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## ROBERTS' GREAT FORCE HAS CROSSED THE VAAL

### Field Marshal Wrote His First Despatch in Transvaal Territory Shortly Before Two o'Clock on Saturday Afternoon.

### Situation at Pretoria Has Become Critical—Kruger Has Admitted For the First Time That Matters are Very Grave —British Advancing Quickly.

London, May 28.—(3.20 a.m.)—When Lord Roberts wrote his first despatch on Transvaal territory yesterday, shortly before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, he was 51 miles from Johannesburg and 77 from Pretoria. His immensely superior forces had passed the Vaal River, their last great natural obstacle, at three points.

**Roberts' Fine Strategy.**

The Vaal forms a curve of 80 miles from Parys on the west to Zand Drift on the east. The concave of the curve is toward the Free State. Thus Lord Roberts advancing along the railway was in a position to strike any part of the crescent by shorter lines than those by which the Boers could reinforce the threatened points. The Boers retreated almost without a show of defence. Gen. French and Gen. Hamilton apparently did not fire a shot.

**First to Ford the River.**

Of Lord Roberts' immediate force, 11 men belonging to the 8th Mounted Infantry were the first to ford the river. They came upon a Boer patrol looting at Viljoen's Drift and a skirmish lasting 10 minutes followed. Two hundred Boers tried feebly to hold the Vereeniging Colliery, but they were dislodged.

**Where Boer Rear Guard is.**

The Boer rear guard is at Moyerton, 10 miles north of Vereeniging. Their main body is moving toward the Kilp River hills that cover the south side of Johannesburg.

**Situation at Pretoria.**

While Lord Roberts' 30,000 infantry, 20,000 horse and 150 guns are moving on Johannesburg and Pretoria, thru a parched and deserted country ,the situation at the Transvaal capital as it was last Friday is thus described by an observer who sent his message by private hand to Lorenzo Marquez yesterday:

"The situation, both from military and political points of view, has become very critical. President Kruger yesterday admitted for the first time that matters are very grave. The Boer determination is to trust everything to a last stand on the Gatsrand Mountains, to the north of Potchefstroom, where 3000 Kaffirs are digging trenches. To that point every available man and gun have been sent."

**Baden-Powell Can March in.**

The whole of the western border of the Transvaal from end to end is defenceless, and Gen. Baden-Powell can march in when he likes. Lord Roberts, on the other hand, will encounter the greatest resistance. The Boer endeavor is to lure the British into appearing to threaten Johannesburg with attack, an excuse thus being given them for the destruction of property. The Transvaal Government will not dare destroy the mines or property without an excuse. Much dynamite has been sent down the line and 100,000 cases lie ready at Zuurfontein, near Johannesburg. Gen. Botha and Gen. Lucas Meyer have pleaded for the preservation of property. Both are large landed proprietors, and fear confiscation, but they have not received satisfactory replies from President Kruger.

**French and German Schemers.**

Meanwhile many French and German adventurers have come forward with schemes for blowing up the British troops. Some of these have received a tacit permission of experiment. One German invention is for use on a railway, where it lies perfectly concealed until the weight of a passing train explodes the charge.

**Ready to Surrender.**

Gen. Lucas Meyer says surrender would be at once proposed by the Boers, but that everybody fears the ignominy of being the one to make the proposal. He declares that he is assured that his men will not stand. President Steyn and Mr. Reitz, the Transvaal State Secretary, are strongly opposed to peace, but Mr. Kruger is not so much against it.

### BRITISH CROSSED THE VAAL.

**Advance Portion Crossed on the Queen's Birthday Near Parys, Roberts Reports.**

London, May 26.—(3 p.m.)—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts:

**"Wolve Hoek (Orange Free State), May 26.—An advanced portion of this force crossed the Vaal River on the Queen's Birthday, near Parys. Hamilton's column is at Boschbank. Our scouts are now at Viljoen's Drift,on the frontier north of Wolve Hoek. The local mines are uninjured and work is going on as usual. There is no enemy this side of the river**

**"Hunter reached Vryburg May 24."**

### ROBERTS IS NOW ACROSS.

**His Force Encamped on the North Bank on Sunday—Canadian Artillery Hustled.**

London, May 27.—The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"Vereeniging, Sunday, May 27, 1.50 p.m. —We crossed the Vaal this morning, and are now encamped on the north bank. The advance troops, which crossed yesterday, were only just in time to save the coal mines on both this and the other side of the river from being destroyed. Our casualties were four.

