of special interest as it gives us some idea as to the whereabouts of our boys:—

CARNARVON, Cape Town, April 6.—It is reported that two hundred insurgents who were not aware that Sir Charles Parsons had occupied Kenhardt rode into that place and were captured by the British troops. The Canadian artillery has returned here from Vaarwysklei.

STRIKES FOR MORE PAY.

There is not much "party" in the legislature when the question of more pay is raised. A motion to this effect, results in a good deal of cheap talk, but in a general rush to vote in favour of the proposed increase.

This session, so burdensome have been the duties of our rulers—not, our servants—at Fredericton, that they have decided to vote themselves \$100 a piece extra. This was decided at a meeting of the public accounts committee when the resolution to increase was carried by a vote of 8 to 2. Mr. Carvell was one of the two. He stated "that while the lengthy session affected him and demanded some sacrifice on his part, still he would vote against the resolution, as he thought when the members accepted the position they should be satisfied with the \$300, though he thought it too small an indemnity." This is a fair view to take. At the same time we think the pay is sufficient, as the business of the legislature should be done each year in three or four weeks at the most. If occasionally the public interest demands a few weeks more, there should not, be a bill for extra time handed in to the tax payers. One gentleman who thought the members were too numerous, spoke the words of wisdom and truth.

We pay a whopping big bill in "this Canada of ours," for being governed. In the State of Maine the legislature meets once every two years, and they seem to survive.

Narrow Escape.

WINNIPEG, April 7.—Premier Macdonald had a very narrow escape from death yesterday as he was passing through the front hall legislative building. A huge centre piece of of cement came rushing down, striking the floor directly behind him. Had it fallen a second sooner the premier would probably have been instantly killed. He showed no sign of trepidation, coolly remarking that an inch was as good as a mile. He was the subject of general congratulations on his narrow escape.

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RESTS WITH COLONIES.

Question of Representation in the Imperial Parliament.

LONDON, April 3.—Mr. Thomas Charles Hedderwick, Liberal member for the Northern burghs, moved that in the opinion of the House it was desirable in the interests of the Empire that the colonies should be admitted to some representation in Parliament.

M. Charles Phillips Trevelyan, Liberal member for the Elland division, west riding Yorks, suggested that the agents-general of the colonies be allowed a voice in Parliament, but not a vote.

Mr. Chamberlain said that if the object of the promoters of the resolution was to make closer the union of the colonies with the Mother Country, they could have no more strenuous supporter than himself. He doubted, however, whether this object would be promoted by an abstract resolution on a question of the greatest complexity.

"Such a change," continued the Colonial Secretary, "must come gradually, with the full consent of the colonies. No praise could be too high for colonial patriotism. The colonies did not wait for a call, but voluntarily offered their assistance, which was gladly accepted. Great as has been this assistance, and great as has been the sacrifice, if under any stress we should call upon the colonies their offers would be immensely greater still, and if any demand upon the Mother Country were made by the colonies, nothing would be surer than the favourable reply of Parliament."

"So far the colonies have not made any definite suggestion with respect to representation; and I am convinced that nothing would be more fatal than a premature discussion of details. I do not think the time has arrived to suggest to the colonies the form which Imperial unity should take. It is absurd to suppose that self-governing colonies like Canada would sacrifice independence for the sake of a single vote in the House of Commons."

"We are not going to interfere in the domestic affairs of the colonies. Nor are they going to interfere in ours. I have never advocated, as has been reported, the formation of an Imperial zollverein, but I have pointed out that, if there were to be any kind of fiscal arrangement with the colonies, I believed the only form that would meet with the slightest favour would be an Imperial zollverein in which there would be free trade between the portions of the Empire and duties as against strangers. At any rate the suggestion must originate with the colonies. There is no suggestion from ourselves. The present resolution is premature, is necessarily academic, and might be mischievous."

The resolution was then withdrawn.

Prince of Wales Fired at.

On Wednesday afternoon last a youth named Sipido fired a pistol twice at the Prince of Wales, who had entered a train at Brussels. The Prince, who was accompanied by the Princess, was uninjured. Sipido passed the afternoon before the attempt in the chamber of representatives. When he went to the station he asked the first person he met where the Prince was. The person answered: "That gentleman with the hat on." At the same instant the Prince took a seat and a servant handed him a cup of tea. Sipido waited until the servant departed and then rushed towards the Prince's carriage. The magistrates are going to verify the prisoner's statement. The commitment charges the prisoner with an attempt at assassination. He claimed that the Prince was responsible for the loss of life in South Africa.

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MARRIED.

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