## Rallying At Kroonstadt

Joubert Reported in Comman and Ready for Desperate Resistance.

London, March 24.—A Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Thursday, says: "A letter from Mr. Pulteny, an interpreter in the Free State courts, has been received by his wife here, in which the writer declares that General Joubert is commanding the combined forces at Kroonstadt, where there are plenty of men, guns and foodstuffs for a determined resistance."

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Springfontein, March 23.—It is reported here that Mr. Steyn has been deposed from the Presidency and that the bubble affairs of the Free State are being administered by a committee at Kroonstadt.

SURRENDER BY WOLESALE:

Roberts Sends Small Parties to Take Over Arms of Well Disposed Burghers.

London, March 22.-Lord Roberts telegraphed from Bloemfontein, under the

"A cavalry brigade has gone to the eastward to Thahanchu, and a detachment from Springfontein has occupied Smithfield, where some Transvaalers and wagon with arms and ammunition were Wadnesdes captured.
"The Scots Guards are at Edenburg and Reddersburg.

NATAL TOWN BURNED. British Detachment Arrives Just in Time

London, March 22.-At a meeting to day of the constituents of Dr. Gavin day of the constituents of Dr. Gavin Brown Clarke, Liberal member for Calthness, and formerly consul-general of the South African republics, his resignation was again demanded. A resolution was adopted drawing the attention of the House of Commons to the grave charges made against Dr. Clarke, in connection with letters stolen from Mr. Bouchier, and A. Hawksley, solicitor to the British South Africa Company in regard to the Jamesou raid.

Jameson raid.

Dr. Clarke was consul-general to the South African republics prior to 1891 and has written pamphlets on the land question in South Africa, India and some special questions. He was born in Scotland in 1846 and was educated at the University of Glasgow and Edinburgh and at King's College, London.

SWISS TO THE BOERS.

Little Republic Regrets That It Cannot 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 mediation in order to end further bloodshed, 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 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." appeal for mediation as follows:

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Listowel, March 22.—The gas and electrical works exploded here to-night. Wm.

Bilber, the engineer, was killed.

There are many forms of nervous debtilty in men that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weekness, night sweats, etc., should try

PLUMER'S DIFFICULTIES. Boers Isolate His Command Near Rich Prize Gaberones-The Retreat of His Advanced Post.

London, March 24.-A despatch to the Daily News from Lorenzo Marques dated Friday, says: "It is reported here, from Pretoria, that Commandant Eloff is isolating Col. Plumer's force near Gaberones.'

Steyn Issues Proclamation to Stay Burghers Trek Homeward.

While Rumor Makes the President Give Place to Military Committee.

Boer Camp, Kroonstadt, Thursday, March 22.—Affairs are being put in proper shape and the Free Staters who had to leave are returning in crowds. The commands are mobilizing in great numbers and the men are more determined than ever.

President Steyn has issued a proclamation in which he warns the burghers who lay down their arms and helped the enemy that they are liable to the utmost punishment as traitors.

London, March 23.—(9:21 p.m.)—The war office has issued the following from the General at Capetown to the Secretary of War: The following telegram has arrived from Nicholson, Buluwayo, March 16.

"The following is from Plumer: Lobatsi, March 14.—The Boers advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from the

## Kimberley

Boers With Artillery Located

date of March 21, as follows:

"So many burghers have expressed a desire to surrender under the terms of the last proclamation that I have sent battery replied with effect and silenced the Boer fire. The Boers sent two shells near the railway station, which was not near the railway station, which was not silenced the Boer fire. The Boers sent two shells near the railway station, which was not near the railway station.

DISSENSIONS OF ENEMY. London, March 23.—A despach to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday, says: "A deserter reports that the enemy, after repeated dissensions, has withdrawn from Brandfort northward. He thinks it unlikely that the Boers will make a stand anywhere south of the Vaal. I cannot personally share such opinion."