"Baden-Powell reports that the railway between Mafeking and Buluwayo has been restored, and that supplies are being brought into Mafeking. He says the Canadian artillery joined Col. Plumer from Beira with incredible rapidity.

"Lieut. Webber was taken prisoner at Heilbron a few days ago. He went there on telegraph duty. It was not known that our troops had been temporarily withdrawn."

### BOERS BEFORE BULLER ACTIVE.

**Enemy Have Been Reinforced and Their Front is From Laing's Nek to New Republic.**

Newcastle, May 26.—The Boers in this part of the theatre of war are very active, having been reinforced from various directions. Their front now extends from Laing's Nek to New Republic, where they are fortifying.

Gen. Hildyard's division, which is entrusted primarily with attacking the Boer right at Elandslaagte, arrived to-day.

The work of searching the district is progressing and many rebels have been sent to Ladysmith.

**Kruger Wants to Know.**

London, May 27.—President Kruger, according to a special despatch from Newcastle, has issued a proclamation asking the Transvaal burghers to notify him whether they desire to continue the fight or to sue for peace.

### THAT CANADIAN BATTERY

**Went to the Relief of Mafeking by the Special Request of Lord Roberts.**

Kingston, Ont., May 27.—Major Hudon, "C" Battery, at the relief of Mafeking, writing home from Cape Town, prior to sailing for Beira, says:

"My battery was chosen for this expedition by special request of Lord Roberts, who said he wanted this Canadian battery to go to the relief of Mafeking."

**Hamilton Invades the Transvaal.**

Kroonstadt, Sunday, May 27.—Gen. Hamilton has invaded the Transvaal, having crossed the Wonderfontein Drift.

### ELOEF'S AWFUL WISH.

**Hoped the Devil and All His Angels Would Torment the Man Who Failed Him.**

Mafeking, May 21.—The Boers to the south retired from Kunana, 10 miles east of Maritana, and are falling back further on Barplisoan. The Boers routed here rallied a few miles east of Potfontein.

A cornet who failed to support Commandant Eloff in the latter's attack on Mafeking, in which Eloff was captured, wrote a letter sympathizing with him. Eloff replied that he hoped the devil and all his angels would torment him, and he and his would rot.

**150 Boers Captured.**

Maseru, Basutoland, Saturday, May 26.—Four squadrons of colonials captured 150 Boers with ten wagons of grain near Ficksburg, where they also captured a Maxim constructed by a local inventor.

## TRANSVAAL HILLS SIGHTED BY THE BRITISH YESTERDAY

### Infantry Steadily Marching at Three Miles an Hour—Troops Splendidly Handled and the Boers Completely Out-Manœuvred.

Grootvlei, 23 miles north of Vereeniging, Sunday, May 27.—Lord Roberts' northern advance force steadily continues and to-day the Transvaal hills were sighted.

Gen. French has secured an excellent flanking position on the northwest. There is something irresistible about this advance. The troops have been splendidly handled, and the Boers, completely outmanœuvred, have been forced to abandon their positions at the first appearance of the British flanking force, which has made a determined resistance at the Vaal impossible.

**Burghers Trekking Homeward.**

Many Transvaal burghers are now trekking homeward, and it is safe to say that the most irreconcilable Transvaaler at last recognizes the hopelessness of the struggle. Most of the farms in the northern part of the Free State, where the ties of blood with the Transvaal are strongest, have been deserted. This section has been flooded with false tales of British cruelty, reports of burning of farm houses and the eviction of women and children, in the hope of inducing the burghers to remain with the commandoes; but the evidence all points now to the existence of a permanent feeling of enmity between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters, each accusing the other of treachery and cowardice.

It is regarded as unlikely that the Transvaal Government will go to Lydenburg, where food is scarce.

