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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

TEN PAGES-THURSDAY MORNING MARCII 15 1900-TEN PAGES

THE BRITISH FLAG FLOATS OVER BLOEMFONTEIN! THE FREE STATE CAPITAL WAS SURRENDERED ON GEN. FRENCH'S THREAT TO BOMBARD THE TOWN

President Steyn and His Fighting Burghers Fled Northward, the White Flag Was Raised and the Mayor Met Lord Roberts, Who Entered at Noon on Tuesday.

There Was No Fighting and the British Were Cheered by the Townspeople—Roberts Is Now in the Official Residence—Half of the Campaign Is Over—There May Yet be Some Heavy Fighting, But All Confidence Is in Lord Roberts.

cially announced that Lord Roberts has oc-

Office announcing his occupation of Bloem- fantry. I need say no more."-

mand have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late President of the Orange Free State.

The British continue pressing the advance the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, was passident of the Orange River. The Boers still hold rading South London with bands and ban-

London, March 15.—(4.50 a.m.)—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts at Spitz Kop, five miles south of the town, making a formal surrender of the town, making a formal surrender of the place.

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Lord Roberts made a state entry at relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of General Cronje's forces, and the capture of the President. of the Free State.

paratively trifling loss. It is small wonder frenzied excitement.

heavy fighting, but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for victory over all diffi-President Steyn is understood to show

A Pointer to the Czar.

It is interesting, in connection with the others were immediately notified, but at 3 tion. Indeed, no information on the sub-rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to 'earn o'clock the War Office was deserted, the ject has been received in Berlin.

At Mariborough House, Lord Wolseley and man Consul at Lorenzo Marquez for protection. Indeed, no information on the sub-rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to 'earn o'clock the War Office was deserted, the ject has been received in Berlin. London, March 14.—The following is the "I am perfectly amazed at the energy in text of Lord Roberts' despatch to the War action and the endurance of the British in- the tidings caused great excitement along "Nobody," said the official in question

screetary to the late Government, the late Government by the British artillery. Heavy firing is in the landrost and other officials met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the Kitchener's Success.

Stream; but their trenches are dominated the British artillery. Heavy firing is in the surrender of Cronje and other inspiring incidents. The route was hung with flags mishing.

Kitchener's Success.

to the official residence of the President, followed by a cheering crowd, who waved a British flag, and sang the British National

Free State as having passed out of exist- and shelling, but the enemy then retired. ence and as being now one of the shadows British Wounded in Steyn's House. Lord Roberts has his headquarters at It is not doubted that there may yet be of the British wounded in the building. Railway Not Injured.

EXCITEMENT IN LONDON

of Harpers' Weekly. Mr. Kipling cables rooms as the cyclones had met to wrestle there; his flocks and herds are gone, and will FIGHT TO A FINICH he calls "The Sin of Witchcraft."

the baby linen is lying on the dung heap.

The burden of his complaint is that BriHe and his family crawl into Cape Town in tish civil officials in Cape Town wink at semi-treasonable acts, and to quote his own words, "The Government will take care Be Slaves' on the platform. Then do

A Boer Refutation of Lord Salisbury's Contention is Now Being Prepared at Pretoria. it does not pay anyone to be loyal."

Messrs. Kruger and Steyn enter into corre.

He says: "The loyalist on the border has spondence with Lord Roberts as to the atro. the following despatch from Pretoria, dated his house ripped inside by the Boers or cities committed on a virtuous population Monday, March 12: rebels, or both; the disloyalist's farm is re-spected, and in return he supplies the by a brutal and licentious soldiery. "Lord Salisbury's reply has been received, and a Boer refutation of the British con-

down country to be tried by a sympa- portant. Indeed, at the proper time, those express the determination of the two rethetic jury. He hopes, and not without men can be made the means of saving the publics to fight to the finish."

WHAT SPENSER WILKINSON THINKS ROBERTS WILL DO. they now express the opinion that the war is about to enter a stage more crude than

The Field Marshal Will Move His Troops Southward to Meet the can Republics. British Generals Advancing From Orange River.

"The occupation of Bloemfonicin will to the farms

son, in The Morning Post, says it is not from the Orange River districts. The They Had Letters of Introduction impossible that a railway is being made Free State forces are evidently well beaten, from Modder River or Kimberley to Bloem-estimate before the war was 20,000, of fontein. In any case, after a pause to whom a few thousand are on the Orange of the arrest by the Portuguese authorities troops southward on the restored railway line to meet the British generals advancing from the Orange River.

