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VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1900.

INSURGENTS SURRENDERING

Lord Kitchener Has Reached Prieska Where Many Rebels Have Laid Down Their Arms.

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT KRUGER

He Says the Boers Will Conquer or Die--Will Accept Nothing but Absolute Independence-Burghers Destroy Bridges and Retire Northward.

the news that reached here yesterday and to-day Great Britain might almost as well be at peace.

It is reasonable to believe that the relief of Mafeking may be heard of at any

Kitchener at Prieska. Gen, Kitchener has entered Prieska, Cape Colony, without opposition, the insurgents laying down their arms. This

confirms the previous reports of their willingness to submit. Generals Roberts and Buller are still

inactive, pending developments at the theatre of war. The Fate of Johannesburg.

Considerable interest is attached to the fer no loss of property. fate of Johannesburg. Commenting on time Dr. Leyds has, as we may without impropriety assume, put about the tale to the effect that the German ambassa- on the British prisoners here. Lord dor at Washington and the American Salisbury replied threatening if we inis really a glorious yarn and one which suppose he meant the British would country of hills and jungles. emies of this country are reduced. Just plied to-day informing Lord Salisbury imagine a government which has formal- that they despise his threats. There is ly declined all outside intervention, per- no truth in the story of a conspiracy mitting Germany to dictate the course of among the South African Dutch. This Lord Roberts's march to Pretoria. The is not their quarrel. The Orange Free German foreign office knows better than State is bound by treaty to aid us. to invite the snub it would infallibly re- / "Mr. Schriener repeatedly urged us to ous a proposal in Downing street."

patch has been received at the war office liberty or death." from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 19th:

"I have received the following reply to my telegram of March 11th to the Presidents of the Free State and South African Republic:

arey, who was in command of our burghers at the place mentioned by you. He at the same time your cannon bombarded terday morning the head commandant wrote in his account of the battle as fol-'The soldiers hoisted the white flag, but were then fired at by the British cannons and compelled to charge.' ' -0-

RETREATING NORTHWARD

Bloemfontein, March 19.-The Boers blew up the railroad bridge over the Modder River, 14 miles north, last night. The law courts were re-opened to-day. Capetown, March 20.-The Boens have blown up the bridges north of Bloemfontein, including those at Winburg and Kroonstadt, and are now returning to

"LIBERTY OR DEATH."

New York, March 20 .- An interview had by the correspondent of the Herald with President Kruger on Feb. 10th at Pretoria is printed to day in the Herald. At the time the president was described as showing but little evidence in his countenance of the tremendous strain he

who want the country," said the Boer London, March 20.-2:30 p.m.-For all President. "The Boers yielded as far as possible until they saw that nothing but the complete surrender of their independence would satisfy England. Hav-

> Forced Into the War, the Boers will conquer or die. I expect no aid from other nations, but we are glad of sympathy and friendship.

> "The Transvaal is willing to make peace at any time, but we want no more conventions. Only absolute independence is possible. We do not want any more territory, but are content with our present frontier if we are permitted to live peacefully. This is all we ask. The Transvaal will stipulate in the peace terms that the Natal and Cape Colony Dutch, now fighting with the Boers. shall be regarded as belligerents and suf-

"I recently learned that some of these the reported consultation between Sec- men had been captured by the British retary Hay and the German ambassador and were being tried at Capetown chargat Washington, regarding the urging of ed with treason. This I cabled Lord both belligerents to leave Johannesburg Salisbury, stating that if such men much dispirited. A British spy from alone, the Pall Mall Gazette says: "This were not treated as prisoners of war, we Would Make Reprisals

outcome of the war or its duration. The KRUGER'S REPLY TO ROBERTS not let us perish. Our total strength is forty thousand, but with God's aid we can prevail. I have 200 London, March 20.—The following dis- er see them all perish than yield. It is

NEW ZEALANDERS READY.

Wellington, N. S. W., March 20.-ln of a deed such as that laid to their of Australians to support the Imperial charge by you. I am, however, glad to prestige. The country had four hundred thousand male adults mostly drilled, prehave made personal inquiries of Gen. Del- pared to defend the colonies, and, if an emergency arose, to send enough to South Africa to release the Imperial troops to denies entirely that our burghers acted deal with any unfriendly powers daring as stated by you, but he says that on to meddle with the settlement. Lord Saturday, the date being illegible, the Salisbury's reply to the Boer presidents British troops, when they were about and the freindly note of the President of fifty yards from our position, put up their hands as well as a white flag, whilst that Great Britain would not essent to that Great Britain would not assent to the said troops with the result that Comthe independence of the Republics, were mandant Deber was badly wounded. Yestion at any cost.