A despatch to the Times from Kimberley, dated Thursday, says: "The date of the departure of the Mafeking column from here has not been fixed."

Mr. Winston Churchill telegraphing from Ladysmith Thursday pleads for mercy in dealing with rebels. He says:

"We must not try for our pound of flesh; no real conqueror ever lost by clemency. either in this world or in the next." ROBERTS NEXT MOVE.

London, March 23.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the general field of operations in the Morning Post says:
"Lord Roberts is not likely to let the Boer army escape him, and he is pausing so as to ensure, when he next moves, the mobility and handiness of all his columns. By this time he has taken the measure of all his generals and troops, and there is not likely to be any such failure of execution as occurred during tailure of execution as occurred during the march on Bloemfontein. He will be directing the movements of two, if not three, armies and the result will probably greatly astonish the Boers."

BOER RULERS QUARREL.

A sepcial correspondent of the Times at Bloemfontein telegraphing Thursday says: "Yesterday Mr. Kruger issued a proclamation annexing the Free State to the Transvaal. Mr. Steyn immediately issued a counter proclamation declaring the Free State intact."

The Daily News has the following from Bloemfontein dated Wednesday: "It is rumored that Mr. Kruger and Mr. Steyn will meet at Kroonsdadt, in the Orange Free State, on April 4 to discuss the future programme. The feeling between the Transvaal and the Free State is very ture programme. The feeling between the Transvaal and the Free State is very

The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphing Thursday says that Sir Charles Warren's division is embarking at Durban for East London, Cape Colony.

FRANCE AND MOROCCO. Despatched to Uphold French

Paris, March 22.-It is said that the overnment of Morecce has vigorously renounce the idea of taking any steps on the lines of the request made by the presidents of the Fourth 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."

CANADIAN FATALITIES.

Halifax, March 22.—A girl named McLean while walking on the ice at Point Aconi near Sydney. C.B., caught her foot in the ice, broke her leg and bled to death.

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# For French

His Cavalry Hovering About a Boer Train of Two Thousand Wagons.

Roberts to Help Buller Squeeze the Boers IIn Biggarsberg Passes.

Plumer's Expedition Fails and Mafeking Must Rely on Kimberley Force.

London, March 24.-(4:15 a.m.)-Lord terest in the fate of Mafeking has intensified with Col. Plumer's forced re tirement to Crocodile Pools, where he was two months ago. Relief from the North now dwindles to improbability.

Lord Methuen is skirmishing with the Boers at Warrenton, 16 miles away.

Exte Although seemingly in force sufficient to do pretty much as he likes, he has not advanced these five days. It is hoped that his military administration has a pleasant surprise in preparation for the Britishers by raising the siege with a strong column of cavalry and artillery detouring to Mafeking, while Commandant Syman is drawn off to engage Col. Plumer.

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Boers With Artillery Located and Engaged by British
Battery.

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Kimberley, March 22.—There was a smart artillery duel near Warrenton yesterday morning. A battery under Major Blowitt, supported by the Kimberley Light Horse, located the Boers, who employed four guns, two of which used to cordite, but ineffectively. The British battery would with effort and allowed to the plageng Bay railways aphitration.

Gen. Fign. Fig. Cavalry and mounted infantry it is rumored, are fighting somewhat east of Bloemfontein. This supposed to two thousand wagons, is reported on the Basutoland frontier toward Kroonstadt via Ladybrand. This enormous wagon train is supposed to be moving twenty miles a day. Gen. French's cavalry posts stretch from Bloemfontein eastward to the mountains.

Gen. Buller has not yet moved in Natal. The Eighth Division will go direct to Bloemfontein.

Lord Roberts' effective disposable at the front ten days hence will be, it is estimated, 70,000 men with easy possibility of moving eastward, forcing the Boers to evacuate the Biggarsberg range, and joining hands with General Buller, before continuing the promenade to Pretoria.

