Taken by The Boers.

Five Hundred Men of Roberts' Outposts Disappear After Day's Fighting.

Troops Despatched to Their Relief Get No News of Missing Force.

London, April 6.-Lord Roberts re-

ports as follows: Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5 .-Another unfortunate event has occurred, Another unfortunate event has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth Regiment of Mounted Infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few miles of this place.

railway station, within a territiss place.

"They were surrounded with a stronger force of the enemy, with four or five guns. The detachment held out from before noon on April 3 until 9 a. m. on April 4, and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time.

"Immediately after I heard the news, desire the afternoon of April 3, I or

happened. Meanwhile the British public is beginning to realize the immense difficulty to be overcome before Pretoria is reached, and is revising premature ideas with respect to the time when the war will be over. No one now believes that it will have ended by the beginning

The latest event more particularly in-lustrates the heavy work involved in holding the railway. This body of some five hundred British troops, without guns, which disappeared so completely within 35 miles of the great British army, had for its business to guard a section of nearly 90 miles of railway between Bloemfontein and Springfon-tein

tein.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, says: "The Boers apparently are making an attempt to redeem their promise to re-take Bloemfontein. A considerable force has moved south through Thaba Nehu.

"Gen, Tucker's isolation at Karee is more apparent than real, since the open ground north of Bloemfontein offers small opportunity for tactics. They may possibly engage him to distract attention from operations elsewhere."

"Remounts are anxiously awaited."

rval's Pont, April 6.-A detach of Hussars, who were proceeding hence to Bloemfontein, are reported to have been detained at Edinburg, about 15 miles southwest of Reddersburg, in the Orange Free State, and despatched to the assistance of the Irish Fusiliers captured near Reddersburg.

Bloemfontein, April 6.—The First cavalry brigade, under Col. Porter, reconnoitered eastward to-day beyond Louw Kop. They found 150 Boers and opened fire on them. The Boers discovered interests. Louw Kop. They found 150 Boers and opened fire on them. The Boers dispersed instantly.

Small bodies of Boers can be seen in the vicinity of this town, and they are still in the neighborhood of the waterworks. Lord Roberts is taking steps to meet the activity of the Boers.

THE PAARDEBERG WOUNDED.

Details From Col. Otter's Official Report of the Colonies has received a cable despatch sent through the Governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner, from the officers and men of the Irish squadron of Robert's Horse, expressing the loyal devotion of the troops on the even of the Queen's departure for Ireland, their own departure for the front, and their gratification at her visit and their capital ca

port-Present Strength of the

Ottawa, April 6.—The official reports by Col. Otter on the Paardeberg fight were read in the house this afternoon and greatly applauded. The details of the British Columbia wounded are as follows:

Fifth Regiment, Andrews, left thigh, slight; Beach, thorax, serious; Dickson, discharged from hospital; Finch-Smiles, thigh, slight.

Sixth Regiment—Lohman, face and chest, serious; Nicbergall, leg, slight; Thompson, shoulder, serious.

The parade state of the regiment for March shows: "Effective, 748; killed in action, 25; died of wounds, 8; transferred, 4; still in hospital, 134; on command, 33.

Toronto, April 6.-Hamilton, the Glo Coronto, April 6.—Hamilton, the Grobe correspondent with the first contingent in South Africa, sends a letter giving a detailed account of the battle of Paardeberg which shows that the Canadian ranks have been pretty well depleted since leaving Halifax. The regiment

berg which shows that the Canadian ranks have been pretty well depleted since leaving Halifax. The regiment landed at Capetown 1,039 strong; sickness reduced the number so that it left Belmont only 899 strong, and when it entered the field at Paardeberg there were only 872. "A" Co. had but two officers, Capt. Arnold, of Winnipeg, and Lieut. Hodgins of Nelson, B.C. Lieut. Blanchard, of Victoria, was left behind at Kiip Drift with a strained tendon, and Lieut. Layborn of Winnipeg had joined Col. Broadwood's Mounted Infantry force as quartermaster.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE

Declares For Absolute Severeignty Over Boer Republics—American Attitude Discussed.

