Roberts on **Spion Kop**

Commander-in-Chief Considers Thorneycroft's Retirement Was Inexcusable.

Sir Charles Warren Blamed for Not Himself Visiting the Critical Position.

And General Buller for Disinclination to Assert

despatches describing the Spion Kop and other operations from January 17 to January 24. After stating Gen. Sanction to Sir Charles Warren, who commande the whole force, Lord Roberts points out that Sir Charles Warren seems to have concluded, after consultation with his officers, that the flanking movement ordered by Gen. Buller was imprac ticable, and therefore so changed the plan of advance as to necessitate the capture and retention of Spion Kop Lord Roberts continues:

"As Warren considered it impossible to make the wide flanking movement which was recommended, if not actually prescribed, in the secret instructions, he should forthwith have acquainted Buller with the course he proposed to adopt. There is nothing to show whether he did so or not. But it is only fair to Warren to point out that Buller appears throughout to have been aware of

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Regarding the withdrawal from Spion Kop, the retention of which had become essential to the relief of Ladysmith, Lord Roberts says: "I regret to be unable to concur with Buller in thinking that Thorheycroft exercised wise discretion in ordering the troops to retire. I am of the opinion that Thorneycroft's assumption of responsibility and authority was wholly inexcusable. During the night the enemy's fire could not have taken more than two or three hours for Thorneycroft to communicate by messenger with Major-General Coke or Warren. Coke appears to have left Spion Kop at 9:30 p. m., for the purpose of communicating with Warren. Up to that hour the withdrawal had not been entertained, yet almost immediately after Coke's departure Thorneycroft issued the order without reference to the superior authority, which upset the whole plan of operations and rendered unavailing the sacrifices already made to carry it into effect. On the other hand, it is only right to state that Thorneycroft appears to have behaved in a very zallant manner throughout

Gen. Buller's report commenting on Gen. Warren's reports of the capture and evacuation of Spion Kop, after disputing the correctness of some of Warren's assertions and describing some of the dangerous situations occupied by Warren's force, tells how he saw the force at Spion Kop had given way before Warren knew of it. Buller therefore telegraphed to Warren: "Unless you put a really good hard fighting man on top you will lose the hill. I suggest Thorneycroft." Gen. Buller continues: "I have not thought it necessary to order an investigation. If at sundown the defence of the summit had been taken in hand, entrenhements laid out and the dead and wounded removed, the whole place would have been brought under regular military commands and Gen. Buller's report commenting or Gen. Warren's reports of the capture and evacuation of Spion Kop, after dis

ler was justified in remarking the conviction that there was a want of organization and system which acted most unfavorably on the defence.

"The attempt to relieve Ladysmith was well devised, and I agree with Buller in thinking it ought to have succeeded. That it falled may in some measure have been due to the difficulties of the ground and the commanding. measure have been due to the difficulties of the ground and the commanding positions held by the enemy, and probably also to errors of judgment and want of administrative capacity on the part of Warren. But whatever faults Warren may have committed, the failure must also be attributed to the disinclination of the officer in supreme command to assert his authority and see what he thought best was done, and also to the unwarrantable and needless assumption of responsibility by a subordinate officer."

The despatch concludes: "The gratifying feature of these despatches is the admirable behaviour of the troops throughout the operations."

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WEPENER STILL SURBOUNDED. | Roberts' Net Relieving Forces Arriving From Tw Directions Are Delayed by Violent Rain,

Violent Rain.

London. April 17.--(11:10 p. m.)—The war office has received the following. despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, April 17:

"Our force at Weepener is still surrounded, but it is reported that the enemy are attacking in a very half-hearted manner and are anxious about their communications, hearing that forces are approaching Wepener from two directions—one under Gen. Rundle via Reddersburg, and another under Gen. Brabant, with Gen. Hart's brigade in support, via Rouxville. On the reoccupation of Rouxville April 15, the few Boers there retired, and Gen. Brabant made some important arrests.

Violen rainstorms somewhat interfered with the march of these columns, but it is hopel they will soon be able to make their presence more decidedly felt.

London, April 17.—The war office tonight publishes in the Gazette a despatch from Lord Roberts, dated February 13, submitting Gen. Buller's for doctors and an ambulance."

Miners' Laws

Alaskan Civil Code Gives Standing to Decisions of the Camps.