A body of Boers, mostly on foot, is trekking hard towards Vereeniging from the direction of Heilbron.

The condition of the British troops continues excellent, altho the cold nights are very trying. They are able to march three miles an hour.

**Destroyed Bridges and Culverts.**

The Boers have destroyed every bridge and culvert. They are said to regard Klipriverberg, north of the Vaal, as a position of great strength, and talk of making themselves impregnable there.

**May Destroy the Mines.**

It is reported that the population of Johannesberg is in a high state of excitement. The Boers, who are passing thru northward, threaten to blow up the mines, and in view of their wanton destruction of everything else it would not be surprising if they carried out the threat. The British are more interested, however, in grazing and in the water supply than in the mines.

## BOTH "IRISH INVINCIBLES" ARE ORDERED TO BE SENT BACK

### James Fitzharris, Alias "Skin the Goat," and Joseph Mullet, Recently Out of Prison, Will Not Be Allowed to Enter the United States.

Joseph Mullett. James Fitzharris.

New York, May 27.—James Fitzharris, alias "Skin the Goat," and Joseph Mullet, the two surviving members of the Irish invincibles, who were recently released from prison in Ireland, where they were sentenced for complicity in the Phoenix Park murders of 1882, were to-day ordered excluded by the Board of Special Inquiry at the immigration station and ordered deported.

The exclusion was made under the interpretation of the law which forbids any one being admitted to this country who has been adjudged guilty of a "felony, crime, infamous crime, or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude." The two men were recently pardoned by Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, from a sentence of life imprisonment, and reached this city among the steerage passengers on the Lucania on Saturday last.

**The Inquiry Was Secret.**

After conference with Commissioner Ritchie, the men were ordered back to Ellis Island to await the action of the Board of Special Inquiry. This board was composed of William Weihe, chairman; H. H. Moler, James A. Toner and Major Charles S. Sency. The two men were taken before the board of Ellis' Island this morning. The inquisition was secret. The only one at the barge office to meet the men and who showed any interest in their behalf was "Rocky Mountain" O'Brien.

**Said His Crime Was Treason.**

After the meeting of the board, it was learned that Fitzharris was the first of the two to be examined by the members. He admitted he had served nearly 17 years for crime committed. After being asked the usual questions as to his age, nativity and residence, Fitzharris was asked of what crime he had been convicted, and answered: "Treason."

He was then questioned as to this charge and he told the board that he had been arrested about nine months after the famous Phoenix Park murders in company with 23 others. These 23 were accused of having been accessories after the fact, while Fitzharris was charged with having been an accessory before the fact. Three months later he was brought to trial with others of the accused. Five of them were sentenced to be hanged and Fitzharris was sentenced to penal servitude for life.

**What Fitzharris Says.**

While telling his story to the board, Fitzherris declared that at the time of his trial he was offered £10,000 by the British Government if he would turn informer against the other members of the band. This he refused to do, and of his life sentence he served about 17 years in the Mountjoy, Chatham Down, Patrick and Mayboro prisons. Eight months ago he was pardoned. Fitzharris said he and Mullet had about $250 between them when they reached this port.

**To Report Every Month.**

Fitzharris asserted that while he was on British soil he was compelled to report to the police every month as to his doings and whereabouts.

"I came to this country," he added, "because I want a chance to rest and recuperate. I wanted to stay here about three months and then go back to my family."

**Mullet Refused to Answer.**

Mullet indignantly refused to answer any of the questions put to him by the board. He declared he was not being accorded the proper treatment by the Government. His examination lasted only a short time, as he would not respond to questions.

The men were then sent to the "Excluded Penitentiary."

The case will probably be appealed to the Washington authorities, and, if not, Fitzharris and Mullet will leave this port on Saturday next on the Lucania.

**The Phoenix Park Murders.**

Mullet and Fitzharris were sentenced to penal servitude for life for participation in the assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Under Secretary Burke, of the permanent Dublin Castle establishment.

Fitzharris at that time was a cab driver and nicknamed "Skin the Goat." He drove the men who were afterward found guilty of the murders to the spot where the crime was committed. It was maintained that he was ignorant of the plot, but he remained silent thruout the investigation and trial.