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No News About Rolling Stock.

There is still no news as to whether Lord

Nowever, there were no demonstrations ap-

Mr. Frazer, member of the late Exe-entive Government, the Mayor, the stream; but their trenches are dominated men representing the British field forces.

French Sent a Summons to the Town and Steyn Fled North—An Ovation to Roberts.

At Windsor the hews was received with at the fact that transports with the bulk of the prisoners sall for St. Helena to-night.

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DISAPPOINTMENT AT PRETORIA. Boers Feel Bitter Over Lord Sqlisbury's Reply to Their Insulting

CABLE FROM PRESIDENT KRUGER To a New York Pro-Boer Journal

Which Says the British Will Never Reach Pretoria.

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Prepared at Pretoria. London, March 15.—The Daily News has

enemy with food, horses and information.

His risk is small. He may possibly—but act if his friends can stop it—be arrested in a charge of treason. He may then be

Bloemfontein caused no surprise here. Most of the papers had predicted the event, and

FOUR GERMAN OFFICERS ARRESTED.

From Dr. Leyds and Were Caught

By the Portuguese. Berlin, March 14.—Regarding the reports last night that it was not known there whe- Kop, at Hlatikulu, and in the impati

TO RESCUE THE BOERS.

the Landrost and other officials met two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices.

The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood, and all seems quiet.

The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial wel
The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial wel
The progress, and there has been some skir incidents. The route was hung with flags and stands were erected at numerous points pired that another plot has been discovered the cornel of the cor

day evening.

Extra papers are already out on the streets, and the night crowds of London are singing patriotic songs and engaging in demonstrations.

FIRST HALF OF CAMPAIGN OVER.

The Remarkable Work of Lord Roberts Since He Arrived at Moder River on Feb. 9.

Modder Riv

Now Within 40 Miles of the Besieged Town. Lobatsi, Thursday, March 8 .- Col. Plumthat he is the hero of the hour in England.

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Crossing Monday, March 6.

On Monday afternoon previous to the Marquez, Tuesday, March 13.)—Lord Salissouthward has been destroyed and that the German steamer Kaiser. er's force reached here Tuesday, March 6. and Mr. Wolmarans of the Transvaal Ex-

Steyn causes bitter disappointment, and miles of Mafeking. Col. Plumer has already way from Cape Town to England, is as Steyn causes bitter disappointment,
State Secretary Reitz says it means that dispersed several Boer police posts in the passenger on the same steamer,
he war will have to be fought to the bitadvance southward.

Cape Town, March 14.—Col. Plumer now within 40 miles of Mafeking.

A NICE LETTER FROM BUFFALO

Which Says the British Will Says the British

Commandant Delarey's report of the fight at Abraham's Kraal on Saturday says:

The British were estimated to number 40,000 men. Their first assault was repulsed. The second assault was made on the hills to the left of our position. These inits were of grent strategic importance. Appreciating this, I and three hundred men defended the position from 9 in the morning and interest of the Grent of the first assault was made on the hills to the left of our position. The hundred men defended the position from 9 in the morning and 1 its feed of the Grent of the Gren until sundown. The burghers fought like heroes, and three times repulsed masses or heroes, and three times repulsed masses or the British, who kept relieving their tired 12.55. Christian Endeavor Union Meeting, Asever.

The advanced press is indignant at Great
Britain's intention to annex the South Afriyards between us. The British lost neavily.

LATEST FROM LADYSMITH.

Boers Are in Strong Positions Near the Junction of Drakensberg and Biggarsberg Ranges. Ladysmith, Wednesday, March 14.-The

The reconstruction of the railway from Ladysmith to Dundee is progressing rap-

British troops under Lord Methuen have suppressed anger, declared that when he He invited the Premier to refuse to answer returned to Kimberley from the occupation granted the request last week and the mo the questions he would crowd the paper Letters From Outside Sent to the of Boshof, Orange Free State. Guns and tion of Mr. Borden (Halifax), regarding the with. Conservatives had as much right to Captives in Cape Town in Water- 79,000 rounds of ammunition were selzed, West Huron and Brockville elections came get campaign literature out of the order melons—Off for St. Helena. This paper as Liberals. The rule the Premier Cape Town, March 14 .- It has just trans town. Six Boers were arrested there on had led to criticism of the Government on had laid down rend

Colonel Plumer and His Force Are Soon be over.