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London, March 22.—A special despatch from Durban says the town of Pomeroy, thirty miles east of Ladysmith has been burned by the Boers. A British detachment arriving at Pomeroy as the Boers evacuated the place, shelled the burghers, but they succeeded in taking up a strong position in the hills with a force estimated to number five thousand.

LOUTING BY OFFICERS.

A despatch to the Daily News from Springfontein, dated Wednesday morning, March 21, says: "Gen. Gatacre and his staff are still here. He is most strict regarding the private property of the Boers. Some officers who had looted Boer farms have been tried and punished, to the great astonishment and gratification of the did into his case.

MERCY FOR REPRIS.

Methuen and his alleged disagreements with the officers of his column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against potential that the column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against potential that the column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against potential that the column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against potential that the column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against potential that the column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against potential that the column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been

ds for trial by court martial

to Queen's Promised Visit. Belfast, March 22 .- For the first time thirty years, the Duke of Connaught mmander of the forces in Ireland,

visited Belfast to-day on a tour of military inspection. He was enthusiastically received.

The Earl of Dufferin and Ava proposed the health of His Royal Highness at a luncheon. The Duke in his response, referred to the wonderful development of Belfast. Alluding to the forthcoming visit of the Queen, he said all understood that it was entirely the Queen's own will, that she was planning to re-visit the country of which she had always cherished the warmest recollections. He paid a high tribute to the gallantry of the Irish regiments in South Africa, where he said, Irishmen, side by side with soldiers from the Colonies and the United Kingdom, were proving their devotion to their sover-

BOER AGENT'S MOVEMENTS. Called Say His Business Is Purely Personal.

Washington, March 22.—Montague White, the Boer agent in this country, called at the state department to-day and spent some time in conversation with Secretary Hay. Nothing was said about mediation, nor about the fate of Johannesburg, and it was intimated that the subject of the conversation was purely personal in its character.

THE BOERS' PRISONERS.

Salisbury Again Warns the President That They Are Held Responsible for Welfare of Britishers,

ed that no peace overtures have been made to Lord Salisbury nor are any expected at present by Great Britain. The telegraphic correspondence has been confined to the treatment of prisoners. Lord Salisbury as already cabled. is Lord Salisbury as already cabled, is holding the presidents of the South Af-rican republics responsible for the wel-lare of the British prisoners. The ques-ion of the safety of Johannesburg and he gold wincette. the gold mines there has not been raised. The correspondence exchanged between Lord Salisbury and President Gruger will shortly be given to parliament.

SIR ALFRED MILNER.

Capetown, March 22.-Sir Alfred Mi ner, after leaving Norval's Pont arrived at Colesberg at 7 o'clock this afternoon. An hour later he left for Stormburg.

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# **Extension**

Commons Committee Rejects Mr. McInnes' Amendment to the Incorporation.

Ministers Scored for Offering Gold Brick for Votes of Workingmen.

Col. Hughes' Spicy Letters to the General-Refused Captaincy in Strathcona's.

Ottawa, March 22.-When the bill to ncorporate the Comox and Cape Scott ailway was before the railway commit tee, Mr. McInnes pressed his amendment that Chinese shall not be permitted to be

Mr. Maxwell spoke strongly in favor of the amendment. Sir Charles Tupper said this was no ne time to deal with the Chinese question, the house being the proper place to do so. His opinion was that the amend

rent in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out, and that this house cordially concurs in such a policy, and deems it the duty of the government to take immediate steps to give effect thereto. It is hereby declared that the work, to which the foregoing policy shall apply, includes not only work undertaken by the government itself, but also all works aided by grant of Dominion public funds."

THE SECOND CONTINGENT. The Milwaukee with the Mounted Rifles and C Battery reached Capetown last night. Thirty-eight horses out of 652 were lost on the trip.

COL. HUGHES' CASE. The Hughes-Hutton correspondence came down to-night and makes spicy reading. Col. Hughes so severely criticized the British army appointments and the department that the government could not give him a commission in the first contingent. Later Hughes was offered a contribution in the Strathenus Horse hut

THE SECOND CANADIANS. Last of the Contingent Report Safe A rival at Capetown.