Toronto, April 6.—At the annual meeting of the British Empire League this evening a resolution was passed insisting that in the settlement in South Africa after the war the two states fighting Great Britain should be left no powers inconsistent with absolute supremacy and sovereignty of the British Empire. During the evening several allusions were made to the condition of American feeling. One speaker declared that Americans were nine-tents pro-Boer and anti-British. Mr. Langtry disagreed with this, but the majority appeared to believe the first speaker was right. The chief speakers of the evening were G. R. R. Cockburn, ex. M. P., Dr. Parkin and Col. George Denison.

SIXTEEN ROUNDS.

New Yerk, April 6.—Jack Bonner's ter's Little Nerve Pills. Dyspepsia makes econds threw up the sponge in the ixteenth round of his Litt fo-night rith Tommy West.

If you are nervous or dyspeptic try Carter's Little Nerve Pills. Dyspepsia makes you nervous, and nervousness makes you nervous, and nervousness makes you need that the pills cure both.

CAVALRYMEN IN STRAITS. After Four Days' Siege Little Party Kitchener's Horse Surrend

The squadron had been left to guard

IMPERIAL FINANCES.

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Dublin Print

Selzure of Issue of the United

the Queen's Visit.

Irish Squadron of Roberts' Horse

Send Loyal Message

to Her Majesty.

Dublin, April 6.-The Queen drove out

by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and

a lady in waiting and escorted by four

mounted constables and a sergeant and

Crowds of people filled the streets

fruitless anticipation of seeing the Queen

Lord Roberts despatch describing th

disaster at Reddersburg was printed in

their gratification at her visit and their ability to fight in her cause. Her Majesty has replied to the message as follows: "The Queen thanks you for your message, which has greatly touched Her Majesty. She is very glad to be again in your land, where she has received a most loyal and hearty welcome. The Queen hopes that good fortune may follow you all."

THE DASH TO KIMBERLEY.

Details Showing the Great Risk Gen

French's Force Took With

Brilliant Success.

London, April 6.-The Times pub

ishes extracts from the letters of a British cavalry officer who accompanied

quad of police, returning at 5:30 p.m.

an open carriage to-day, accompa

Irishman Coincident With

London, April 6 .- The Capetown corspondent of the Standard gives de tails, hitherto obscure, of the surrende **Surrounds and Makes Prisoners** a squadron of Kitchener's Horse or of Boer Force After Their February 15. It was the day of the relief of Kimberley.

Taken Gaptive

Leader's Death.

By Methuen

a farm on the Riet river, while French advanced to the besieged town. The object of leaving them on the river was to hold a well pending the arrival of another column. The latter, however, never came, and the troopers found themselves besieged for four days by a body of 400 Boers. There were but 50 men, but they pierced loopholes in the walls of the farm house and made a desperate stand for three days. They fought gallantly and without food, but, on the fourth day they caught a goat, which they devoured. There was not a blade of grass on the veldt, and their horses died of starvation.

On the fourth day Gen. Dewet sent a messenger calling on them to surrender within a few minutes. The situation was hopeless. The Boers had two 12-pounders with them, and the squadron was in the last stage of exhaustion.

Seeing that there was no chance of relief, they agreed among themselves to surrender.

Slain General a French Soldier of Fo.tune—Column Bound to Mafeking.

London, April 6.—The war office has received the following despatch from Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 5:

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof, in the Orange Free State a little northeast of Kimberley, as follows: 'Surrounded Gen. Villebois Mareuil and a body of Boers to-day, none escaped. Villebois and 7 Boers killed, 8 wounded, 50 prisonets.

"Our losses were: Killed—Captains Boyle and Williams, both of Yeomanry, and two men of Yeomanry, and two men of Yeomanry. Wounded—About 7 men.

"The attack lasted four hours. The

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"The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our force was composed of Yeomanry and the Kimbertley mounted corps, and the fourth battery of actillery."

rendered, for it is reported that the ining ceased at that time.

"Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, and I despatched the Cameron Highlanders thence to Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 yesterday, without opposition, but could get no news of the missing men. There can be no doubt the whole party have been made prisoners."

London, April 7.—Not a word regarding the affair at Reddersburg has been allowed to come through, excepting the despatch of Lord Roberts. It is impossible to form an opinion as to what has happened. Meanwhile the British public is beginning to realize the immense at the state of the servence before Pretoria.

Imprint Plank Thank Class.

Twenty-Two Million Pounds the Deficit
War Will Cause This Year.