A WARNING.

London, March 20.-In the House of Commons to-day the Parliamentary Sec- that any responsible German statesman retary of the War Office, Mr. Geo. Wynd. | would make such a proposal. Certainly ham, said the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, was ments at foreign instigation," about to issue a proclamation on the subject of the alleged threats of the Boers to destroy Johannesburg, and as to what the Boers might expect in the event of wanton destruction of British property.

Milner's Proclamation. Capetown, March 20 .- Sir Alfred Milner, the governor of Cape Colony, and British High Commissioner of South Africa, has issued a proclamation declaring that the Imperial government will not recognize as valid or effectual any alienations of property whether of lands, railroads or mines within the Transvaal or the Orange Free State, or any interest therein or encumbrances or any conces sions granted by the said governments.

Plan of Pacification. was undergoing. The complexion of New York, March 20.-A London cable South African affairs, however, has says that a part of the British plan for changed considerably since then. He the pacification of Scuth Africa is now was dressed in a rusty frock coat, the apparent in the announcement that all the front of which was sprinkled with to- British authorities there will make every bacco. He smoked a pipe during the in- effort to induce the reservists, tht time expired men, the volunteers and the col-"The war was forced upon us by Ce- onials from abroad, to settle there as cil Rhodes and the mining millionaires soon as the war is over by giving them

occupy the land for ten years. Canadian Patriotic Fund

Montreal, March 20 .- It is estimated that \$12,000 will be raised by the em- of the articles of the convention which ployees of the Canadian Pacific railway ward the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The appeals for contributions are meeting with hearty response from all over the system. The action of the Canadian Pa-Trunk employees to similar action.

Pomeranian at Capetown.

Toronto, March 20 .- The Globe's corespondent in London cabled yesterday the summary of a letter received from Mr. John A. Ewan, the Globe's correspondent with the Canadian contingent, and dated Capetown, February 27th, Mr.

"The Pomeranian, with the Canadian cowboys, arrived here yesterday. Nine horses died on the voyage, but the men are all well, in splendid spirits, and delighted at the prospect of active ser-

"At the sports held here to-day the Canadians entered a team in the tug-ofwar contest, being the only non-naval team in the event. They surprised all by reaching the semi-final, having had to contest against strong teams. They were beaten in the final by a small mar-Their victories over the sailors in the qualifying tugs were vigorously ap-

plauded by the great, multitude present. Williams, a Canadian, won the half-mile race. These contests indicated the fine physique of the Canadians, especially in view of the fact that they had only just landed after a long voyage. "Since Paardeberg praise of Canadians

is on every tongue.' TO MEET GEN. BOTHA.

The Next News of Fighting Will Probably Come From Natal. London, March 20 .- No news was re-

ceived at the war office up to 4 a.m. this morning confirming the report of the relief of Mafeking, but Mr. Geo. Wyndham, parliamentary under secretary for war, replying to a private inquiry in the lobby of the House of Commons, about midnight, smilingly said. "I think it is all right. Moving to Kroonstadt.

The Free Staters seemingly have not quite collapsed. They are in consider-Rouxville reports that Commandant Oliver and a commando are going to Kroonstadt. The agents he left behind are using desperate means to raise reconsul at Pretoria are concocting a little scheme of German intervention. That would hold me personally responsible. I cruits, commandeering the Boers under

Gatacre at Springfontein General Gatacre is resting at Springfontein preliminary to joining Lord Ro-To Engage Botha.

General Buller's hill work before Lady- badge. garsbery range. It is believed that 25,of fighting will probably be from Natal. The leaders of the Afrikander Bund blood relatives fighting, and would rath- are circulating a petition in Cape Colony asking the Imperial government not to

> For South Africa. Thirty-two thousand additional troops for South Africa are now at sea. Kruger Admission.

"'Your Excellency's telegram reached bidding farewell to the fourth contingent me yesterday. I assure you nothing of New Zealand corps, leaving to-day for made here a few days before the Britto keep in the field for another month." Milner Goes North.

A Capetown dispatch, dated Monday, and there is a possibility that he is go the resources of the Transvaal Republic ing north on a peace mission. Portuguese Troops.

The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marquez, telegraphing, says: "Last night the Portuguese authorities hurriedly dispatched by special train a force of infantry to reinforce the garrison on the Transvaal border."