Mullet was a law clerk and one of the most intelligent of the supposed conspirators. He is frail and a hunchback.

It was nearly a year before any clew was obtained to the perpetrators of the crime. The wife of James Carey, who later became the chief witness for the Government, babbled in her cups to Superintendent Mallon of the Dublin police force, giving him a clew which resulted in a number of arrests.

Joseph Brady, Timothy Kelly, Dan Curley and others paid the penalty on the scaffold for their share in the Phoenix Park assassinations.

**A Little Bit of History.**

The present is not the first time the Welland Canal has been under military guard for fear of Irish dynamiters. After the conviction and sentence of Joe Brady in 1883, the Militia Department of Canada got a tip that on the day Brady was hanged an attempt would be made to blow up the Welland Canal. Suspicious strangers were seen and a mysterious box with wires attached was found too close to a vulnerable spot along the canal. The militia were then called out and the canal was under military guard for several weeks. Nothing more, however, was heard of Fenians or dynamiters till the attempt made the other day by Dullman, Nolin and Walsh.

### BRITISH CASUALTIES.

**Losses of the Cape Colony Regiments During Relief of Mafeking—Canadians Wounded.**

London, May 26.—The War Office has issued a list of casualties among the Cape Colony regiments during the relief of Mafeking. A lieutenant and seven men were killed and six officers and 25 men were wounded. Among others the wounded were W. Patton and W. McCollum of the Canadian artillery.

The War Office also issues a list of 35 deaths of fever between May 23 and May 25. Among the number are J. Rasberry and H. Clements of the Canadian contingent.

Gunner William Patton was a member of the 4th Field Battery, Hamilton, and is a son of Mrs. A. J. Patton of that city. Gunner W. McCollum is a son of Mr. R. McCollum, Fort William, Ont. These men were wounded in the advance to the relief of Mafeking.

Pte. J. Rasberry, whose death is reported from fever, was a member of C Company of the first contingent and was formerly a member of the 77th Wentworth Battalion.

H. Clements, also reported dead from fever, is presumably Harry Hammond Clements of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who was a member of the N.W.M.P. and whose father's address is Cecil House, Waltham, Herts, Eng.

A Telegram cable states that Pte. De Rochejoquelain of Cleveland, O., a member of A Squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles, died at Springfontein of enteric fever.

De Rochejoquelain came from Cleveland to join the Toronto Company of the Mounted Rifles. His relatives live at 88 Newell-street, Cleveland.

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He ate them with a will
And seeming satisfaction, too,
Until he'd had his fill;
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What mother used to make." ed7

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## MARTINITES MADE JUBILANT BY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTRY

### It is Claimed That the People are Still Flocking to Joe's Standard—Finance Minister Brown Made a Great Impression by Talking White Man v. Yellow Man.

Vancouver, B.C., May 27.—(Special.)—Seven hundred letters received to-day by Martin's Campaign Committee here from every part of the province filled them with jubilation. With few exceptions the reports show that people of all classes and conditions are turning to Martin, and forsaking Opposition candidates. Beeze will have a hard fight against Dennis Murphy, a young Irish lawyer, whose election address contains a delicious "Bull." He says, "I'm an absolutely independent candidate, pledged to oppose the Martin Government to the uttermost."

**The Proposed Railroad.**

The World last night published a page map of the proposed Government railroad from the coast to the Kootenay, with a comparison of rates, distances and time. Martin's committee distributed 12,000 copies of the paper containing the map, and already it has had a tremendous influence on public opinion. It is the best stroke in the campaign for railway competition, and is fetching people in swarms. Finance Minister Brown, at a meeting packed to the doors here last night, declared positively that the railway would be built if the Government was elected. The audience cheered, whooped and yelled in frantic delight for 10 minutes.

**White Man or Yellow Man?**

Mr. Brown concluded his speech with this peroration: "Men and women of British Columbia, is this to be the white man's country or the yellow man's? It is for you to answer. If you say the white man's, then give us your support, and we'll do what mortal man can do to rid the province of this terrible curse, Mongolian labor. If the yellow man's, vote for our opponents, the corporations, monopolists and champions of privilege. They want the yellow man to help them make money. We want white men and their families to make happy, contented homes, build up a grand province, be an honor to Canada and an ornament to the British Crown."