Montreal, March 22.-The Elder-Demi Montreal, March 22.—The Ender-Dempser Company have received a cable from Capetown announcing the arrival there last night of the transport Milwankee from Halifax with the last of the second Canadian contingent aboard. The cable

THE SPREADING SMALLPOX. Case on Transport Steamer May Detain Leinsters-Student of Columbia Taken.

Halifax, March 22.—(Special,)—News of the appearance of a case of smallpox on board the steamer Vancouver causes the impression that this vessel will have to be rejected as the transport for the Leinster regiment, or else that the sailing will be delayed for a week or two while the steamer is in quarantine. A. G. Jones, agent for the Dominion Line, says there will be no delay.

New York, March 22.—A case of small-pox has developed at Columbia university and to-day the health department officials visited the law department and subjected every student to vaccination. The sick man is a student in that department. The students are taking the affair calmly, and it is said that none of them will leave college.

TO OPPOSE MR. SIFTON,

Winnipeg, March 22.—Brandon county onservatives meet Tuesday next to nomenate a candidate to oppose Sifton.

whom he did not remember, as it was in the regular routine of the department. There were about a dozen more applica-tions of the kind on file and they all will

London, March 22.-The Queen, acmpanied by Princess Christian and attended by a large suite, visited Herbert hospital at Woolwich this afternoon to see the sick and wounded soldiers who are being cared for there. do so. His opinion was that the amendment would not benefit the object which some had in view in regard to Chinese. The committee divided 10 for and 18 against.

Mr. Morrison did not vote, and Col. Prior insisted that he should, whereupon Mr. Morrison said it was a piece of "gratuitous impertinence" for the Colonel to call attention to his shirking the vote. This raised a storm, in which several

London, March 23 .- The Standard

London, March 23.—The Standard in its principal editorial to-day indulges in the hope that many Boers may yet become British soldiers. It says:

"The Boers are proved to have a remarkable turn for soldiering and there must be many young Boers who will be reluctant to return to a dull pastoral life after the excitement of the campaign. If they are willing to adopt a military career we will find room for them in a safer and more satisfactory enterprise than armed rebellion. We may yet hope to see some future Cronje or Joubert leading British troops on the battlefield side by side with Generals of Irish, Canadian and Australian origin.

"Army commissions are to be given to Australians. Similar privileges must be granted to the other colonies, including those of Suoth Africa."

Berlin Officials Uneasy at Prospect That They May Trek to German

Territory. Berlin, March 22.-In German colon al circles it is feared that after Grea Britain annexes the Transvaal the Boers will trek into German Southwest Africa. Several newspapers have referred to this possibility during the last few days, intimating that the Boers are not wanted, inasmuch as undesirable conditions would arise in time through the inability of Germany to grant them the degree of self-government they would look for if-government they would look for.

DANGER IN CHEMICALS. Photographic Supply House Wrecked by a Terrific Explosion.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 22.—One person was killed, two seriously wounded and about a dozen others slightly injured by a terrific explosion of collodium, in the photographic supply establishment of Thomas, McColin & Co., this afternoon. The dead man is G. Herman Weiss, aged 29. The total damage to building and contents will reach about \$75,000, partly insured.

FIRING THE PLANTATIONS. and Desperate.

Kingston, Jam., March 23.—Incendiarism continues in Barbadoes. There were nine plantation fires during the week which ended March 17.

The heavy decline in the revenue of Barbadoes is causing uneasiness among the authorities. The decline is attributeble to the purphesing rower of the

# Two Years Of Siege.

Pretoria Gives Out Preparations for That With Menace to British Prisoners.