Johannesburg. Commenting editorially upon the report that Germany will ask the belligerents to guarantee the safety of Johannesburg, the Times says: "We decline to believe

The Seizure of Mashona. London, March 19.-In the House of Commons to-day, replying to a question on the subject of the seizure of the British steamer Mashona, laden with American flour for the Transvaal, by the Brit ish gunboat Partridge, Mr. Broderick confirmed the announcement that the prize court had released the Mashona, and added: "Her Majesty's government does not admit liability in respect to claims of the nature indicated. Claims with respect to the non-delivery of cargo appear to be a matter for settlement between the claimants and the ship undertaking to deliver the goods. British subjects owning goods on a British ship have no right to trade with the enemy, and they are not in the same position as

foreign powers." Sir George White. Capetown, March 18 .- Gen. Sir Geo. White, defender of Ladysmith, has arrived here, but is too ill to permit of a public reception being given in his honor.

240 acres of land each, provided they will siderable number of our wounded were Transvaal border to prevent a Boer rethat the American representations would left in the hospital at Dundee, and of treat or an incursion into Rhodesia. the anxiety which has been expressed in some quarters on the subject, we (says | mitting that the Boer losses during the The Hospital) publish the exact wording

(Translation.) Article I.-Ambulances and military pospitals shall be acknowledged to be cific employees has stimulated the Grand neutral, and, as such, shall be protected and respected by belligerents so long as any sick or wounded may be therein.

apply to the case in question:

Article II .- Persons employed in hospitals and ambulances comprising the staff for superintendence, medical service, administration, transport of wounded, as well as chaplains, shall participate in the benefit of neutrality whilst so employed, and so long as there remain any wounded to bring in or to succor.

Article III.—The persons designated in the preceding article may, even after occupation by the enemy, continue to fulfil their duties in the hospital or ambulance which they serve, or may withdraw in order to rejoin the corps to which they

Under such circumstances, when those persons shall cease from their functions, they shall be delivered by the occupying army to the outposts of the enemy.

Article IV .- As the equipment of military hospitals remains subject to the laws of war, persons attached to such hospitals cannot, in withdrawing, carry away any articles but such as are their private property.

Under the same circumstances an ambulance shall, on the contrary, retain its

In Article VI. there is a provision that "those who are recognized, after their wounds are healed, as incapable of serving shall be sent back to their country.' Other wounded, on the contrary, may be sent back on condition of not bearing

In regard to various questions which have been asked in the Imperial parliament, it is to be noted that it is definlaid down in Article VI. that says: 'wounded or sick soldiers shall be entertained and taken care of, to whatever nation they belong.".

A very important question has been raised in regard to the status, under the is trying to rally the Boers, but the lat convention, of members of the purely ter say that they have had enough fightombatant branches of the services when ing." ingaged in ambulance work. It has, for example, been stated that the Army Serrice Corps, having become a combatant orce, is now ineligible for work under the Red Cross, and an argument, founded on the same idea, was raised against the army medical officers being granted the mrely military titles which they now enjoy. But reference to the wording of to Mr. Chamberlain: the convention will show that any fear dation. As a fact no corps is ineligible

in war, and that they wear the Red Cross | being independent. of the Geneva Convention are recognized

makes for the protection of the sick and wounded will always be very strictly limited to their intended objects. The very essence of the Red Cross is that its use take away the independence of the shall be restricted to those for whom it was intended by the convention.

THE BOFR CASUALTIES. It Is Now Admitted That Losses Have Exceeded Seven Thousand,

London, March 21.—The colonial office would grieve me more than that my service in South Africa, the Premier, R. ish entered the town, President Kruger the proclamation concerning destruction either side comes from Warrentown, burghers should make themselves guilty I Coddon where desultory convey an intimation that any wanton wards Christiana under a shell fire. destruction of British property during ing by a special train. The dispatch a claim for compensation and as justifydoes not indicate Sir Alfred's destination, ing a levy upon private property, should in dispatches.

> prove inadequate. The fact that the proclamation is is-sued by the colonial office is regarded as an indication that the republics will be

> Administered as Crown Colonies. In this connection, it is understood that leaders of the opposition in parliament now admit no other settlement is possible since the republics insist upon their demand for absolute independence. In view of this the efforts of the Liberals will be confined to securing the settlement, the best treatment for the Dutch population, including security against their disfranchisement.

It is becoming regarded as quite a settled matter that, should the war be ended, as is now hoped, before June, the government will dissolve parliament and appeal to the country on the basis of a accessful South African policy.

