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## BRITISH LOST VERY HEAVILY

Seven Guns, 350 Men and Baggage  
Captured by Boers.

## REINFORCEMENTS SENT FORWARD

Boers Cut Off the Bloemfontein Water  
Supply and Are Closing In in Full  
Force.

LONDON, April 2, 2 p. m.—The war  
office has received the following dis-  
patch from Roberts, dated Bloemfontein  
Sunday:

"I received news late yesterday evening  
from Colonel Broadwood at Thabochu,  
38 miles east of here, that information  
had reached him that the enemy  
was approaching in two forces from the  
north and east. He stated that if the  
report proved true, he would retire toward  
the waterworks, 17 miles nearer  
Bloemfontein, where we have had a  
detachment of mounted infantry for the  
protection of the works.

"Broadwood was told in reply that the  
Ninth Division, with Martyr's Mounted  
Infantry, would march at daylight to  
support him and that if he considered it  
necessary he should retire to the water-  
works. He moved there during the  
night and bivouacked. At dawn today  
he was shelled by the enemy, who at-  
tacked him on three sides. He immedi-  
ately despatched two horse artillery bat-  
teries and his baggage toward Bloem-  
fontein, covering some of them with his  
cavalry.

"Some two miles from the water  
works, the road crosses a deep mullah  
or spruit, in which during the night a  
force of Boers had concealed themselves.  
So well were they hidden that our lead-  
ing scouts passed over the drift without  
discovering them, and it was not until  
the wagons and guns were entering the  
drift that the Boers showed themselves  
and opened fire. Many of the drivers  
of the artillery horses were immediately  
shot down at short range, and several  
guns captured. The remainder galloped  
away, covered by Roberts' Horse, which  
suffered heavily.

"Meanwhile Lieutenant Chester Mas-  
ters, of the Remington Scouts, found a  
passage across the spruit unoccupied by  
the enemy, by which the remainder of  
Broadwood's force crossed. They re-  
formed with great steadiness, notwith-  
standing what had previously occurred.  
Broadwood's report, which has just  
reached me, contains no details, but  
states that he had lost seven guns and  
all his baggage. He estimates all his  
casualties at about 350, including 200  
missing.

"On hearing this morning that Broad-  
wood was hard pressed, I immediately  
ordered General French, with the two  
remaining cavalry brigades, to follow in  
support of the Ninth Division. The  
latter, after a magnificent march, ar-  
rived on the scene of action shortly after  
2 p. m. Broadwood's force consisted of  
the Royal Household Cavalry, the Tenth  
Hussars, the Q. and U. Batteries of the  
Royal Horse Artillery, and Pitcher's  
battalion of mounted. The strength of  
the enemy is estimated from 8000 to 10,-  
000, with guns, the number of which is  
not yet reported.

LONDON, April 2.—A rumor of the re-  
capture by the British of seven guns  
taken from Colonel Broadwood's force,  
based on a dispatch to the Chronicle  
from Bloemfontein, which is in all prob-  
ability correct, fails to compensate  
London for the severe shock experienced by  
a humiliating defeat sustained within a  
few miles of the headquarters of the  
British army of occupation.

The public is painfully surprised to  
learn after all that British officers of  
high position can still neglect precau-  
tions which the veriest tyro might be  
expected to observe, and blunder into  
traps which observance of elementary

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military rules would have revealed.  
There is no attempt here to minimize  
the discreditableness of the whole affair,  
so far as the British are concerned, or  
to detract from the dexterity of the Boers,  
who were apparently commanded by  
General Dewit. The tactics of the  
burghers were evidently excellently con-  
ceived, and boldly carried out, and un-  
less the reinforcements sent by Roberts  
have turned the tide, and recaptured  
the prisoners, a couple of hundred men  
from two crack corps of the Household  
Cavalry and the Tenth Hussars, are  
now on their way to swell the growing  
deposit of British prisoners at Pretoria.  
President Kruger is said to have prom-  
ised to recapture Bloemfontein this week,  
and the stubborn burghers seem to be  
closing around the place in such force as  
promises to be troublesome, especially  
when it is realized that the activity of a  
strong Boer force in the vicinity of  
Paardeberg has already interrupted  
direct communication between Roberts  
and Kimberley. But for the overwhelm-  
ing numbers at the disposal of Roberts,  
the situation would justly cause Great  
Britain anxiety. As it is, the nation is  
beginning to realize, from the nature of  
the guerilla warfare, that it is liable to  
embarrass the future movement of  
British troops.

