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**TALK FOR THE CANAL.**  
Coast Delegations Will See the President Wednesday.

## LOD ROBERTS' NET

Spread to Catch the Raiding Boer Commandoes.  
LATTER SEEM TO BE RETREATING

Investment of Wepener Abandoned—Contradictory Reports from Natal—British Still Lack Horses.

LONDON, April 17, 4:15 A. M.—Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandoes that have been making mischief in the southern part of the Free State. The net has not yet been drawn in, but at the headquarters of Lord Roberts the impression is that the power of the Boers is decreasing. The Daily News correspondent has been feeling to the south-east. A Standard correspondent reports them fleeing northward, a Daily Telegraph correspondent says that some are going north and others south, while a Morning Post representative says it is not known what the Boers are doing.

Evidently the feeling at Bloemfontein is that the dispositions of Lord Roberts' forces are such as to enable him to concentrate a large force rapidly at any point. The Boers, being aware of this, are presumed to be thinking now chiefly of retreat.

The investment of Wepener, according to a special dispatch from Bloemfontein, has been absolutely abandoned. According to that dispatch, the Boers are unable to retreat northward because the British strongly hold all roads.

Diverse reports come from Natal, one asserting that the Boers have retired to the British. Another states, however, that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London waits confidently for almost immediate announcement of news favorable to the British. Distrust exists, however, as to any rapid, continuous advance to Pretoria, chiefly on account of the lack of horses, many of which die in the course of the long voyage. Letters from the Cape say that the three days' journey by rail is made in open trucks, that the arrangements for feeding and watering are inadequate, and that the unfortunate animals break down on the long journey.

Despite the energy of its buyers abroad, the War Office foresees much difficulty in supplying the enormous number of horses required.

**BLOEMFONTEIN CORRESPONDENTS.**  
All Have Different Views to Tell of Boer Movements.  
LONDON, April 17.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Monday, says:  
"Small bodies of Boers are prowling around, and are even coming within eight or 10 miles of Bloemfontein. The Johannesburg 'Zaps' actually entered the town one night and escaped without being discovered. The Boer demonstration yesterday at Karee Biding was designed to cover the withdrawal of an immense convoy of provisions. There is no doubt that the Boer incursion into the southern part of the Free State was largely due to the necessity of procuring the most fertile part of the country. This explains why the enemy marched south with empty wagons. Various important movements are occurring, which, naturally, it is not desirable to specify."  
The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Monday, says:  
"The Boers who have been investing Wepener are reported to be moving in a southerly direction, but the object of the movement is uncertain."  
The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Monday, says:  
"The Boers are in retreat from Wepener, hugging the Basuto land border. The Basutos are marching parallel with them along the frontier, watching eagerly for the slightest encroachment."  
The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated yesterday, says:  
"The Boers have raised the siege of Wepener, and have left Roussignol north, with the exception of a body of about 6000, now reported to be going to Bethulie."  
The Daily News has the following from Roodersburg, dated Friday:  
"General Chermissee saw the rear guard of the Boers disappear southeast in full retreat. The enemy appear to be in strong force four miles east of Roodersburg. They are falling back before our advance guard."

## INFLUX OF JAPANESE.

Orientals Pouring into British Columbia.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 16.—Japanese still pouring in here. The steamer Rinsen Maru brought 500, and the big liner Goodwin 1100. The steamer Miles is expected with 80 more, and the Bramar, at the end of this week, with over 1000.

The labor leaders are agitating against this great influx of Orientals, but it is said that the Provincial and Dominion Parliaments are now endeavoring to legislate to keep the Japanese out, for the Imperial Government refuses to allow the passage of legislation which will affect its friendly relations with Japan. Martin, the British Columbia Premier, in a speech last night, said that if re-elected he would see that legislation was passed restricting this immigration.

The steamer Rinsen Maru indicates that charitable societies and possibly the municipal governments of Japanese cities are taking a hand in the shipping of a large number of Japanese pauper laborers to this country. The Japanese Mail says that destitute Asiatics are not allowed to land at Yokohama and Tokio, but are sent across the Pacific as fast as possible.

**Washington Officials Watchful.**  
WASHINGTON, April 16.—Up to this point the immigration of Japanese into the United States has been restricted to the immigration of Japanese into this country, beyond the application of the contract labor laws. The enforcement of these laws is entrusted to the officials of the Treasury Department, and so far as known, they have not discovered any movement toward the bringing into the United States of Japanese coolies under labor contracts. The Japanese laborers who can satisfy the requirements of the laws in the matter of freedom from contract obligations and ability to maintain themselves, it is believed that, unlike other Orientals, few Japanese, even of the laboring classes, fail to make a sufficient showing on these points to pass muster and secure admission at the Golden Gate.

If, however, the tide of Japanese immigration, now setting toward the British North-western provinces, should include Japanese coolies under labor contracts in the United States, there will be necessary for a considerable reinforcement of the Treasury employes charged with the enforcement of the contract labor laws between Washington and British Columbia, in order to prevent their entrance into the United States. There is no formal obligation upon the British colonial authorities to prevent such Japanese from crossing the line, beyond that of mere neighborly interest, a consideration not always sufficient to stop illicit dumping of undesirable immigrants. Although the recent arrival at San Francisco of a large number of Japanese laborers, taken in connection with the steady increase of the Japanese population in Hawaii, has attracted the attention of the executive branch of the Government, it is said that, even supposing the presence of the Japanese within our territorial limits is a permanent menace, the subject of restriction is entirely beyond executive reach at present, being one for the consideration of Congress. The figures of the immigration bureau of the Pacific coast, however, being closely watched, for upon their showing may depend important recommendations upon this subject.