The scene which followed baffles description. People let themselves loose for a quarter of an hour.

Brown's withering sarcastic criticism of the Opposition charges and Opposition disorganization and aimlessness keenly delighted the huge audience. Labor men are much disquieted, believing they have been led into a foolish position by crafty agents of the corporations. It is reported they would gladly back out and withdraw certain candidates.

**Martin Has 38 Candidates.**

Nomination day yesterday sees Martin with 38 candidates in the field, and the Opposition with a like number, but the highest number of any one faction is 11.

The News-Advertiser, Cotton organ, admits this morning that Martin may carry half his candidates, or 19. This alone shows how immense has been the revulsion in favor of Martin since the opening of the campaign, when the most hopeful supporter dare not reckon on over a dozen.

**Another Important Point.**

Another important point which is having a great effect on the minds of the people is that none of the Opposition leaders is in a position to say that, if elected, he will do this or the other, because the rivalry betwixt the several factions is so bitter, and a coalition is unlikely. Martin's party is the only approach to a union in sight.

## ORIENTAL RATE WAR OVER

### General Traffic Manager Bosworth of the C.P.R. Returns to Montreal From San Francisco.

### MOST IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

**In Which American, Chinese and Japanese Companies Were in Attendance—The Result.**

Montreal, May 26.—(Special.)—Mr. Bosworth, the general traffic manager of the C. P. R., is back from San Francisco, where he was in attendance upon one of the most important railway and steamship conferences which have taken place for years. For a considerable time past there has been extreme demoralization in the freight and passenger rates as between the transcontinental railways and the Oriental Steamship Company. Each company or steamship line did pretty much as it pleased, and the war went on, making the situation hopeless. Shippers and the public generally desired an end put to a chaotic situation. The idea was formed to hold a conference of all concerned.

**A Conference Held.**

This has been done, with, according to Mr. Bosworth, to-day, eminent success. All the great lines having terminals at the coast were represented, such as the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atcheson, Santa Fe and Topeka, and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. As for the steamship lines, these are represented by the following lines: C. P. R., the Northern Pacific, the Occidental, the Toyio, Kisen, Kaisha, Nippon.

**Meeting Lasted a Week.**

The meeting lasted a week, with Mr. J. C. Stubbs, vice-president of the Northern Pacific Railway, in the chair. The agreement was complete and will hold in force till next January. It is not what is called a "gentleman's agreement," but each representative signed for his company, and came to a formal resolution which was committed to paper and the belief is that it will be religiously kept.

**A Saving of Hundreds of Thousands.**

The agreement means a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum to those concerned. The shipping people have expressed their great satisfaction to Mr. Bosworth that the agrement has been come to at last.

**On the Question of Tea.**

On the question of tea, for example, the rate will be one and-a-half cents per pound for the future, instead of six-tenths of a cent as it has been. It used to be six cents a pound. In recent years it was three cents, then it fell, thru rate cutting, to the figure mentioned. This will not mean any increase in the price of tea to the consumer. Matting will be one and a quarter cents instead of three-quarters of a cent as hitherto.

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**To-Day's Program.**

Eclipse of the sun, 8 to 10 a.m.

Ontario Jockey Club races, Woodbine, 2.30.

Cooke's Church congregational meeting 8 p.m.

London Old Boys' meeting, Richmond Hall, 8.

Federated Council of Building Trades, 8.

Young Conservatives, Arcade, 8.

Toronto Opera House, "A Grip of Steel," 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, Helen Byron in "Delmonico's at Six," 8.

Shea's Theatre, vaudeville, 2 and 8.

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### WHO WILL GET THE PLACE?