A special dispatch from Bloemfontein  
this morning says that the water supply  
of the place has been cut off. This is a  
natural sequence of the Boer success at  
the water works. But the authorities are  
hopeful that the strong reinforcements  
sent by the commander-in-chief will  
promptly remedy this. It is evident  
from Roberts' that a big engagement is  
in progress. Although it is difficult to  
estimate the number of British engaged,  
they probably exceed even the 8000 or  
10,000 men which the Boers are estimated  
to number. The scene of the British  
disaster appears to be Mealie Spruit,  
where the Bloemfontein road crosses a  
tributary of the Modder river.

### No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face,  
form and temper will always have  
friends, but one who would be attractive  
must keep her health. If she is weak,  
sickly and all run down, she will be  
nervous and irritable. If she has con-  
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pain, which was relieved by two applica-  
tions, rubbing with the liniment on  
retiring at night, and getting up free  
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of trash of no account but profit to the  
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## ANSWER TO REMONSTRANCE

LETTER TO THE COUNCIL FROM  
W. J. ROBERTS.

The Civil Engineer Who Planned the  
Proposed Sewer System Defends  
the System Against the Ob-  
jections of the Remonstrants.

### Concluded.

The old saying that "water seeks its  
level" is still true, and the water will  
stand in the sewers and manholes at the  
same elevations as in river. The bottom  
of the lowest manhole on Union street is  
thirty-two feet above low-water in the  
Columbia, and only for forty days each  
year on the average does the water con-  
tinue above this stage. The branches of  
the system that are submerged will re-  
tain a portion of the sludge until the  
river recedes, when the sewers will im-  
mediately resume their normal condi-  
tion. No silt from river water will  
enter the sewers until the river is high  
enough to flow into the manholes  
through the perforated covers. Even  
then the amount will be small and its  
fineness favors its speedy removal by  
the scouring action of the sewer.

Answering the objection that an eddy  
exists at mouth of Mill Creek during  
high water in the Columbia, I may say  
that the high water period is not of suf-  
ficient duration to permit the forming of  
any sandy obstruction or bar at the  
mouth of the sewer capable of reducing  
its efficiency.

One purpose of manholes is the ad-  
mission of a man with fire-hose to flush  
the sewers. After the river recedes, two  
men with 100 feet of hose and a hand-  
cart, in two days, at a cost of \$10.00, will  
flush the entire portion of the system  
that has been submerged, and leave it  
as clean as new. The salt-glazed, vitri-  
fied, sewer pipe is as easily cleaned as  
crockery, which it indeed is, and is not  
to be classed with wooden sewers.  
Hundreds of cities and towns in the  
United States discharge sewers into  
streams whose heights vary through  
many feet. In Cambridge, Mass., the  
old outlet for the principal sewer was  
into the Charles river at low tide level.  
Twice each day the lower portions of the  
system are submerged eleven feet by the  
tide, yet the system works perfectly.

Answering the second objection to the  
remonstrance, it is conceded that sani-  
tary sewers reduce the death-rate. I af-  
firm that the expense incurred for one  
serious case of diphtheria, even with  
recovery, would pay the assessment for  
the proper sewerage of the average  
dwelling under the proposed system.

Answering the third objection, I be-  
lieve no litigation would ensue if prop-  
erty owners were convinced that the  
system is both necessary and well de-  
signed, and if the payments could be  
distributed over a period of 5 years.

Answering the fourth objection, I am  
not familiar with the terms of your city's  
charter or with the law covering the  
proposed levy, but I do know that few  
cities attempt the construction and pay-  
ment for a sewerage system or water  
works by an immediate cash levy. It is  
customary to distribute the payments of  
the cost over a period of five or fifteen  
years. There are two extremes: First.—  
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for a long time and let the next genera-  
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have been successfully paid for. What-  
ever plan for meeting payments is  
adopted much will be saved in cost by  
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