Should the war drag on dissolution will be postponed until next spring. In any lice work and to prevent the further lootevent one of the foremost planks of the ing of abandoned farms by the Kaffirs. government platform will be army reorganization There is no further information as to

It is regarded as certain, however, that he has gone to Bloemfontein to arrange for the temporary administration of the St. Helena than I." Free State. Mr. Steyn's reply to Lord Roberts's fontein. charges of the

Misuse of the Flag

of truce is commented upon as impertinent and ridiculous, and Lord Roberts's course in closing a useless discussion is ommented on as wise. The government has decided that

Major-General Sir Frederick Carring-The Geneva Convention.

Chamberlain asked for from Australia, said he could accept the intervention of plication. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and no other power, which leads to the belief Hall & Co.

A statement comes from Pretoria ad-

war exceed 7,000. No fresh news has been received from Mafeking, but a Pretoria dispatch of Thursday, March 15th, asserts that Col. Plumer has not been able to advance south of Lobatsi.

The correspondent of the Daily News at Bloemfontein telegraphing Monday, March 19th, says: "I learn from Johannesburg that it is not true that the mines have been flooded or otherwise damaged, beyond the fact that the machinery is suffering from disuse. My informant declares that the whole story was fabricat- mediation in order to end further blooded to court sympathy.

DISPATCH FROM ROBERTS. Transvaalers Escaped From Prieska Before Kitchener's Arrival.

The following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 20th, has been received at the war office.

"Kitchener occupied Prieska yesterday, unopposed. The rebels surrendered their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the river. Mr. Stevn is circulating a notice, by

means of dispatch riders, in reply to my proclamation, to the effect that any burgher who signs a declaration that he will not fight against us will be treated as a traitor and shot.

Bloemfontein people are affording every assistance in the matter of hospi tal accommodations. We have conse quently been able to arrange for 500

"Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska, 200 stands of arms and some supplies and explosives. "The Boers have begun to surrender

on the Basutoland frontier.' Troops Cordially Received. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Onkerspoort, dated Monday, March 19th, "A reconnaissance towards Phillippopoli, 17 miles north of Springfontein, found the farms all flying white The British troops were cordially received. It is reported that Mr. Steyn

SALISBURY'S STAND.

New Zealand Ready to Support Great Britain.

London, March 21.-The Earl of Ran- their number was killed. furly, governor and commander-in-chief At a meeting of Westminster Conserof New Zenland, has sent the following vatives last night, R. L. Reid, barrister, received the nomination for the next pro-

to work under the Geneva Convention, declining to allow the intervention of night it was decided to strongly recomprovided its members shall have been au- any foreign powers in the settlement mend to the convention the appointment thoritatively told off for the transport of with the Transvaal and the Free State, of a provincial Liberal organizer, Transor attendance on the sick and wounded and in declining to assent to either state portation arrangements were made for

"My government assures Her Masmith has given him an experience which It is necessary, however, to bear in jesty's government that New Zealand Taylor, Trout Lake, aspiring provincial ceive if it ventured to offer so preposterous a proposal in Downing street "

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consequences. "I am desired to add that there are large numbers of men volunteering, who are good riders and shots, willing to go to South Africa for the relief of the Imperial forces in case the services of the latter were required elsewhere."

RETREATING EASTWARD.

-0-London, March 21 .- The only news has telegraphed to Capetown the text of from South Africa showing activity on burghers should make themselves guilty J. Gedden, emphasized the determination admitted that his men would be unable of property. This will not be published north of Kimberley, where desultory in London until after its promulgation in fighting occurred all day on Sunday, re-South Africa, but it is known that it will sulting in the retreat of the Boers to-The progress of this column towards says that Sir Alfred Milner and his pri-vate secretary left Capetown that even-ing her componential and as justify-

> Nothing new comes from Col. Plumer and Mafeking apparently still awaits re-

The Pretoria account of the skirmish at Fourteen Streams on March 16 says a Boer column was preparing to destroy a railroad bridge, and the engagement lasted half an hour, with the result that one burgher was slightly wounded. The same dispatch announces the arrival at the Transvaal capital of General Schalberger from Natal.

Transvaalers Retreat. The second edition of the Times to-day publishes a dispatch from Bloemfontein dated Monday, March 19th, which says: "The blowing up of the bridges by the Boers is an evident sign that the Transvaalers intend to abandon the defence of the Free State."

A corps of Boers from the farms sur rounding Bloemfontein, under an Imperial officer, has been detailed for po-Steyn's Warning.