**Friction Over the Appointment of Roman Catholic Bishops Across the Line.**

Washington, May 27.—Important advices from Rome are expected here soon concerning the vacant sees of Columbus, Dubuque and Fort Wayne, over the appointment of whose bishops there is considerable friction. When Bishop Watterson of Columbus died 13 months ago, it was generally supposed by the priests of that jurisdiction that the vacancy would be filled in a short time, but on account of differences that have arisen over the claims of Mgr. Thomas Thorpe of Cleveland and Dr. Henry Moeller, secretary of Cincinnati Archdiocese, to the succession, no appointment has yet been made. It is learned, however, that the authorities in Rome favor the latter priest, who received his theological training there, and is still comparatively a young man. Rev. Dr. Rooker of the Papal Legation, in this city, knows Dr. Moeller well, but by reason of the antagonism against his appointment from certain quarters, he is not over-sanguine as to the candidate's selection. Both Archbishop Martinelli and Dr. Rooker would not be surprised if a compromise candidate, acceptable alike to the prelates of the Cincinnati province and the priests of Columbus, was chosen at the forthcoming consistory.

### THOSE BOER DELEGATES.

**English Papers Are Taking Little Account of Their Reception in the United States.**

New York, May 27.—Relative to the impression created in England by the reception of the Boer delegates and the attitude of President McKinley, Mr. Isaac N. Ford says, in his cable letter to this morning's Tribune:

"The English press is discreet in its public references to American affairs. There have been few comments upon the reception of the Boer delegates in Washington, and neither President McKinley nor Secretary Hay has been singled out for commendation or compliments. What has been said is that the President acted with entire consistency as an honest neutral thruout the war, and that Englishmen are not under obligations to him in any respect. There are no illusions in England respecting President McKinley; he is associated with the protectionist tariff, which bore heavily against English industries in Bradford, Sheffield, Cardiff and elsewhere, and is identified with American policies of the most uncompromising character. He is respected here in consequence of the high character of his administration, but no well-informed Englishman ever speaks with any enthusiasm of him, as was the general habit respecting President Cleveland before the Venezuela affair. Shopkeeping England will never be convinced that the author of the McKinley Act is anything but a downright and aggressive American, bent upon maintaining the economic independence of the United States, and indifferent to England's interests.

**Charged With Theft.**

William Caster, who says he lives on Wardell-street, was placed under arrest on Saturday night by Detective Forrest, on a warrant charging him with theft. It is alleged that he stole the sum of $5 from Peter Clark, an East Front-street milkman, by whom he was employed.

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### PERSONAL.

Mr. Harry Corby, M.P., Mrs. Corby and Miss Corby are in town for the races.

Baron de Barral, Paris, France, is a guest at the Queen's Hotel.

William McCleary, M.P., Thorold, is registered at the Walker House.

## BIRMINGHAM MUST GO SIR CHARLES RESOLVES

### Conservative Leaders at Ottawa Express Only One View and Endorse the Course Taken by Their Chief.

### A Party Caucus Will Be Held This Week, When New Ontario Leaders Will Be Chosen—Sir Charles Says He Has Nothing to Fear.

Ottawa, May 27.—(Special.)—As far as the leaders of the Conservative party at Ottawa are concerned, there is only one view expressed with regard to the course pursued by Sir Charles Tupper in promptly and emphatically turning down the Birmingham-Montague faction of the party.

**Endorse Sir Charles.**

Conservative members here are unanimous in endorsing the stand taken by their leader. One of the leading Ontario members of the Opposition told The World today that there was a general feeling of relief at the fact that matters had at last been brought to a head and the way cleared for a prompt and thoro reorganization of the party, by which the corrupt and discredited elements would be weeded out once and for all.

**A Caucus This Week.**

A party caucus will be held this week, at which Robert Birmingham's discharge as Conservative organizer will be made oat, and new Ontario leaders chosen, in whom the country can have complete and absolute confidence. There is a general desire to purify the political atmosphere and Sir Charles will have the unanimous support of the party in the purifying process which he has determined shall take place.

**Birmingham Will Have to Go.**

Sir Charles himself had nothing to add to-day to the declaration of the policy he had already made with regard to Mr. Birmingham. The Conservative leader is firmly resolved that Mr. Birmingham will have to go. If he desires to make his threatened disclosures he is at liberty to do so.