Tidewater Lands Formally Opened to All Citizens of United States.

Washington, April 16 .-- During almost the entire session to-day the senate had inder consideration the Alaskan civil code bill. The amendment providing for the mining of gold along the beach in the district was perfected, after a discussion lasting nearly four hours. The provision in relation to mining at Cape Nome was modified so as to read as follows: "Provided further that the rules

and regulations established by the miners shall be subject to such general rules as the secretary may prescribe for mining below high tide, and shall not be in conflict with the mining laws of the

After the amendment had been pe ected to Mr. Carter's satisfaction, Mr. Berry offered an amendment to it read-ing: "It being the intention hereof that locations upon or claims to lands within the tide reservation shall be originated only after the passage and taking effect of this act." Mr. Berry said he had information that a company had located some claims along the beach at Cape Nome, in opposition to a ruling of the secretary of the interior. The idea of his amendment, he said, was to prevent the confirmation of the title to the company.

Mr. Carter stated that the secretary's

taken in hand, entrenchments laid out and the dead and wounded removed, the whole place would have been brought under regular military commands and the hills would have been held, I am sure. But no arrangements were made. Coke appears to have been ordered away just as he would have been useful, and no one succeeded him. Those on top were ignorant of the fact that the guns were coming up, and generally there was a want of organization and system that acted most unfavorably on the defence. It is admitted that all of Thorneycroft's command acted with the greatest gallantry throughout the day and really saved the situation. But preparations for the second day's defence should have been organized during the day and commenced at nightfall. As this was not done, I think Thorneycroft exercised wise discretion."

"It is to be regretted," Roberts proceeds, "that Warren did not himself visit Spion Kop in the afternoon or evening, knowing as he did that the state of affairs was very critical and that the loss of the position would involve the failure of the operations. He consequently was obliged to summon Coke to headquarters, and the command at Spion Kop thus devolved on Thorneycroft, unknown to Coke, who was under the impression that the command devolved upon Col. Hill, as senior adviser. Offences or mistakes of this nature may be trivial in themselves, yet they may exercise an important influence upon the course of events, and I believe Buller was justified in remarking the conviction that there, was a want of organization and system which acted most

Secure Any Return.

Montreal, April 16 .- (Special) -Sir Charles Tupper, speaking to a deputation from the Junior Conservative and Sir John Macdonald clubs, again dis cussed Imperial questions. He took exception to the policy of preferential trade with the mother country, of which the effect is calculated to be to put Canadian industries at the mercy those of another community, which he holds is not advisable even though tha holds is not advisable even though that other community is the parent state. Sir Charles said that while he was for unity of the Empire and for extension of trade within that Empire, he would hot commit this country to any but a clearcut and well defined policy. The British Empire League had decided that Imperial interests could best be conserved and that trade within the Empire could best be fostered by cultivation of trade along the lines of self-interest. If there is any preferential trade it must trade along the lines of self-interest. If there is any preferential trade it must be in the way of mutual preference within the Empire. He was opposed to the so-called preferential policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier because it was all one-sided. It gave away all Canada had to give without getting anything in return, and instead of drawing the parts of the Empire together it was rather calculated.

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Is Spread

Boers Seek Safety From Capture in Flight From the Free State.

British Seemingly Prepared to Move Quickly on Any Point Desired.

London, April 17.-Lord Roberts has spread his net far and wide to catch the adventurous commandoes that have been making mischief in the southeastern part of the Free State. The net has not yet been drawn in, but at the headquarters of Lord Roberts the impression exists that the power of the Boers is decreas ing. A Daily News correspondent has hem fleeing to the southeast; a Standard orrespondent reports them fleeing to the northward; a Daily Telegraph corre

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 in Bloemfonten is that the disposition made by Roberts is 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 retreating. o be thinking now chiefly of retreating The investment of Wepener, according to a special despatch from Bloemfontein, has been abandoned.

According to a Bethany despatch the Boers are unable to retreat northward, because the British strongly hold all the

pecause the British strongly hold an the roads.

Divers reports come from Natal, one asserting that the Boers have retired beyond the Biggarsberg range, and, another saying that some of them are close to Ladysmith.

