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AMBUSH OF BRITISH

Walked Into Boer Trap and Lost Guns and Men.

WITHIN 20 MILES OF BLOEMFONTEIN

Force That Escaped Did So by an All-Night March, and Was Nearly Pursued.

LONDON, April 1.—A M.—General Buller's anxious inquiry whether British officers will ever learn the value of scouting comes back in a most interesting way to the British public today, on receipt of tidings that a convoy with guns had walked deliberately into a Boer ambush within about 20 miles of Bloemfontein.

Evidently Colonel Broadwood thought it necessary to retreat in haste from the Boers, whose daring display on Friday night, apparently followed by a considerable force of the enemy. The convoy and guns had to pass through a deep spruit, which the Boers had occupied.

Several criticisms are heard regarding the renewal of the old mistake of under-rating the Boers in the absence of proper precaution. No doubt the affair will revive Boer hopes and inspire confidence among the enemy at a critical moment.

WALKED INTO THE BOER TRAP.

Mr British Guns and Convoy Taken With Little Fighting. BUSHMAN HOP, Saturday, March 31.—The British force, commanded by Colonel Broadwood, consisting of the Tenth Hussars, Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry under Colonel Fitcher, which has been garrisoning Thabaneu, in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers, to leave last night.

Colonel Broadwood marched to the Bloemfontein south of the Modder, where he encamped at 4 this morning. At early dawn the camp was shelled by the enemy from a near point.

General Colville's division, which left Bloemfontein early this morning, arrived here at noon and is now shelling the Boers.

Roberts on Death of Joubert. BLOEMFONTEIN, Friday, March 30.—Lord Roberts has sent the following dispatch to President Kruger:

"I have just heard of the death of General Joubert, and I am deeply grieved. I have had the opportunity to know him personally, and I can only say that his death is a great loss to the Boer people."

Sickness Among Boer Prisoners. CAPE TOWN, Saturday, March 31.—The departure of the British transports with the Boer prisoners for St. Helena has been delayed in consequence of the sickness among the prisoners.

Specimens of Boer Methods. LONDON, April 1.—Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "The attack on Thabaneu and the convoy is a sample of the mode in which the Boers will try to conduct the war. It is a legitimate mode, and the most effective for Boer purposes."

Free-Sisters Are Still Active. MASERU, Basutoland, March 31.—President Steyn is reported to have gone to Ladybrand to stir up the burghers there to renewed resistance.

Olivier Passed Jambareburg Drift. LONDON, April 1.—The Times has the following from Mafeking, Basutoland, dated Friday, March 30:

"General Olivier has just passed Jambareburg Drift, with 200 men, four guns

WILL VOTE TUESDAY

Until Then Senate's Time Will Be Given to Puerto Rico.

SEVEN REPUBLICANS WILL VOTE NO

Measure Is Expected to Pass, However, but the Majority For It Cannot Be Foretold.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Senate will vote upon the Puerto Rican bill Tuesday at 4 o'clock, and previous to that time each senator will be expected wholly to this bill. Speeches will be made by Senators Bate, Dewey, Spooner, Cullom, Mason, Clay and Culberson and probably by other Senators.

The vote on the Puerto Rican bill on Tuesday will delay the vote on a resolution, set for that day, and the committee will adjourn the Clark hearing in order to give its attention to the Quay resolution.

The Philippine resolution will be made the unfinished business after the vote shall be taken on Puerto Rico, and it will then be taken up by the Senate.

CAUSE OF PHILIPPINE REVOLT

A Manila Reverser Says Bishop Foster's Statement Is Untrue. NEW YORK, April 1.—Rev. Joseph M. Aique, Director of the Observatory at Manila, who is now in Washington, has issued a statement in reply to Bishop Henry C. Potter and his secretary, Rev. Percival E. Grant, regarding affairs in the Philippines.

"The Bishop's main point," the statement says, "is to prove that the religious orders were robbed of their property. But if the people pay the necessary charges for these certificates willingly, how can it be called robbery?"

"That thousands of people live in practical concubinage," as charged by the Bishop, is denied, although the writer admits that some do live that way, and asserts that there, as everywhere, are found a few instances of that kind.

"That it was the church taxes which caused the people to revolt is emphatically denied. The writer says the cause of the revolt was the tax on the tobacco and the sugar in the administration of the sacrament."

RETURN OF THE SHERIDAN.