**Nothing to Fear.**

Sir Charles said he did not fear the result, and was convinced that the consequent re-organization of the party will be salutary and in the best interests of Conservatism. He preferred not to say anything further for publication just at present, until after the whole situation had been discussed in caucus.

**The World's Stand Endorsed.**

The stand taken by The World in the matter is meeting with general commendation. A number of Conservative members told your correspondent to-day The World had hit the right nail on the head and rendered a real service to the party in leading the crusade against the remnants of the machine politics in the Conservative ranks.

## WILL STRATHCONA COME OVER AND HELP THE GOVERNMENT?

### Sir Richard for High Commissioner, Lord Strathcona for Trade and Commerce Portfolio and to Run for St. Antoine Division of Montreal Against Roddick.

Montreal, May 27.—(Special.)—All kinds of projects are on foot here amongst the Liberal wire-pullers to save the Administration from impending doom. A meeting took place a few days since when the advisability of inviting Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal to come to the rescue was seriously discussed, and it was decided to take action at once. As it is now known that Dr. Roddick, M.P., will again be the Opposition candidate in St. Antoine Division, and that, under ordinary circumstances, a fight against him would be hopeless, Lord Strathcona will be asked to once more enter Canadian public life and run for St. Antoine.

Drowning men catch at straws, and, taking advantage of the Canadian High Commissioner's well-known antipathy to Sir Charles Tupper, the Montreal Liberals will endeavor to use Lord Strathcona in this direction.

**The Plan of Operation.**

Their suggestions to the Premier of Canada are about as follows: Send Sir Richard Cartwright to London as High Commissioner, give the portfolio of Trade and Commerce to Strathcona, and let him contest St. Antoine Division. As president of the Bank of Montreal, and with his Imperial record, these foolish Montreal Liberals think he would paralyze the best elements of the Conservative party and sweep the country for Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

**Will His Lordship Consent?**

On the other hand The World has questioned a great many people on the subject of Strathcona's possible reappearance in Canadian politics, and many of his closest friends declare that the High Commissioner will never consent to any such schemes as those mapped out by the leaders of the Liberal party in Montreal.

**Get Out Your Cameras.**

When the stately queen of night completely hides the sun from view at the solar eclipse this morning, the most beautiful spectacle to be witnessed will be the ring of silvery light, known as the solar corona. Should the sky be clouded, Torontonians may be consoled by a glance at Quinn's new paddle end ties, which eclipse everything in neckwear for novelty and brightness.

**Monuments.**

Finest work and best designs at lowest prices. The McIntosh Granite and Marble Company, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street, Toronto (terminal Yonge-street car route).

**The Racycle is to be found at 232 Yonge.**

### MARRIAGES.

LANGTON—STOTHERS—Miss Lydia Langton to Mr. Robert Stothers, at the bride's sister's, Mrs. Nicholls, 268 Lippincott-street, on Wednesday evening, May 23.

### DEATHS.

BROWN—On Sunday, May 27, 1900, at his late residence, 15 Huiwer-street, Thomas Brown, a resident of Toronto for over 40 years, in his 67th year.
Funeral Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

COULTER—On Sunday, May 27, 1900, Mary Ann Lyons, beloved wife of James Coulter, aged 45 years.
Funeral from her late residence, rear of 87 St. David-street, on Tuesday, 29th inst., to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

CLARK—Suddenly, on Sunday morning, May 27, 1900, at her father's residence, 79 Nassau-street, Elizabeth Mary, eldest daughter of Alexander Clark.
Funeral on Tuesday, May 29, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant.

DAVIES—At his late residence, 41 Turner-avenue, Robert Davies, eldest son of the late James B. Davies, and dearly beloved husband of Mary A. Davies.
Funeral 2.30 Monday. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. San Francisco papers please copy.

FREEMAN—Benjamin R Freeman, late of Trafalgar, on May 26, 1900.
Funeral from 312 Front-street west, Monday, May 28, for the 2.10 train to Oakville, thence to Mum's Corners. Service will be held at Mum's Church. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

HARRIS—On Saturday morning, 26th inst., at her son's residence, 32 Gildersleeve-avenue, after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Ann Hocken relict of the late Samuel R. Harris, and mother of H. J. and S. T. A. Harris, in her 79th year.
Funeral Monday. Private.

