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## HURRY REINFORCEMENTS FORWARD

Boers Now Control All of Orange Free State East of the Railway And Are Active in North Natal.

## SITUATION AT MAFEKING

Boers Are Continuing Their Fight Against Brabant at Wepener and Have Two Thousand Men on the Way to Springfontein.

LADYSMITH, April 10.—Heavy firing was heard this morning in the direction of Sunday River. It continued for a few hours. No details of engagement have been received.

PIETERMARITZBURG, April 10.—Heavy cannonading commenced this morning in the vicinity of Elandsplaagte.

BETHULIE, Orange Free State, Monday, April 10.—It is expected the Boers will endeavor to retake and destroy the bridge over the Orange river. Consequently, extraordinary precautions have been taken. A force of Boers is located twelve miles east. As a matter of fact, the Boers practically again hold the Free State eastward of the railroad and are greatly encouraged by their successes at Reddersberg and Korn Spruit.

LONDON, April 10.—The Boer attack on General Brabant's force at Wepener was resumed at dawn today. The enemy's attack on two or three sides on Monday lasted until 2:30 in the afternoon, when firing ceased and it was believed the enemy had been beaten off, but it was announced this morning from Aliwal North that fighting had again been begun.

Brabant's force, numbering from 2000 to 3000, holds positions in a rough country. It is not known what the numerical strength of the Boers is, but whatever it may be, it is being rapidly augmented. A body of 2000 is marching towards Springfontein from Smithfield, between Wepener and Springfontein. Events in the southeast portion of the Free State have caused the Eighth division, which had been ordered to Fourteen Streams to be diverted to Springfontein.

The mysterious movements of troops of Bloemfontein are proceeding. Newspapers' correspondents are not allowed to telegraph their destination, and the presumption is that Roberts is making a disposition of troops to cut off the raiding Boer forces when they try to withdraw to the northward from the pursuing British columns.

Reappearance of the Boers in the occupied country has caused a revival of the warlike feeling among the Free States of the Fauresmith and Philippolis districts. Federal agents are busy, getting details of surrendered Boers, and, owing to the Irish garrisons being withdrawn from these districts, the British residents are uneasy.

Boers are reported to have ventured south of Biggarsberg, and to be posting heavy guns four miles north of Elandsplaagte. They are also said to be fortified in the vicinity of Wesselsnek.

General Garrington has reached Cape Town and is going to Beira, Portuguese East Africa, forthwith.

The war office proposes to land at Cape Town before the end of May 20,000 horses. They will be conveyed there in twenty-three steamers, sailing from New Orleans, Buenos Ayres and Australian ports.

### Report of Plumer's Fight.

BULLUWAYO, April 3.—Colonel Plumer engaged the Boers between Ramathlabama and Mafeking on March 31. The Boers appeared in considerable force six miles from Mafeking, and to prevent being outflanked on both sides, Plumer had to withdraw on Ramathlabama, subsequently retiring to his base camp. The engagement lasted three hours, and

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The above dispatch is the British version of the defeat of Colonel Plumer's force, announced April 5, in a dispatch from Lourenco Marques. A dispatch from Gaberones, dated April 1, gives the British losses in the above engagement as killed, three officers and seven men; wounded, three officers and twenty-four men; missing, 11.

### Situation at Mafeking.

BULLUWAYO, March 31.—Colonel Baden-Powell wires from Mafeking, March 21, confirming the report that the Boers had been pushed back so far that the town was comparatively out of range of the musketry. He concludes with saying: "All promises well for eventually cutting off this force of the enemy, if we can hold Shyman here."

### John R. McLean Changed His Mind.

NEW YORK, April 10.—A Washington special to the Evening World says: It is asserted this afternoon, on what seems to be good authority, that Admiral Dewey has decided to withdraw as a candidate for the Presidency, and that within a few days he will formally announce his decision. His brother-in-law, John R. McLean, is alleged to be responsible for this latest move.

Within forty-eight hours, Dewey has been in consultation with Democratic leaders and others antagonistic to President McKinley, and the opinions they expressed, together with the unfavorable views voiced by the newspapers, decided him, it is asserted, to withdraw from the contest.

### Not a Wicked Place.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—A defense of the administration of affairs at Manila is contained in a report just made to the war department by Chaplain C. C. Pierce. This officer particularly antagonizes the ex-Chaplain of volunteers who has been severely criticizing the morals

of the American troops in the Philippines, making charges of wholesale intoxication and telling of the enormous increase in the number of liquor drinking saloons in Manila. The Chaplain declares that the figures as to the number of saloons have been perverted; that the American saloons took the place of an untold number of native gin shacks which dispensed liquid poison with deplorable effect upon the American troops, and that the substitution of the regimental canteen has resulted in an improvement in the sobriety of the troops. Chaplain Pierce also speaks in terms of praise of the reformation of sanitary conditions in Manila, resulting in general improvement in health.

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### American Plate-Glass Trust.

PITTSBURG, April 8.—The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg Saturday, with a capital of \$50,000,000. This company is composed of well-known plate-glass men, and is looked upon as the beginning of a determined move on the part of the American plate-glass men to wrest the trade in this country for plate mirrors from foreign manufacturers.

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## REVISING THE PENSION LAW

Important Legislation to Be Brought Before Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The most important piece of general pension legislation before congress, that of revising the pension act of June 27, 1890, and other general pension laws, was passed upon in a tentative manner today by the house committee on invalid pensions, and the sense of the committee taken on reporting the bill to the house and placing it on the house calendar for early consideration. The revision has been advocated by delegations of the chief officers of the G. A. R., and Pension Commissioner Evans has been heard at length on the subject. The committee decided today to take the bill of Senator Gallinger as a basis of action, and to make several amendments.

The details of the changes are not made public for the present, but it is understood the most important of these increases the age limit on which pensions are to be allowed and fixes a sliding scale between the ages of 62 and 70, viz: \$6 at 62 years, \$8 at 65, \$10 at 68, and \$12 at 70. Another important amendment increases from \$96 to \$250 the amount of annual income which a widow may have without forfeiting the right to a pension. As amended, the bill is to be reported, but Chairman Suloway is given considerable latitude in the matter, in order that an opportune time may be chosen to secure practical results in the house.

### Child Scalded to Death.

ASHLAND, April 9.—A distressing fatality took place on Wagner creek, three miles south of Talent, Saturday, the victim being the 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Low. Mrs. Low had been arranging to scrub the floor of her home, and placed a good-sized tub filled with scalding water and a pot of concentrated lye on the floor. She stepped outside the house to get a bucketful of cold water to cool the scalding water, and while so engaged the child, Fanny, who was playing in the room, approached the tub and fell headlong into the scalding water and lye. The agonizing cries of the child recalled the mother, but too late to save the child, who lingered in great agony for twenty-four hours before death came to her relief. The funeral took place today.

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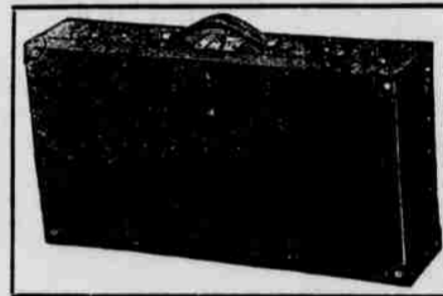


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