Lorenzo Marquez, Tuesday, March 13.—Mr.

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Fischer, the Orange Free State Secretary,

were imagining that he was fretting over ing daily. The Conservatives hold a meetwere imagining that he was fretting over ing daily. The Conservatives hold a meettie shortage of likely Cabinet Ministers in ing at Revelstoke Saturday night. ecutive Council sailed for Europe to-day by the German steamer Kaiser.

Sir William MacCormac, who is on his House here received the council sailed for Europe to-day by official guillotine, and now it is in operation. Three or four officials in the Court House here received the council sailed for Europe to-day by official guillotine, and now it is in operation. Three or four officials in the Court lizing associations."

ENTHUSIASM AT CAPE TOWN Over the British Occupation of

the Streets. Cape Town, March 14.—A great popular

Bloemfontein-A Procession in

Christian Endeavor Union Meeting, Association Hall, S.
Prof. Houston, on "British Empire," Y.M.C.A., S.
Technical School Board, S.
Prof. Clark Lecture on "Kingsley's Water Babies," West Association Hall, S.
Dewson-street School Ex-Pupils' Social Evening, S.
Metropolitan Sunday School Orchestra

Toronto Liberals, Cumberland

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BURK THE ENQUIRY!

Determined Effort to Prevent Further Investigation of the West Huron and Brockville Elections.

It Was Understood Last Session That This Would be Done, But Sir Wilfrid Now Objects-Some Hot Remarks are Made by Opposition Leaders.

picture of personified patriotism hung up wordy answers that could more readily have yesterday. After numerous questions, evi-

the active service to join the army of either combatant."

Guns and Ammunition Seized—
Boshof in Mourning.

Cape Town, Wednesday. March 14.—The

The Premier then, with face aglow with

was this afternoon treated to an exhibition concocted by themselves and put on the or-of petulance on the part of Sir Wilfrid der paper. Tondon, March 14.—(8 p.m.)—It is offi- gury for the future of British supremacy. at Windsor Castle, the Prince of Wales there the officers had appealed to the Ger- Mountains, as well as at Gibson's Farm, Laurier that was in glaring contrast to the An hour had been taken up in reading

rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to 'earn that the Russian military attache with the Boers who were captured by the British, sent the following telegram to the 'Zar:

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Intended, in taking up the motions, to take and gave answers and the Liberal polytics.

the garrison was fever-stretcken he last much longer. A leading Fore'gn Office reverted to medical practice, and did ten official said to-day that there would be no finally work in caring for the fever patients and the wounded soldiers.

War Will Soon Be Over.

The papers this evening generally express.

Heads Have Fallen in Vancouver and Some in the Interior are last much longer. A leading Fore'gn Office of the following Ground.

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clai mails reach several up-country points, the Martin Cabinet, went up country to-

Party Line Idea Gaining Ground
A special correspondent of The Province,
who has been traveling thru the interior,

Another Death at Sydney, N.S.W .- floor of the House. He denies that there the lake region or to the middle Atlantic

BOER STORY OF THE FIGHTING.

Another Death at Sydney, N.S.W.

Deaths at Buenos Ayres.

Sydney, N.S.W., March 14.—Another death from bubonic plague has occurred the Battle at Abraham's Kraal on Saturday Last.

Petoria, Tuesday, March 13.—A despatch from Bioenfontein says that in view of the ment may be removed to Kroonstadt.

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Twenty-Three Deaths.

Buenos Ayres. March 14.—The outbreak of bubonic plague here has been semil officially recognized as of a "mild type." There have been twenty-three deaths within two months.

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Grand Opera House, "The Moth and the Flame," 8.
Toronto Opera House, Al G. Field's Minstrels, 2 and 8.
Princess Theatre, "Quo Vadis," 2 and 8.
Princess Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8.
Shea's Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8.

Your druggist has sold Gibbons' Toothsche Gum for years. Ask for it. Price 10c.
Highlanders, and brother of Mrs. Ruttan, wife of Rev. Charles Ruttan, city.

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DEATHS.

CAMERON—In Montreal, on Tuesday, the later manager of the Merchants' Bank, Toronto, aged \$2 years, eldest son of the later Cel. Duncan Cameron, C.B., of the 79th Laxative Grip Capsules do not gripe. Highlanders, and brother of Mrs. Ruttan, wife of Rev. Charles Ruttan, city.