London, April 7.—The third reading of the finance bill in the House of Commons to the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, gave the estimates being placed at £127,520,000, and the expenditure at £127,520,000, and the expenditure at £150,000,000. The deficit, he said, would be met partly from the war loan, and partly from the treasury bills. Each week he declared, showed a greater improvement in trade, which would offset the losses caused by the premature with drawal of bonded goods.

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Kimberley, April 5.—Since the departure of the main body of troops, Lieut.-Col. Chamier remains in command of

London, April 7.—The Daily Telegraph has the following from Boshof, dated

has the following from Boshof, dated Thursday:

"Lord Methuen's Mafeking relief column was concentrated here to-day. The Boers are in force a few miles distant on the Vaal river. This town is practically deserted, all the men being with the commando under Commandant Duplessis who controls the district.

"Lord Methuen commanded in a spirited little action a few miles to the southeast, where he surrounded the Boers on a kopje. Not a man escaped. We took 54 prisoners, 60 horses and a quantity of baggage. Gen. De Villebois Mareuil was killed during the action. A Boer hoisted a white flag and then fired immediately after, killing a British officer. The murderer was instantly shot."

Engaged at **Bushman Kop**

Several Hours' Fighting Described as Unimportant general consternation. It brought the populace with a quick turn from the rejoicing over the Queen's visit to the great issues of the war, and cast a sudden gloom over the gayty of the party at the Castle. the Dublin evening papers and created Boars Not Attacking.

Free State President Yet Builds Hope on Europe and America.

from the correspondents at Bloemfon-

entative there is no sign that the oers intend taking the offensive, and Sen. Clements is disposing of his forces so as to guard against any surprise at tack, which, though improbable, is evidently not regarded as impossible, judg-ing from the preparations of Lord Rob-

Dublin, April 6.—10 p.m.—The Dublin police, by order of the government seized to-day's issue of the United Irishman as a "print calculated to produce discontent, disaffection, and disloyalty." The the Daily Mail says: "Gen, Clements' division, 6,000 strong, has arrived from the southward and has encamped five miles north of the city, after a continuous march for a fortnight.

"There is no danger of a water families berg."

"An unimportant engagement lasting several hours was fought yesterday afternoon at Bushman Kop between the Boers and British troops."

A despatch from Capetown dated yesterday announces the departure for the front of the second Canadian mounted intentive.

Pretoria. April 2.—At the opening of the Free State raad President Steyn declared he had not lost hope of the triumph of the republican cause. He said the success of the Boers had caused the greatest wonder throughout the world. A deputation had been despatched to Europe and America, and he hoped it would succeed in gaining the influence of neutral powers to secure a cessation of bloodshed.

After paying a tribute to the memory of Gen. Joubert, President Steyn said that the British were violating the flag of truce and the Red Cross, and he had been compelled to report the matter to neutral powers. The President said that the attempts to create dissensions among the burghers by issuing proclamations had failed. After saying that the government had raised a temporary loan with the Transvaal, President Steyn concluded with a prayer that the Free State might be preserved from being forced to give up its dearly beloved independence.

London, April 6.—According to the Daily Mail, Mr. J. W. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, one of the Daily Mail's despatch riders in South Africa, was taken prisoner on Sunday by a Boer picket, but he frightened the Boers into releasing him by telling them that they were surrounded by the British.

Montreal, April 5.—James Baxter, who is now in Montreal gaol settling up his business before removal on Saturday to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, has consented to assign for the benefit of his creditors at the instance of C. L. Reinhardt

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Not Beyond Roberts' Reach

Captors of His Outposts Have Not Yet Made Their Way North.

Ten Thousand Remounts Hand-Boers Expel Last of Britishers.

London, April 7 .- It is said that the Boers who captured the British at Reddersburg belonged to Olivier's command. If so he has not retired north and hopes are expressed that he may still be cut off. Method of It is asserted that 4,000 rebels surren dered during Clements' march northwrad.

The Boers will do their utmost to hold Ladybrand and Thaba Nchu both being

rich ground and productive districts. The correspondent of the Morning Post at Springfontein telegraphing Thursday says he is glad to be able to report that increased precautions have been taken in patrolling the railway. He says most of the prisoners captured are foreigners.

The reports that Mr. Steyn has been appointed to the command of the Free Staters and that the Free State has arranged a loan from the Transvaal for war purposes, are both confirmed.

Ten thousand remounts from South America are due to arrive during the coming week at ports of Natal and Cape

5.

Colony.

