

privations had worn them out, he and his men have still further demonstrated their wonderful vigor and resourcefulness by killing fifty-four Boers and capturing General Eloff. (Tremendous cheers.)

"Can we not truthfully say that, 'Stormed at with shot and shell, Baden-Powell stood the test well, with his brave six hundred.' (Loud cheers.) We must not forget on such an occasion to pay tribute to Lord Roberts, to Lord Kitchener, to those brave leaders, Buller, White, French, Warren, Hector McDonald, Wauchop, Kelly-Kenny, Pole-Carew, and last but not least Majors Robin, Jowsey, Francis and Cradock—those splendid men whom we have sent from New Zealand to share with the Imperial forces in South Africa the honors, the glories, the difficulties and dangers of fighting for the Empire. (Enthusiastic cheers.)

"I wish now to show you some tangible evidence of what our men have already done in South Africa. I hold in my hand here a Boer flag. (Deafening and prolonged groans.) Ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you the history attached to this flag. (Further groans.) That is a flag which was captured by Major Cradock and his men of the second contingent from the Boers (loud cheers) and I now show it to you half-mast high (cheers) and upside down. (Great cheering.) This flag will show you that Major Cradock and the second contingent had made their presence felt in South Africa. It will show you that they went there to fight (cheers) and it is a splendid tribute to the services they are rendering to the Mother Country that they should have been able to wrest the flag from the enemy and send it to New Zealand, where it will remain as an evidence of the prowess of her devoted sons who fearlessly fought the foe on behalf of the Motherland. (Enthusiastic cheers.)

"And let me point out to you that in this flag you have the emblem of what the Boers intended it to be—a South African Republic—because it is the combined flag of the Transvaal and Orange Free State. (Groans.) This is signified by the stripe of yellow across the Transvaal flag. It showed that they were united, but in spite of their union