

BOER ACTIVITY IN FREE STATE

They Have Now Succeeded in Cutting Off General Brabant's Two or Three Thousand Troops.

NEWSPAPERS CRITICISING AFFAIRS

Boer Raiders Are Said to Number About Ten Thousand, and They Are Re-occupying All Towns Evacuated by British.

LONDON, April 9.—The amazing activity of the Boers southeast and southwest of Bloemfontein continues, the Boer commands seemingly coming and going throughout as wide a region as they please, but taking good care not to throw themselves against strong bodies of British.

The retirement of the Irish rifles from Ronxville to Allwal leaves General Brabant without communication with other British forces. He has 2000 or 3000 colonials holding a fine defensive country, but he is apparently invested, so far as London knows.

Telegraphic and railroad communications with Bloemfontein are kept up as usual, but nothing comes through for public consumption. Robert's last message was dated April 6, and the last unofficial message bore the date of April 8. The absence of news, as usual, disheartens the people and produces discouraging effects. The last unofficial message notes that good spirits prevail at Bloemfontein, and the continual arrival of animals, and two fresh cavalry regiments.

In the Orange Free State the situation is complex, with scanty material for forming a correct estimate of the situation, and the afternoon newspapers, not being in confidence of the managers, are criticising the condition of affairs as they see them.

MASERU, Saturday, April 7.—The Boers who were massed last week near Ladybrand to the number of 10,000, after seizing Thabanchu, and the Modder River water works, broke up into strong divisions and they are now raiding in the south of the Free State, reoccupying the small towns which were evacuated by the British. The Boers' policy seems to be to make rapid movements, with little transport, looting English farmers and storekeepers freely for provisions and entering the communications of the British forces.

General Brabant's colonials are now mostly at Wepener. They are a splendid force, capable of great striking power, and used to cross country riding, and are able to deal roughly with the Boer commandoes now roaming about the country.

A squadron of Brabant's Horse captured 400 rifles near Wepener. His outposts are reported to be in touch with the Boers, and a fight is regarded as imminent.

Persistent reports are being circulated that the Boers are repairing to flank the British position at Wepener, and thus to secure entrance into Basutoland. Such an attempt will be resisted by the Basutoland government, which, it is believed, has made quiet preparations.

Meanwhile the approach of the armies to Basutoland produces much excitement among the natives, necessitating the utmost vigilance on the part of the local officials.

Columbia Southern Activity.
BAKER CITY, April 9.—A private letter received from Portland announces the appointment as chief engineer of the Columbia Southern Railway of the brother of President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., and states that he has already taken the field with several gangs of men for the purpose of surveying lines to control all the passes south of the Columbia River. Engineer Anderson, of the same

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company, has recovered sufficiently to take the field again, and will leave Sompter in the morning with Dr. Lon Cleaver and go over the line of the proposed extension between Prairie City and Granite.

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THE MINES OF MOUNT SINAI

Evidence That Copper Was Taken From There 7,000 Years Ago.

Egyptians had mined the rugged sides of Mount Sinai for copper and turquoise thousands of years before Moses climbed the mountain to receive the tables of the law, and the Egyptians waged wars for the possession of these mines. M. de Morgan with a party of French engineers recently visited these abandoned workings, which are situated convenient to the Gulf of Suez, and explored two of the ancient deposits. He found the mineral deposits in the sandstone region and not in the porphyries which constitutes the great mass of the mountains.

These deposits consist of copper and iron bearing minerals, especially hematite, and some gypsum. Among the cupiferous minerals the most valuable were the turquoise, many valuable specimens of which have been discovered from time to time in the tomb and treasures of the Egyptians, says the National Druggist. M. de Morgan brought back to France a collection of minerals, most

of which were turned over to M. Berthelot, who made a most interesting report on the minerals, in which he stated that the copper-bearing specimens were poor in metal and not plentiful.

Making such ores must have been tedious and severe labor. The Egyptians were still using arms of wood and chipped or ground stones, and copper was a rare and precious metal, the possession of which was thought to repay the most severe labor. Later on wood and stone implements gave place to bronze, which was made possible by the importation of tin from remote regions.

These mines have been abandoned for at least 3,000 years, probably on account of a constantly growing scarcity in metal. The mines were probably worked from 3,500 to 4,000 years. It is thought that the working of the mines began nearly 7,000 years ago.—Chicago News.

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REBEL CHIEF IS IN MANILA

Such is Report Made by Secret Service Officer—Hiding Among Tagals—General Otis Believes It, but Will Offer No Reward.

NEW YORK, April 9.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: In the mail from Manila, which has just arrived at the war department, there were at least two communications expressing conviction that Aguinaldo is hiding in that city. One of these letters is from a United States Secret Service official, who has found conclusive evidence that the Tagal leader had been in Manila since the rebel armies in Luzon were dispersed, and who was satisfied that, as he had not escaped by water, he was probably still concealed in the native part of the town.

The other letter was from an army officer attached to headquarters, who voiced the opinion of all the higher military authorities that Aguinaldo was certainly not in any of the outlying districts on the island of Luzon, for American troops had too thoroughly overrun the entire country for the rebel chief to escape detection. Other officers recently returned from the Philippines confirm the impression that Aguinaldo would naturally seek safety in the Tagal quarter of Manila, where he probably finds greater seclusion and security than in any other place in the archipelago, especially as it is not frequented by American troops or natives who sympathize with the American rule.

General Otis is said to have no doubt that Aguinaldo has not been out of Manila since the first of this year, but he has refused to offer any reward for his apprehension, although the secret service men have every assurance that betrayal by natives would speedily follow the offer.

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