Another Boer version of the fighting with Col. Plumer's force says that thirty men were taken prisoners at Ramathabawa. It appears that the names Cecil and Granville which were originally supposed to indicate two of the officers captured at that time, should have been read together as the name of one officer.

As the numbers of prisoners now held As the numbers of prisoners now held on both sides, are about equal, the question of exchange was mooted in the House of Commons last evening. This elicited the reply that the government had no intention of proposing an exchange.

Lorenzo Marques, Thursday April 5.— All British subjects have been ordered to quit Pretoria and Johannesburg imme-diately, except some 400, who are per-mitted under a law to remain in the sand. Those who are expelled number six hundred.

London, April 6.—(5 a.m.)—The war office issued no news since yesterday, and little was allowed to come through from the correspondents at Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph telegraphing Thursday, says: "A serious meeting was summoned by Transvaal

British and Dutch in South Africa in the same way, the British and Dutch temperaments being closer, and there being no religious bar.

"I feel sure that something more in the direction of a federation of the Empire will come out of the present situation than the mere hoisting of the Union Jack at Pretoria. What direction the union will take in matter of serious speculation. Pretoria. What direction the union will take is a matter of serious speculation, but some such closer union. I believe, is in the mind of every Canadian and every Australian. I have a feeling that three years hence the minister of war, sitting in Pall Mall, will be able to put his finger on Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide, with as full knowledge of their military possibilities as he is now able to do with Newcastle or Manchester.

Palpitation of the heart, nervousness, tremblings, nervous headache, cold hands and feet, pain in the back, and other forms of weakness are relieved by Carter's Iron Pills, made specially for the blood, nerves and completion.

COLONIALS TO LEAD. Guard.

Toronto, April 6.-A cable to the Star from Bloemfontein April 4, says, there

Alleged Capture of Documents Showing Plans of the British Advance.

Brandfort, Orange Free State, April -Burghers who are returning here from the scene of the Sanna's post ambush, furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered "Hands up!" removed the officers and let the carts through. This process was repeated several times, till the having had little sleep. He continues to express regret at his crime, but have made in a bunch. When the ruse was discovered a disorderly flight followed. In one cart were two officers, to whom Commandant Delarey shouted, "Hands up!" One of them obeyed, while the other refused to surrender and was immediately shot.

The burghers, who were previously while the other refused to surrender and was immediately shot.

The burghers, who were previously be mandant Dewet sent the British guns, and prisoners to Winburg. The burghers lost three men killed and ten men wounded, including a field cornet. A mong the wounded was the Dutch military attache, Nix, who received a bullet in the cheest. Altogether the Boers captured 389 prisoners throughout the day.

The significance of the half. the drift the ambuscaders shouted

onthines to increase. Five died on April I 3rd. The prisoners who were on board the transport Mongolian have been transferred to the shore camp.

London, April 5.—In the House of li Commons to-day, Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the war office, replying to a question relative to the to Boer prisoners at Simonstown, said the deaths ashore far exceeded the deaths aboard ship. He added that 2,000 addictional Boer prisoners would be despatched

deaths ashore far exceeded the deaths aboard ship. He added that 2,000 additional Boer prisoners would be despatched to St. Helena forthwith.

Commandation of the person he met where the Prince was the Prince took his seat and a servant handed him a cup of tea. Sipido waited until the servant departed, then rushed towards the Prince's carriage.

"Sipido's parents were deeply moved at the act of their son. His mother exclaimed: "What a disgrace for us, who have always worked hard and have sacrificed so much to bring our children up. We have nine, the youngest barely two years old. We have sent them to school and given them a good education.

Europe Sends Congratulations

Sympathetic Messages From All Capitals Addressed to the Prince of Wales.

The Boy Anarchist Prompted and Armed by Some One Yet Unknown.

Copenhagen, April 5.-The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived here this evening and were met at the railway station by King Christian of Denmark and the entire royal family. As the train drew up at the platform the king advanced to the royal saloon carriage, and entering it alone, was the first to greet its occu pants. Soon after, the Prince and Princess of Wales, both appearing remarkably well, alighted on the platform. The Prince smiled cheerfully and exchanging cordial greetings with other member Forming Cavalry Brigade Under Col. of the family, conversed for a few moments with the chief dignitaries assembled outside the station. Large crowds of people greeted the visitors as they drove towards the palace.

has been a reorganization of the Mounted Infantry corps of the army under Roberts, a new division thus constituted being put under the command of General Hamilton. One brigade of this division is formed of Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and other colonial units, and has been placed under command of Lieut.-Col. Hutton, late commanding officer of the militia forces in Canada. A second brigade, made up of regular and volunteer Imperial troops will be under command of Major Ridley. They will act as an advance guard of scouts patrolling and clearing the country in advance of the main army.