Free State Clearing of Enemy as Fast as They Can

Mafeking's Rélief Persistently Asserted But Report Is Yet Premature.

king has been relieved. It is even asserted that the war office has received a despatch positively announcing the relief, but that publication of it is with- Talk of Quarrels Again Before Parlia-Secretary for War Tells How They held because the form of the message admits the possibility of mistake. The war office, however, declares that there is no confirmation of the rumor and that Washington, March 22.-Secretary Root made a brief statement to the press no further news on the subject is at at the war department to-day in regard hand.

No attention is paid in any quarter to to the action of the department in grantthe wild Boer rumors of Commandant ing licenses to prospectors to prospect the water front of Cape Nome in their search Olivier's victory over Gen. Gatacre, which are only designed to relieve the drooping spirits of the burghers.

It seems certain that Mafeking's only chances lie in relief by the column supposed to be advancing from the south or in the possibility that Col. Baden-Powell is strong enough to attempt a sortie with a view of capturing the Boer for gold. He admitted that one or two such licenses had been issued, but to

There were about a dozen more applications of the kind on file and they all will be granted.

The secretary explained that his authority in the matter was based upon the statute giving the war department jurisdiction over the navigable waters of the United States. Although he did not go into details, Secretary Root made it clear that the privileges in question were free to all responsible persons and no discrimination had been intended in the cases that had been acted upon.

QUEEN'S VISIT TO HOSPITAL.

British Flag From Pretoria Hoisted in Honor of the Occasion.

PORTO RICAN DESTITUTION. Natives by Thousands Are Starving

and Have Absolutely No Clothes. resent condition of affairs in Porto Rico, the correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser at San Jaun says: "The people are too weak to resis

mestry defined and in view in regard to Chinese, The committee divided 10 for and 12 for mentitee divided 10 for and 20 f I believe to be the only sound policy for the government. That ends my duty. I cannot take part in questions of high statesmanship. The people of Puerto Rico are civilized and more capable than the people of New Mexico, who

THE CONTEST FOR MAFEKING. lumer's' Relieving Force Glosely Presse

and Narrowly Escape Surprise.

Lobatsi, Friday, March 16.—The Boers, under Commandant Snyman, are advancing in force from Mafeking towards Lobatsi.

Colonel Bodle made a reconnaissance on March 13 and found Pitgani and Pothlugo occupied by the Boers. He returned to Goode siding and made a demonstration on March 14. He found the Boers in strength at a sharp curve on the railway. They had mounted a gun on the line and were lying in wait for the construction train.

Brisk firing occurred a few miles south of Lobatsi on the morning of the 15th. The Boers' Maxim was freely used. Col. Bodle came in touch with the Boers just in time to prevent the camp being surprised. The Boers attacked the advance party and captured a few boxes of ammunition and nearly secured a Maxim. Lleuc Tyler was killed and Lleut. Chapman captured. Col. Bodle coming up, put the Boers to flight with heavy loss.

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Yesterday afternoon the Boers pressed closely on Col. Plumer's main camp and kept up a hot fire with a Maxim, killing a white man and a native. They placed the Maxim and a twelve and a half pounder on a hill on the east side of the line, 4,000 yards from the camp.

The British right is protected by Chief Bathen, who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory.

Col. Plumer's present endeavor is to insure the safety of the railway north of Lobatsi, and to watch well the left flank. It is probable that before the Boers retire towards Pretoria they will tackle the Rhodesians in force.

It is reported that the burghers are abandoning the environs of Mafeking, leaving only a sufficient number of artillerists to man the big guns. There are none at Ramatalabana, where they were supposed to have their base.

Col. Plumer's scouts were at Ramatalabama yesterday.

The usual Mafeking despatches are overdue, but no anxiety is felt on that score.

Dynamite explosions, weeking the railway, are proceeding south of Lobatsi.

OSMAN PASHA NOT DEAD stantinople, March 22.—There truth in the report published in the Unit-ed States that Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna, hat Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna, is dead. The famous Turkish General has been sick for a few weeks, but bis

DELAGOA BAY AWARD. Arbitrators Decision Will Be Officially

Announced on Monday.