It is said that when President Kruger left Bloemfontein after his recent visit the movements of Sir Alfred Milner. there, President Steyn's parting remark was: "Mind the British do not catch you, or you will get better quarters at Rudyard Kipling has gone to Bloem-

Boers Near Aliwal North, The Boers at Aliwal North are reported to be still holding a position in the big hills on the Free State side.

Hearing of the almost miraculous big hills on the Free State side.

Cures made by Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal big hills on the Free State side. A Misunderstanding

Lord Salisbury's reply to America's offer

be listened to in the final settlement, Private Cole.

Private Cole, the Canadian whom the Queen visited at Netley hospital, returned to South Africa to-day fully recovered from his wounds.

SWITZERLAND'S REPLY.

Berne, Switzerland, March 21.-The federal council has answered the Boer

appeal for mediation as follows: "The Swiss federal council would have been pleased to co-operate in friendly, shed, but as the presidents of both South African Republics have directly, approached the British government in order to conclude peace on a basis indicated and the British government has shown itself against the proposal, and as furthermore the British government has declared to the cabinet at Washington that it did not propose to accept the intervention of any power; the Swiss federal council, to its regret, must also renounce the idea of taking any steps on the lines of the request made by the presidents of the South African Republics. There remains for the federal council, under the circumstances, nothing but to express its sincere wish that the belligerents will have succeeded at no too distant date in finding a basis for an understanding honorable to both parties."

Caldwell Improving. Kingston, March 21.-Lieut, Caldwell, of Lanark, who was wounded in battle with the other members of the first Canadian contingent, is reported as recoving at Winburg hospital.

The Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, March 21.-In a circular letter to-day Col. Irwin, honorary secretary of the Canadian patriotic fund, shows that seventy applications for relief have been received, sixty-nine of which have been favorably considered. To the relief cases on the list the Canadian patriotic fund is now paying an amount of about \$785 monthly. Only three applications in the cases of the death of soldiers have been received.

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, March 21.-Tom Jones was arrested this morning charged with supplying liquor to Indians, in whose drunken orgie on Monday night one of

"The people of New Zealand wish to vincial election. T. G. Annandale dein regard to this matter is without foun- express their endorsement of the stand clined nomination on personal grounds. the convention to be held on April 5th. Messrs. F. J. Fulton, Kamloops, and

THE "HERO OF PLEVNA."

Dispatch From Constantinople Announces the Death of Ghazi Osman Pasha.

(Associated Press.)

New York: March 21 -A dispatch from Constantinople to the Herald says that shazi Osman Pasha is dead. When the Sultan learned of the death of the famous general he exclaimed: "Allah is unmerciful. He has deprived me of my honest, true friend and most valiant supporter." Up to the appearance of Edhein Pasha with whom rests the laurels of the Graeco Turkish war of 1897, Ghazi Osman Pasha was regarded as the only Turkish general. He was the great reserve force of the Sultan. Abdul Hamid, from time to time, paid him marks of regard. The "Hero of I'levna," who inflicted on the Russian invaders the greatest check they suffered in the campaign, was made chief of the imperial Guard and marshal of the palace. In 1878 he was minister of war, and introduced many reforms in the Turkish army.

U. S. WARSHIP FOR CHINA. Will Take Part in the Proposed Naval Demonstration.

(Associated Press.) Berlin, March 21.-An official agency gave out to-day a Washington dispatch setting forth that the American warship sent to Taku was intended to participate in an eventful joint naval demonstration, should China persist in her refusal to suppress the sects hostile to Christians.

THE CONSPIRACY CASES

(Associated Press.) Montreal, March 21 .- J. J. Herbert, teller of the defunct Ville Marie Bank, who was placed in the witness box yesterday afternoon to give evidence against Baxter and Lemieux in the conspiracy case before the court of the Queen's Bench, continu

LA GRIPPE VICTIMS

Will in Thousands of Cases Have to Fight Catarrh Unless Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder is Used to Prevent the Sowing of the Seed.

The wife of a prominent physician of Toronto was a victim of Catarrh in its worst form. She tried almost every treatment known in the world of medicine without receiving any lasting bene-A Misunderstanding.

Powder, she procured it, persevered in its use for eight months, and was fully that some misunderstanding regarding restored, and all symptoms of the dreaded disease eradicated from her system. ton shall command the colonial force of of mediation exists there. It had been says: "After years of suffering I quoted to the effect that Lord Salisbury rejoice to be freed." Name given on ap-

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