Method of

The Ambuscade

Boers Had Quietly Secured Many Wagons Before the Alarm Was Given.

More than 500 names were written in the visitiors' book including those of the ambassadors of almost all the countries of the world, as well as the leading representatives of the bench, bar, pulpit and parliament. It was a striking testimony to the widespread popularity of the Prince of Wales, Many of the foreign office, although Lord Salisbury is rarely present there on Thursday, and was not to-day. Telegrams from numerous points deluged the officials of Marlborough House. The most important were immediately forwarded to the Prince at Copenhagen. Not since the accidest to his knee has there been such a nanifestation of worldwide sympathy. Paris, April 5.—President Loubet to accidest to his knee has there been such a manifestation of worldwide sympathy. Paris, April 5.—President Loubet today sent an official of his household to the British ambassador, Sir Edmund J. Monson, to express his keen indignation

Brussels, April 5.—Jean Baptiste Spido, the Belgian youth who attempted the life of the Prince of Wales yesterday, was not submitted to any further examination to-day. His attitude is detected and he appears your tired.

me person.

Sipido passed the afternoon

It is impossible. Some one must have assumed his name. He never had a revolver in his hand, and had no money to buy one.' His father said: 'It is impossible. I gave him two francs on impossible. I gave him two francs on Sunday for a week's work, because he had worked well. If he has done this he deserves to be guillotined. I wish to see all my children dead if they are to do such things."

Dr. Leyds, diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, has telegraphed to the Prince of Wales congratulating him on his according from assassination, and the mem-

of Wales congratulating him on his escape from assassination, and the members of the Transvaal legation here have called at the British legation and subscribed their names in the visitors' book after hearing of the attempt on the Prince's life.

Hamburg, April 5.—The Prince of Wales and party passed here at 7:25 a. m. to-day. The train did not stop, but proceeded to Kiel. m. to-day. The t proceeded to Kiel.

BISLEY MEN FOR AFRICA.

Dunraven's Sharpshooters Include Many Men Who Have Contested For Queen's Prize.

London, April 6.—Dunraven's Sharp-hooters started for South Africa to-day snooters started for South Africa to-day amid the usual scenes of enthusiasm. Lord Dunraven at the last moment de-cided to accompany the force, and has been posted as a supernumerary captain on the battalion staff. The corps is formed of men chosen for their shooting capabilities. In one company alone shooting tournament.

WOEREGONE PRISONERS.

Miserable Condition of Large Contingent Just Landed at Simonstown.

Simonstown, Cape Colony, April 6.—Another batch of 1,300 Boer prisoners was removed this morning from the transport Cambridge. The men presented a woebegone appearance. Many of them were sick, and their baggage consisted mostly of Kaffir blankets water bottles and cocking utensils. One of the prisoners died of smallpox and four others were fatally ill.

Plumer Close To Mafeking

Attacks Boer Position While the Garrison Make Sortie but Without Success.

For a Week the Defenders Had Been Counting on the

Monson, to express his keen indignation at the attempt on the life of the Prince of Wales, and to ask the ambassador to transmit to the Prince the President's congratulations on the happy escape of His Royal Highness. The French papers declare Englishmen must not hold "Europe's feeling of indignation against Britain's policy in South Africa responsible for the cowardly attack of a demented Socialist."

Brussels, April 5.—Jean Baptiste Spide, the Relgion worth with the prince of Relief.

Approach of Relief.

London, April 5.—A special despatch from Lorenzo Marques says: "Sharp fighting has occurred in the neighborhood of Mafeking. The garrison made a sortie, while Col. Plumer's cavalry attacked the Boers at Ramathlama. Both attacks were repulsed. Twenty

and the Malson du Peuple. Be at the Malson du Peuple. The Malson d

London, April 6.—It is officially announced that the British casualties in the Boer ambush near Sanna's Post total up 450, including: Missing, 363; wounded, 83, and killed 4. The missing include 124 artillerists, 25 Life Guards, 22 of the 10th Hussars, and 51 of Roberts' Horse. The others are divided among numerous regiments.