London, March 23 .- It is officially anounced that the Delagoa Bay award will be given on Monday next, March 26 New York, March 23.-According to a Washington despatch the government has been notified that the Delagoa Bay award decision will be announced in a few days and that the Portuguese government be lieves the award will not be more than \$4,000,000, though the claimants expect it will be several millions more. The Portuguese government have been collecting the necessary funds with which o satisfy the award as soon as it is ren

In this connection it is announced that Geo. W. Van Sicklin, of this city, who is president of the American Council of the South African republics, has sent an of-ficial letter to the Portuguese minister at Washington offering to loan the govern-ment of Portugal the sum necessary to London, March 23.—(4 a.m.)—Again the right of Fortugal the sum necessary to pay the Delagoa Bay award. While he admitted that the offer was made with the ultimate purpose of helping the Boers, Mr. Van Sicklin said the money would be loaned to the Boers.

METHUEN AND HIS OFFICERS.

ment, but No New Informa London, March 23.-In the House of Commons to-day Mr. John Gordon Mac-Neil, Irish Nationalist member for Neil, Irish Nationalist member for South Donegal, again showed an insatiable desire for information in regard to the battle of Magersfontein, and Lord Methuen's relations with his officers and affairs in Kimberley, but the parliamentary secretary of the war office, Mr. Geo. Wyndham, parried all questions. The only positive answer given by Mr. Wyndham was to the effect that neither dum-dum or anything in the nature of expanding or explosive bullets had been used by British troops in South Africa.

Africa.

In regard to the trouble between Col. Bloomfield Gough and Lord Methuen, Mr. Wyndham said that an investigation would be held as soon as the witnesses returned from South Africa.

HIDING THEIR MAUSERS. Free Staters Giving Only Obsolete Weapons in Token of Submission

London, March 23.-A Springfontein telegram published in the second edition of the Times says: "The apparent sub missive attitude of the Free Staters should be accepted with caution. The large proportion of obsolete, inferior wear pons being turned in by them to the Brit john is giving the impression that large stores of modern Mausers are being con-

MILNER'S MISSION. High Commissioner's Trip in Connection

With Extension of Martial Law. Capetown, March 23 .- It is under-

adjournment for the day was taken. Pillsbury's success in the opening of his game was offset by a misfortune that berell Bampton at board eight, where Jacobs scored first blood for the British. A short time after a second game wa

AN TRISH CONVENTION. London, March 23.—At a largely attended meeting to-day of Irish members of parliament, Mr. John Redmond presiding, it was decided that in the interest of national unity it was advisable to the Irish page. summon a convention of the Irish people, including representatives of the clergy, all public bodies and the nationalist organizations, etc. A committee was appointed to arrange the details of the convention, which will probably meet at Whitsuntide in Dublin.

FRENCH FIGHTING Bloemfontein, March 23.-Gen. French. with a brigade of cavalry and mounted infantry, has arrived at Thabanchu, and opened heliographic communication with Maseru. He reports all well.

London, March 23, 6.55 p.m.—According to special despatches from Capetown dated to-day, General French's cavalry brigade is fighting eastward of Bloemfontein.

TOO EASY WITH REBELS.

London, March 23.—The Outlook's special correspondent at Capetown says: "Feeling is running strong against the leniency with which rebels of Cape Colony and Natal are being treated by the Pairick arthorities" CANNON FOR THE BRITISH

Vienna, March 23.—Deputies Wolf and Lemisch have telegraphed to the Premier, Dr. Von Koerber, demanding that he take steps to stop the exportation of forty-five cannon, which are said to have left the Skoda factory, Bohemia, on their way to Trieste, it being further alleged that they are intended for the use of the British forces in South Africa.

STOLE FROM PRIVATE BANK. Brantford, Ont., March 23.—Arthur E. Laing, a young man charged with stealing sums of money amounting to \$1,800 from Lawreason's private bank at Sceorge, pleaded guilty on advice of his counsel. Judge Hardy sentenced the prisoner to three years' imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary.