London waits confidently for the almost immediate announcement of news favorable to the British. Distrust exists, however, to any rapid continuous advance toward Pretoria, chiefly on account of the lack of horses, many of which die on the long voyages. 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 rapidly in consequence of these hardships. Dein consequence of these hardships. Despite the energy of its buyers abroad, the war office foresees much difficulty in supplying the enormous number of horses required.

SCOUT FROM MAKEKING. Passed Through Boer Lines With News of All Well at Recent Date.

Lorenzo Marques, April 16.—Lieut. Steth, a Rhodesiaian scout, who entered Mafeking through the Boer lines, has returned to Col. Plumer's camp, with despatches from Mafeking saying all was well there April 8.

A PRETORIA CONSULTATION. ommandant From Natal Advising

Kruger's Council—Irishmen of the Boer Ambulance. Pretoria, April 16.—President Kruger ceps in excellent health. Gen. Botha is ere consulting with the government. The numbers of the Irish-American ambul-

ace corps are treated as guests of the

AN INDIGNANT DIPLOMAT. panish Minister at Washington Resents

Invitation to Help Celebrate Dewey Day.

for the celebration of the second anni-

for the celebration of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila, which I take for granted has been sent to me by mistake, as it is the first discourtesy I have met with since I arrived in the United States.

"It is impossible for me to believe that you have advisedly asked me, the representative of Spain, to go to your city and rejoice with you on the destruction of the Spanish ships and on the death of so many brave sailors—my compatriots. That would have been simply an insult; and, as I do not deserve it and it cannot have been your intention, I am perfectly sure as I say, all this is the result of an error.

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When Beebe's Narrow Escand Tour Projected.

Vancouver, April 17.—In put the offer of William Quann and manage the championship sure as I say, all this is the result of an error.

"I have the honor to remain, sir, very respectfully yours, "ARCOS."

In reply the Mayor has written that the invitation was sent through the care-lessness and ignorance of a clerk, ex-tending sincere apologies for the unin-

Beauty is born in the blood; Beauty is more than "skin deep," it is blood deep. When the blood is tainted by disease the flesh will feel it and the skin will show it. Sallow or muddy complexions, pimples, blotches and eruptions are only the surface signs of impure blood. Face washes, lottoins, complexion powders, may palliate the crils but they cannot cure the disease. The only cure is to cleanse the blood of the poisonous matter which is the cause of the poisonous matter which is the cause of the outbreak in the flesh and skin. I moure blood can be absolutely purified by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Its effect on the flesh and skin is marked. Sores heal and disappear. The skin becomes smooth, and regains its natural color. The eyes brighten and sparkle, the whole body is radiant with the brightness and beauty of health. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or other intoxicant, and is absolutely free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics. The use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Fellets assist the action of the "Discovery" by cleansing the system of clogging matter.

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ours. Referring to the party lines ques-ion he advised that wherever it was

THE IMPERIAL COMMISSIONS

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STOOD BY THE MOTION.

Liberal-Conservatives Decided Not to

Rescind Party Lines Resolution.

A meeting of the Liberal-Conservative

Association was held last evening to

discuss the political situation. A motion

was proposed to rescind the one passed

Governor in the arrogant assents constitutional right to the

Officers at Home.

om Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, April 17.-The Governor

still in progress.

WEILER BROS, . Victoria, B. C. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. . .

Punished At Reddersburg

Boers in Strong Force a Mark for the British Heavy Artillery,

Wepener Abandoned in the General Flight-A Trick at Mafeking.

London, April 17.-The Daily News has the following from Reddersburg, dated Friday:

"Gen. Chermside saw the rear guard of the Boers disappear southeast in full retreat. The enemy appear to be in strong force 14 miles east of Reddersburg. They are falling thick before heavy guns."

FLIGHT FROM WEPENER. London, April 17.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated yesterday, says:

"The Boers have raised the siege of Wepener and have left Rouxville. A majority of them have undoubtedly retreated north, with the exception of a body of about 6,000 now reported to be going towards Bethulie."

TRICKERY AT MAFEKING. TRICKERY AT MAFEKING.
London, April 17.—A despatch to the Times from Mafeking, dated April 6, confirming earlier reports, says: "After Col. Plumer's repulse Commandant Snyman sent a message inviting Col. Baden-Powell to send out to collect the dead and wounded, but when the ambulance appeared the Boer commander de-clined to allow them to be taken. It was discovered, however, that the Boer reports of the extent of the British casualties had been greatly exaggerated."