Many Passengers From the Philippines Expected to Arrive. SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—The transport Sheridan arrived from Manila today. She reported typhoid fever aboard and was placed in quarantine, where she will probably remain for several days.

Departure of the Military Government. NEW YORK, April 1.—Rev. Percy Bickney Grant, rector of the Church of the Ascension, who accompanied Bishop Potter as secretary on his recent trip to the Philippines, addressed the People's Institute tonight in Cooper Union on the Philippines.

WEBSTER DAVIS WILL RESIGN

Wishes to Be Free to State Boer Cause to Americans. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 1.—A Journal special from Washington says: "Hon. Webster Davis, of Kansas City, will tomorrow tender his resignation to the President as Assistant Secretary of the Interior."

Bayley Wins in Texas. HOUSTON, Tex., April 1.—Two counties held primaries yesterday and voted for the contest for United States Senator. Montague County, Congressman Bayley's district, gave him a large majority.

Observations of the Sub-Committee of Senators Just Returned. WASHINGTON, April 1.—The sub-committee of the Senate, consisting of Senators Platt (Conn.), Aldrich and Teller, which went to Cuba for the purpose of personally investigating conditions on the island with a view to intelligent action by Congress with respect to Cuba, has returned to Washington.

HAD RADICAL VIEWS

Eminent Catholic Scientist Who Died Yesterday.

CHURCH-DOGMA MUST BE MODIFIED

Doctrine of the Infallibility of the Roman Church Will Not Stand—Belief in Bible.

LONDON, April 1.—Dr. St. George Mivart, former lecturer on sociology at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, and professor of Biology at the University of Lavain, London, is recognized as the leading scientist within the Roman Catholic Church in England, is dead.

"The late Dr. Mivart was recently involved in a sharp controversy with Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, growing out of certain articles he had contributed to the Nineteenth Century and the Fortnightly Review. He had demanded from the Cardinal, as proprietor of the Tablet, the principal Roman Catholic organ in London, an apology for a personal attack made upon him in that paper."

PROGRESS OF MEXICO.

Message of President Diaz on Opening Spring Session of Congress. CITY OF MEXICO, April 1.—President Diaz opened the Spring session of Congress this evening. In his message, President Diaz calls attention to the satisfactory termination of the suits entered in New York against Mexico by the Woodruff claimants, at the time the Morgan loan was made.

RESERVE VOLUNTEER ARMY.

Outline of Bill to Be Introduced by Chairman Hay Today. WASHINGTON, April 1.—Representative Hay, of Virginia, one of the prominent members of the military committee of the House, has prepared a bill to create out of the reserve army of the United States a regular army for use in time of war, to supplement the regular service.

OHIO LOCAL ELECTIONS.

Hanna Quite an Issue in Cleveland and Toledo. CINCINNATI, April 1.—The annual municipal and township elections will occur in Ohio tomorrow. The contests involve the control of party organizations, as well as local officers. In Cincinnati, it is the old fight against George B. Cox, as the local Republican leader.

PICKED UP BRITISH CANNON

Dredged From the Savannah Harbor—Also Old Coins. SAVANNAH, Ga., April 1.—The dredge Babcock, at work in the river here today, has picked up two old-type English cannons, in a man-of-war wreck. One gun weighs about 1000 pounds and the other 500 pounds.

THE NEEDS OF CUBA.

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DAMAGE BY FROST IN MISSISSIPPI.

JACKSON, Miss., April 1.—Heavy frosts have done considerable damage to the fruit and vegetable crop in Central and Southern Mississippi. In some instances amounting to 35 per cent.

Mission Board Fire Loss.

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—Fire tonight in the McClintock building caused a loss of \$5,000. Among the losers is the Board of Missions for Freedmen, of the Presbyterian Church. Rosenbaum & Co.'s retail millinery establishment, on the ground floor, was literally drenched with water, causing a loss of \$50,000.

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Funeral of ex-Senator Sawyer.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 1.—The funeral of ex-Senator Sawyer was held this afternoon. Rev. Edward H. Smith, of the First Congregational Church, officiated. The funeral procession was the longest ever seen here, the various civic societies and the militia turning out. The funeral was attended by the state officers and by many prominent men of the state.

Forty-Niner Died in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—D. C. Pendleton, a railroad man and politician, died here today, aged 68. He was a 49-er, an ensign in the Civil War, engaged in Government service in Paraguay, and was once assistant general agent of the Mexican Central Railroad.

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More Cases in Sydney.

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