Backache is almost immediately reli

ngston penitentiary.

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Public Business at While Ministers F Personal Advar

Misadventures of Horsemen-Sir Will an Investigat

Ottawa, March 1..-T day for Ireland, and for in Canada and all over the ing a residence of nearly in Ottawa I have never general observance of St. as to-day. There has al excellent feeling among societies in Ottawa, and by it used to be the custo lishmen and Scotchmen t the St. Patrick's Day I late years this parade celebration of the day has The Englishmen of Otta felt that this year espec occasion opportune for si friendship towards rrelam men, and especially their at the gallant services of the in South Africa. The St. ciety of Ottawa and the S. land, therefore, recommend members to sport the "dear rock," and the recommen generally observed. The generally observed. The shamrocks which florists enormous, but by eleven of morning the supply had o

HORSES FOR AFE

Strathcona's Horse have Morrison, M.P., went down with the Minister of Militia boys away, and he reports a most enjoyable trip. The equipping what may be regathird Canadian contingent h third Canadian contingent han easy one as contrasted ting the first battalion of in McEachren, government ve spector, had by no means a in securing the horses, altholimited time at his disposal, well. The quality of hors would not suit the horse fan tidious taste, and sa far as ed Rifles are concerned it dpear that the best quality was procured, although Dr. had nothing to do with the The western horses are si brutes just taken off the pr deed they are little better t ponies, but the chief inspecto will stand the rough work in rica better than the more she which was procured in O which was procured in O though the average price the latter, \$150 per animal, double that which McEachr double that which McEachr the ranches. The government tempted to disclaim respons the unfavorable character of secured in Ontario. The to be that speculators went to be that speculators went province picking up fairly at a low price and selling the barracks in Toronto or King substantial profit. The men for the government as agents were not experts in line and therefore got the wideal. No explanation is given agents of the government have gone through the counting directly from the farm this been done seller and bhave both got better satisfachas been some expectation the have both got better satisfa-has been some expectation ti would help to bake South market for Canadian hor-view of the way this busine mismanaged by the governn pectation thus formed will r large measure, disappointed, cona's Horse and the Mo parade through the streets when the war is over, the lew will be astenished at the ple will be astonished at the horses which carry our troo will take columns of newspar ation to make them unders our mounted soldiers are n but simply mounted infantr tween the two there is a vast

boy, who has passed through of the drill sergeant, knows means. The life of the pres ment does not expire until Au and by calling parliament ne there would be seven month to get the supplies through. ernment would also like to p tribution bill, but there doe tribution bill, but there does to be any chance of their The census is usually taken and even supposing the gover the enumerators at work in would not be possible to har returns made out in time to liament to adjust the repressible House of Commons and boundaries of constituencies, from the temper of the Liber vious that if they got the cwould pass a gerrymander w vious that if they got the c would pass a gerrymander w keep the Conservatives out for twenty years. This of through a fortuitous chain stances for the Conservative come to them. It will be r that Mr. W. W. B. McInne foresaw what was likely to I made a suggestion which we ed to pull his party out of t which he anticipated they we be. He suggested to the a that permission should be see the Imperial authorities for take the census this year in take the census this year in 1891. Much as the governuliave liked to have acted on tion, Sir Wilfrid told him tion, Sir Wilfrid told him to altogether out of the queezi census is taken simultaneousl out the British Empire the fit every decade in order that the of the Empire may be unifor Canada to take her census ahead this uniformity would. The government were therefolded to inform Mr. McInnes to no use conveying his propose home government. THE GERRYMANDER

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The government is "marl Every military man; every pr

To come back to the situat parliament is now in the sev of the session. How much he complished in this time? nothing. The bill to defray the contingent to South Africa its third reading in the Committee of the commons. The Budget, which is disposed of long before the been heard of, and the Minister.