AT ST. HELENA. Jamestown, St. Helna, April 16.—The remainder of the Boer prisoners were landed to-day and sent to Deadwood.
Col, Shiel and two others who had been confined at the citadel after they attempted to escape, have been released and have gone to Deadwood.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

Washington, April 16.—Judge Advocate General of the Navy Lemly has received a communication from pay director H. M. Denniston at New York, Chicago, April 16.—Mayor Harrison today received from Duke d'Arcos, the Spanish Minister at Washington, the following regarding an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration in Chicago:

"Sir—I return you be switch and lock to the Easter holidays no information relative to the accuirement of a vessel of the scourement of t "Sir,—I return you, herewith enclosed, an invitation from the City of Chicago the bids, which takes places on the 18th

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS. Mr. Beebe's Narrow Escape-Howe

Mr. Beebe's Narrow Escape—Howe Sound Copper — Lacrosse
Tour Projected.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 17.—In pursuance of the offer of William Quann to finance and manage the championship lacrosse team for 1900 on an Eastern Canadian

The Popular Projected at the last meeting favoring party lines in the coming provincial contest. After three hours' discussion the motion was withdrawn. A convention to select can didates will be held on Monday evening next, the arrangements being perfected at a meeting of the executive of the association on Friday evening.

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the offer of William Qualit to Intance and manage the championship lacrosse team for 1900 on an Eastern Canadian tour, for the purpose of seeing if a British Columbia lacrosse team cannot capture the championship of the world, the Vancouver club team met last night and decided that, should they win the championship, they would go East and cross sticks with the champions of Eastern Canada.

W. J. McCusker, a clerk in the Hastings Mills, Vancouver, has been accused by his employers of embezzling \$500. McCusker is married and has ward a good principle I will certainly

lessness and ignorance of a clerk, extending sincere apologies for the unintentional discourtesy.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT.

Dublin, April 16.—The Queen, accompanied by the Princess, drove in an open landau to-day, in the presence of immense crowds. The route was past the Hiberian school to Clondalkin, returning to the vice-regal lodge by way of Long avenne, which still was lined with equipages and cheering crowds when Her Majesty returned.

Bastern Canada.

W. J. McCusker, a clerk in the Hastings Mills, Vancouver, has been accused by his employers of embezzling by the George accused by his employers of embezzling by the police magistrate, pending his trial, on \$1.500 bail.

The assizes are in progress before Chief Justice McColl. The first case, the Queen vs. Kelly and Vianeas, for murderously assaulting a Chinaman at Westminster, was laid over till Thursday of the death of the infant daughter of the lawyer for the defence, Alex. Henderson. The cannibalism for the majesty returned.

case against George Hunt is called for to-morrow.

THE BOER DELEGATES.

Berlin, April 16.—The report circulated of conferences between Count von Buelow, the minister of foreign affairs, and the Boer delegates, are semi-officially declared to be pure inventions.

Beauty is born in the blood; Beauty is more than "skin deep," It is blood deep. When the blood is tainted by disease the for \$250,000.

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According to reports, \$1,000,000 has been offered for the Britannia group of the Britannia company on being asked to confirm the convention at New Westminster, and dealt at length with the party lines of the platform adopted at the convention at New Westminster, and dealt at length with the party lines of the platform adopted at the convention at New Westminster, and dealt at length with the party lines was a mistake, though he admitted that "an" eight-hour law was wanted. He condemned the action of the Lieutenant Governor in the arrogant assertion of provincial interests. his constitutional right to the detrimen-of provincial interests. Mr. Martin's platform, he said, was designed to catch, the popular vote and at the same time ensure "the support of Sir Wilfrid

for \$250,000. While Hon. G. W. Beebe was enwhile Hon. G. W. Beebe was engaged in talking to a friend in Vancouver yesterday, a fly flew into his mouth and lodged in his windpipe. According to Mr. Beebe he would have choked to death if he had not hastened to a doctor's office and received assistance.

ANOTHER CANADIAN DEAD.

London, April 17.—Private will. In.

Adams, the announcement of whose death from fever in South Africa was cabled to Col. Aylmer at Ottawa to-day, was the son of Sergt.-Major Adams of the London Police force. He was about 121 years old.