MARTIN—On Sunday, May 27, 1900, at Windsor, Ont., Frank Martin, sr., in his 72nd year.
Interment at Newcastle, Ont.

McKINNON—On Saturday, May 26, at 124 Borden-street, Annie Peters Watt, beloved wife of Alex. McKinnon.
Funeral Tuesday, at 3 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

NEAL—On Sunday, May 27, at her late residence, No. 1 Wellesley-avenue, Nellie Belle King, dearly beloved wife of Fred E. Neal in the 28th year of her age.
Funeral on Monday, at 3 o'clock p.m., to Union Station, on 5 o'clock train, thence to Manilla Junction. Interment at Little Britain on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock p.m.

WATKINS—On Sunday, 27th May, 1900, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Campbell, 41 Willcocks-street, Toronto, Deborah Watkins, relict of the late Chas. Watkins, Esq., of Scarboro, in the 92nd year of her age.
Funeral from above address to St. James' Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

PEARCY—On Saturday, May 26, at 211 Oak-street, Annie Pearcy, daughter of Thomas Pearcy, aged 25 years.
Funeral on Tuesday, May 29, from the above address at 4 o'clock to St. James' Cemetery.

## GOOD WEATHER FOR ECLIPSE.

**Washington Weather Clerk Promises to Have a Clear Sky During the Whole Contact.**

Washington, May 27.—The following sun eclipse weather bulletin was issued by Chief Moore to-day:

"The weather map this morning gives practically sure indications that the entire time of the eclipse will have clear weather. The presence of an anti-cyclonic system covering the whole South Atlantic States insures light variable winds, moderate temperatures and a uniform decrease in the vertical gradient. Probably no eclipse ever occurred under finer conditions than will exist to-morrow."

**Startling Business Last Week.**

Last week was the biggest on record with the W. & D. Dineen Co. The reason of this was that they had made a very special effort to meet the Race Day trade by importing many novelties in the way of hats—English "Derby Day" hats. The biggest seller was the "Imperial Yeomanry," in pearl-grey, with a "puggaree" band of blue-grey—and it is selling yet at $2.50. You must remember also that the Dineen Co. are sole Canadian agents for Dunlap of New York and Henry Heath of London, two of the greatest hat manufacturers in the world.

**Bad for Races and Eclipse.**

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 27.—(8 p.m.)—Pressure is decidedly low in the Northwest Territories and high over Lake Superior and in the Lower St. Lawrence Valley. Local showers and thunderstorms have occurred in the lake region; elsewhere the weather has been generally fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48—54; Calgary, 32—52; Qu'Appelle, 48—92; Winnipeg, 46—80; Port Arthur, 46—62; Toronto, 50—74; Ottawa, 56—80; Quebec, 50—58; Halifax, 42—74.

**Probabilities.**

**Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Showers or thunderstorms in most localities, but fair intervals.**

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Showers or thunderstorms in most localities, but fair intervals.

Gulf and Maritime—Moderate winds, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and comparatively cool.

Lake Superior—Winds shifting to easterly, fair.

Manitoba—Showers or thunderstorms, and turning cooler.

For ten dollars Oak Hall Clothiers, 115 King-street east and 116 Yonge, are showing suits that will captivate the eye and loose the purse strings of every good judge of clothing values. Style, fit and wear are the strong points of these suits.

**Visitors! Have you visited the Temple Cafe? Canada's finest equipped restaurant. The season's delicacies served table d'hote or a la carte. Open from 7 a.m. until midnight.** ef

### STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

| May 26. | At. | From. |
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| Cevic | Liverpool | New York |
| Campania | Liverpool | New York |
| Columbia | Hamburg | New York |
| Lucania | New York | Liverpool |
| Numidian | Father Point | Liverpool |
| Manch. Trader | Father Point | Manchester |
| **May 27.** | | |
| Almerian | Father Point | Antwerp |
| La Touraine | New York | Havre |
| New York | Southampton | |
| City of Rome | New York | Glasgow |
| Chorona | London | Louisburg, C.B. |
| Sarmatian | Glasgow | Montreal |