Naples, April 6.—The Duke of Orleans, who has just arrived here, on learning of the attempt at assassination of the Prince of Wales, sent him the following despatch immediately on landing: "I have been informed of the outrage to which you nearly fell a victim. The Duchess and myself send you our warment congratulations on your recognition."

Canadians' Fir Battle

Scenes at Paardeberg by Men From the F Line.

The Sacrifice of Life Gallant But Fruit Charge.

Ottawa, March 29.-James 1 the post office department, letter from his brother, Fa who is a Roman Catholic the first Canadian contingent is from Paardeberg, and conta description of the Canadians It is as follows:

"Well, at last we have be through it, and, though our be was a costly one, willingly through it again. Canada proud of her noble boys. It many a once happy home is n ing since the fatal 18th day but the deep sorrow that has the hearts of the loved ones f undoubtedly be tempered by assurance that all have done all, everyone. So say the br

they all.
"And, oh! that wild, mad an invisible enemy. Never it, nor shall I attempt to d least for the present. Hell le give but a faint idea of it. Or ed through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On we wildly, tearing through br gling over prostrate comrades, delirium of bloodshed and which had seized on us all enemy's trenches. And above the battle, oh! that wild, cheer, or rather that savage tigers, our brave boys bound open, but it was not to be. Darl on us 'ere the position was carr day won. Darkness settled do well-fought field, mercifully cas over the horrors.

"Then began the search for t "Then began the search for the wounded. In the total darkne least light drew the enemy's fired over the ground everywhere, steeped in blood. From all dire moans, coupled with pitiful pluster, reached our ears. Accid would stumble over a friend, a pathetic scene would take pluster of the power." The mother of the power of the power of the power of the power of the total pathetic scene would take pluster of the power. The mother of the power of sage for home—'Tell mother, of perhaps, 'dont leave me, it wo 'The moon rose over the and shed its peaceful rays on turned face, many of them call in death. That night myself a voted fellows remained until fatal field, exploring every no ner, for the wounded, often m the mangled dead, until at last gave out, and, reaching our lin

ourselves on the hard ground, and forgetfulness in sleep. So the survivors. Hardly a wor changed, for all were exhausted a forced march of twenty m ceding night, and the trying or long day.
"Monday morning we gather anonday morning we gather, side eighteen in all, in one broad graph of the sad but consolommitting them to the care of gels, when we would be far this fatal land. May they repoble brace house the same of the sa

this ratal land. May they noble, brave boys.

"I must draw this letter to a sick at heart when I recall seems of blood I have witnes stirring events I have gone the stirring events I have go Sherbrooke, March 29.-Mayo ser received a letter from his b O. K. Fraser, in command of of the first Canadian conting the front in South Africa, wri ter the fight at Modder Rive February 18. Writing under ruary 23, from Paardeberg D

tain says:
"We left Jacobsdal the sa o'clock, and marched fourtee Drift, reaching there about of the day, starting on again that night, and marched up the following morning, a dist twenty miles. This was the mardest march we have exp the men were all pretty well
"We had hardly got settl
rest when we were ordered t
strong, Swift and I were h
in the Modder at the time, get into shape in a hurry, a time to drink a cup of co regiment was marched off. the river up to our waists, for attack on the north s A, B and O Companies for

and had to lie in the burning ing, and were then ordered ing line. The bullets were round us, long before we reing line, and one of my men shoulder then. I cannot begthe terrible fire we were exp will have seen all this in t better described than I can order to reach the firing line over the brow of the hill. went into it, I rushed about laid down. Here I found i nold, who had been struck He was hit some time befo ing carried off the field one o earers was hit, so Arnold

of bushes, about 800 yards position, and the fire here rific. Two of the men wer I was there. Here I came and one or two other office at this point that the orde charge. The Boers were er the river bed, a lot of low the river, and it was im-them. It was a mistake position, as it was imposs The Gordons were on our walls on our right, but through the charge we w mixed up. Our casualties,

"One poor chap, a serge "One poor chap, a serges pany, was shot in the ank me; and I had to cut his p off, and bind up the wound could. He suffered terrib stretchers were in such detection with the couple of hours before I co him. We kept on firing at until dark, and then withdre "The Boer lesses must he "The Boer lesses must heavy, as our artillery had to their trenches all day. from their position that nig another a couple of miles