**NAVAL POLICY BOARD.**  
Decides That All Its Proceedings Shall Be Secret.  
WASHINGTON, April 16.—The new Naval Policy Board held its first meeting at the Navy Department today. There were present Admiral Dewey, the president of the board; Admiral Crowninshield, Captain Charles Taylor, Evans Clark, Sigbee; Colonel Reed, United States Marine Corps; Commander Mulligan, Commander Walker and Lieutenant Ward, the latter being secretary of the board. An agreement was reached at the meeting that the proceedings of the board should be general discussion of the scope of the work to be undertaken and the probable advantages of subdividing the labors of the board, an adjournment was taken.

**Did Not Recover Dead and Wounded.**  
LONDON, April 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Mafeking, dated April 14, confirming earlier reports, says: "Snyman having taken his burghers to bar Colonel Plumer's road. Yesterday, however, he returned and the bombardment was resumed with splendid high velocity guns, firing 14-pound shells, such as had not been used since the first days of the siege."  
The military authorities says the British artillery has nothing to compare with these guns.

**Boers Looking Toward America.**  
LONDON, April 17.—The Lourenco Marques correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday, says:  
"The tone of the Standard and Diggers' News shows that the Transvaal Government is relying strongly upon American intervention. Great results are expected from the campaign of Wepener, and from the Presidential contest."  
**Boers at Dewdorp.**  
LONDON, April 17.—A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Ladysmith, in a dispatch dated April 15, says:  
"The Boers are down again at Dewdorp, east of Ladysmith."  
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**WOODRUFF'S CANDIDACY.**  
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## FIGHTING IN LUZON

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Captain Dodd's Cavalry Force Surrounds a Village, Capturing Many Prisoners—Report of a Gold Find.

MANILA, April 17.—General Young reports that 200 insurgent riflemen and bolomen attacked the American garrison at Baloo, Province of North Ilocos, yesterday, but were repulsed, losing 106 men. The Americans had no casualties.

**COST OF PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.**  
President Sends to Senate Itemized Statement of Expenditures.  
WASHINGTON, April 16.—Complying with a resolution of inquiry, the President sent to the Senate today an itemized statement of the expenditures of the Philippine Commission. The statement includes the following items:  
Compensation of \$10,000 each to Commissioners S. H. Burton, Worcester and Denby ..... \$30,000  
Per diem allowed to commissioners ..... \$2,500  
Secretary ..... \$2,500  
Clerical services ..... \$2,500  
Miscellaneous ..... \$1,500  
Total ..... \$43,000

**GOLD IN LUZON.**  
Miner Discovers a Rich Ledge Near Vigan.  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The transport Tartar, which arrived Saturday afternoon from Manila, was released from quarantine today. The Tartar brought news from the Philippines up to March 5. One of the reports from Manila is that William Odun, who is spoken of as a miner of large experience, has returned from a prospecting trip on the distant coast of Vigan. He showed rich specimens of gold, and declared that he had located a ledge of quartz which he believed to be rich in gold.

**MAY INSPECT THE BOOKS.**  
Decision in the Fleischmann Estate Case.  
NEW YORK, April 16.—Justice Lawrence, in the Supreme Court today, granted the application of Mrs. Johanna Fleischmann, widow of the late Maximilian Fleischmann, the elder of the bar today in the rooms of the United States Circuit Court. They were also entertained at a luncheon by General Shafter. Tomorrow they will sail for the Philippine Islands on the transport Hancock.

**RAIN IN MISSISSIPPI.**  
Great Damage to Property, and Two Lives Lost at Meridian.  
MERIDIAN, Miss., April 16.—Seven inches of rain has fallen in this city and vicinity since yesterday. The heavy rain has caused the highest water in the Meridian Waterworks Company reservoir gave way this afternoon, and the damage will reach \$100,000. Two negro boys who attempted to cross the bridge, were drowned. The rain is still falling in torrents. The storm is general throughout the state, and railway traffic is generally suspended, owing to washouts in all directions.

**WALL-PAPER TRUST.**  
Raised Prices, Caused Competition, and Will Now Dissolve.  
NEW YORK, April 16.—The World tomorrow will say:  
"At the annual meeting of the National Wall Paper Company, it is said a strong effort will be made to dissolve the company, better known as the Wall Paper Trust. The party of directors working to this end is headed by Colonel Jacob J. Janeway, of New Brunswick, whose factory is now controlled by the trust. These directors assert that the organization has never been a success, owing to the fact that it raised the price of wall paper to a figure where competition was made very profitable, and independent factories were started faster than the trust could absorb them. They say it has been able to control only a small percentage of the output, as it embraces but 17 factories, while there are more than 80 anti-trust factories in the United States."

**Anti-Lynch Law Invalid.**  
COLUMBUS, O., April 15.—The Supreme Court today declared that the anti-lynch law is unconstitutional. The law provides that the heirs of any person who is lynched may collect \$5000 from the Commissioners in the county in which the assault occurred. The decision was rendered in the case of Chick Mitchell, hanged by a mob at Urbana, and J. W. Caldwell, who was shot and beaten by strikers at Cleveland.