The condon, April 17.—Private will. In.

A woman who is weak, nervous and sleep-not feel and act like a well person, Carter's from Pilis equalize the circulation, remove nervousness, and give strength and rest.

Pluck At Mafeking

Though Garrison Hungry They Have Two Months' Fight in Them Yet.

Guided by Advice Just Received Plumer May Attempt Another Assault.

Boers Well Horsed and Fed and **Encouraged by Messages** From Pretoria.

Plumer's Camp, Friday, April 17 .mandant Snyman, with reference to the British wounded and prisoners at the CONSERVATIVE NOMINATED. Mr. G. R. Ashwell Receives the Party Murch 31, from which it is learned that Capt. Crewe died of his wounds. Lieut, Nomination for Chilliwack-Sir Hibbert Tupper's Advice. Milligan is not a prisoner, and is believed to be among the killed. The From Our Own Correspondent. British casualties were two officers and

Vancouver, April 16.—At a Conservative convention held in Chilliwack on Saturday, at which thirty-five delegates were present, G. R. Ashwell, general merchant, was chosen as a straight Conservative candidate to represent the Conservative candidate to represent the Conservative of Chilliwack district in the forthcoming provincial elections. After the convention a Conservative mass meeting was held. The speakers of the evening were Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, present on invitation of the Conservative Association of Chilliwack, and Stuart Livingston, representing Charles Wilson, Q.C., thus appearing as the provincial Censervative leader. There were were 600 present in the hall.

Sir Hibbert spoke for nearly three hours. Referring to the party lines questions. The country hereabouts is much

The country hereabouts is much easier traversed than that the Rhodestion he advised that wherever it was not possible for a Conservative to win, the Conservatives should heartily support a Liberal candidate if he were opposed to Mr. Martin.

Sir Hibbert dwelt at length in his speech on the Lieutenant-Governor's unconstitutional proceedings and the political plots hatched by Mr. Martin and Mr. McInnes, and wound up his speech by a long reference to politics affecting the Dominion. The meeting was very enthusiastic. ians are operating in.

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The total casualties Saturday were 78, but many are convalescent. Men and horses are improving in health as the winter approaches.

Natives report that the inhabitants of Mafeking are very hungry, and should a flying column be despatched to their relief it would find the country well grassed and watered as it proceeds northward

grassed and watered as it proceeds northward.

The body of Capt. Crewe has been handed over to Col. Baden-Powell and buried in Mafeking cemetery.

The Boers are being bolstered up by all sorts of stories from Pretoria, among them reports that Russia and France have declared war against Great Britain enthusiastic.

After the meeting Sir Hibbert was asked by the Colonist reporter as to the statement that he is hedging on the party line question. Sir Hibbert said that he had not changed his mind at all. He did not believe four Conservatives could win in Vancouver and if he thought the Conservatives could not win in the province.

servatives could not win in the province he would hold up both hands for a Lib-eral government, provided that govern-ment was opposed to Mr. Martin. Mafeking, April 17.—The success of fieut. Smith-Eman, the Rhodesian cout, who, with the exception of a scout, who, with the exception of a Reuter correspondent, a cyclist, is the only white man who has entered Mafe-king since the siege began, is likely to prove of great value to Col. Plumer, to whom he has returned with despatches, wenty Canadians Now in South Africa om he has returned with despatches, uld Plumer decide to raise the siege of Mareking in earnest.

A Scottish Crofter has introduced a method of making nourishing porridge with oat bran, which is a great boon, General issued a communication to the and is settling the question of feeding the natives.

We are now confident of holding out two months longer. The men in the trenches are determined to play the ress to-night announcing that the Minister of Militia had selected fourteen ister of Militia had selected fourteen Military College cadets for commissions in the British army. Thirty other commissions are given to Canadians, and candidates for these will be selected by His Excellency. Twenty-four will go to officers in South Africa, and Lord Roberts has been requested to transmit the names of candidates. The other six go to officers of the Canadian militia.

The house resumed to-day after the Baster recess. The budget debate is still in progress,

report of Secretary Marshall of the Trades and Labor Council, the question of placing independent candidates in the field in the forthcoming provincial election will be settled, as far as Vancouver is concerned, before another week. It is understood from several different sources that each one of the twenty-eight different unions in the city has had a circular that each one of the twenty-eight different unions in the city has had a circular that each one of the twenty-eight different unions in the city has had a circular that each one of the twenty-eight different unions in the city has had a circular that each one of the twenty-eight different unions in the city has had a circular that each one of the consideration. In this letter the unions are asked to decide on three questions, namely: If they approve of the candidature of independent labor men in the forthcoming election in Vancouver; if so, how many, and will they subscribe to that end, and what labor men would they suggest as candidates. Most of the unions have reported and aithough information could not be obtained from Secretary Watson or any of the officials or members of the executive regarding the matter it is understood that it is a foregone conclusion there will one. Victorian in the Eight Accepted in regarding the matter it is understood that it is a foregone conclusion there will be one or more labor men in the field in

And brings forward the principles he has also down I will support him. But I don't think he will get the power, and the power, On Wednesday next there will be an From Our Own Correspondent.

Washington, April 16.—United States
Consul Irwin at Lisbon has reported to
the department of state that the Portuguese government has made all necessarv arrangements for the payment of sary arrangements for the payment of the judgment amounting to almost \$3,-000,000 on the award of the Delagos Bay arbitration. As stated in the house ensure the support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

It has been decided to hold ward meetings on Tuesday of next week to nominate delegates to a convention on Wednesday, when gentlemen will be nominated to represent the Conservative party life ticket. Mr. C. E. Tisdall, ex-M. P. P., promises his support to these representatives.

Positiv April 17—Herr Jules Sach.

THE AMEER UNBASY.

ssed With the Gravity of Menace by Russia He Appeals to His British Ally.

Lahore, Punjaub, April 17.-That Great Britain's attitude toward Afghanistan in connection with Russian designs on Herat does not meet with approval at Cabul, the capital of Afghanistan, is proved by an autograph letter published with the Ameer's consent, in which with the Ameer's consent, in which after referring to the various rumors, he

says:
Now, when Afghanistan is overwhelmed on all sides, the British govern-ment does not seem to take any interest, but enjoys the pride of aloofness and reserve. Whenever I have suggested a reserve. Whenever I have suggested a check to Russian aggression I have had no response from the government of India, except the suggestion that Afghanistan might consent to the construction of railways and telegraphs.
This is impossible, as the Afghans consider that such a step would mean their

"Notwithstanding all these troubles, I have proved for the past twenty-one years the firm ally of Great Britain; but now, at the last moment, I must in-Via Lorenzo Marques, April 18.—A letter has been received here from Comment of India, that the present is the time for deeds, and not for talking."

And the Japs

Present influx Leads to Suggestion of Restriction by Congress.

Now No Authority to Prevent Landing of Those Passing Muster.

Washington, April 16 .- Up to this point nothing has been done by the Washington authorities looking toward the restriction of the immigration of Japanese into this country as indicated by despatched from Victoria, B.C., beyond the application of the contract labor laws. The enforcement of these laws is entrusted to the officials of the treasury department, discovered any formidable movement to ward the bringing into the United States of Japanese coolies under labor contracts. They are not, however, authorized to interfere with the incoming of any Japanese who can satisfy the requirements of the immigration laws in the matter of freedom from contract obligations and ability to maintaain themselves. It is believed that, unlike other Orientals, few Japanese even of the laboring class fail to make a sufficient showing on these

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 towards the British Northwestern possessions, should include Japanese coolies under centract to labor in the United States there will be recessify for a considerable reinforcenabor in the United States there will be necessity for a considerable reinforcement of the number of treasury employees charged with the policing of the boundary line 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 was transparent from expessing the line be-There is no formal obligation upon the British colonial authorities to prevent such Japanese from crossing the line, beyond that of mere neighborly interests. Although the recent reports from San Francisco of the arrival at the port of San Francisco of considerable numbers of Japanese laborers, taken in connection with the steady increase of the Japanese population of the Hawaiian Islands, has attracted the attention of the executive branch of the government, it is said that even supposing the presence of the Japanese within United States territorial limits should be regarded as undesirable, the subject of restriction is one entirely beyond executive reach at present, being one for the consideration of

One Victorian in the Eight Accepted in

A private wire received in this city to-day contains the information that Major Perry has received the appointment of commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police, vice Herchmer, and is on his way to assume command at Regina.

SETTLERS FOR THE WEST.

OBITUARY.

Berlin, April 17.—Herr Jules Sach, the musical impressario, died at San Remo to-day.

Herr Otto Wuelfing, the well-known advocate of bi-metallism; died to-day.

Montreal, April 16.—Two special trains carrying 600 immigrants who lynded at Halifax on Saturday from the Allan liner Tunisian, left Windsor station to-day. The immigrants are for points in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Working Up Sensa

Critics Wauld Sacrifice 6 for Error In Well Plan Campaign.

Impatience for More Events Roberts Out His Scheme.

London, April 18.-Lord Rob wait and the Boer activity ously disturbed public equani is still three hundred miles toria. No one doubts the ulti cess of British arms, but British army that crushes the an army of occupation will

hints that more men than are for will have to be sent out. Lord Roberts indicates that 10,000 men are advancing to Boers who are investing Boers who are investing weighter are reports from the Bast that firing has been heard in tion of the hills towards Dewe is possible Gen. Chermside's troops are already in connect the Boers.

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clear the southeastern section Free State, east of the rails then swing round to the north one after another the positions the Boers north of Bloemfonte Gen. Buller's prohibition of Gen. Buller's prohibition of telegrams in Natal until furth is taken to indicate that a mov about to begin there.

A despatch to the Times fr mersberg, dated Monday, say Friday the Boers tried to rush getty's left front, but retired afing for one hour. Their attachments weakening although

parently weakening, althou numbers of fresh schansjes a along the enemy's position." LORD ROBERTS' CRITIC London, April 18.-Lord Rob spatch pronouncing censure to Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Redvers Builer and Sir Charles two of his most important sul commanders, was written Febr and has been in the hands of office for five weeks. Just w published now, in the middle campaign, is not understood, un expected that Gen. Buller at Warren will ask to be relieved

ommands. Lord Roberts' despatch with closures is the great feature London dailies this morning. I editorial the Daily News speak "somewhat appalling language" despatches, and then goes on "Upon the whole these despatching and disheartening in dinary degree. Following upon call of Gen. Gatacre, they will call of Gen. Gatacre, they will widespread feeling of uneasines. The Standard, which is suppos in the confidence of the gove says: "It is scarcely likely to publication of Lord Roberts' de is without a purpose. It irr suggests whether it is not to be by further changes in South commands. Painful as such I may be, there must be no hesis carrying them out."

Herschel, Cape Colony, Apr Boer patrols have re-appeared a Orange river and at the drifts.

ACKNOWLEDGES GIF

People of Canada Receive T Commander in Africa-Can Victims of Fever.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, April 16.-The Gover eral received the following cable "Bloemfontein, April 16 .- Ples the people of Canada on beha self, troops and Col. Ryerson, generous and timely gifts just (Signed) Roberts" A cable from Otter ann

deaths of Private Blight, Quee and Private Harrison, Montre lery, of enteric fever.

Official despatches received government state that the Trit, islature has rejected the projectory with Canada by a vito 5.

RING MYSTERY SOLV

New York, April 17.—The weight championship of the changed hands to-night, when ous Billy "Smith was knock the 19th round of what was to a 25-round battle, before the Athletic Club. The New Yor Athletic Club. The New York
the hitherto unsolvable myster
right-hand punch on the jay
19th, sending Smith to the lan
ness. The fight was won fron
sound of the gong.
Chicago, April 17.—In the M
White fight there was no de
per agreement, both being on at the end of the sixth rour

COUNTESS DROWN Berlin, April 17.—A specia to the Lokal Anzeiger, wh meagre details, regarding the Minecroy of the yacht of dolphe Festist with all on the owner and two servants, among the victims was the who prior to her marriage Haggin, of New York.

A NEW SENSATI

Rome, April 18.—The Trit that the forthcoming meetin peror William and Emper Joseph in Berlin has in viewments for the occupation o European Turkey, by Austrotroops. This statement has troops. This statement ha sensation in Italy.

THE KAISER'S VI

Dublin, April 17.—It is that Emperor William will land, landing at Cowes from about August 1. THE KENTUCKY ASSA

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.jury has reported indictmen
Caleb Powers, John Powers
Finley, Wharton Golden

Cullen as accessories, and aga E. Youtsey, Berry Howard, ard, Hart and White and Dic charged with the wilful mur Goebel.