The Burghers Are Coming In.

Roberts Reports That by Hundreds They Accept Terms of Proclamation.

Bloemfonteln Once More Practically in Rail Communication With Capetown,

London, March 16 .- Lord Roberts has sent the following despatch to the war

"Bloemfontein, Friday, March 16 .-Gen. Clements crossed the Orange river yesterday. Repairs to the railway bridge at Norval's Pont have commenced, and it will shortly be ready for

"Gen. Pole-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein is now practically in rail communication with Capetown.

"My proclamation is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred burghers have expressed their intention to surrender their arms and return t their occupations.

"The resident commissioner of Basutoland reports that 800 Boers lately arfurther contingent from Aliwal North was only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender. They had refused to attend a council at Kroonstadt, to which President Steyn had summoned them."

Burghers Planned to Have Steyn Surrender But by Ruse

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Lorenzo Marques dated Friday, March 16:
"Entrenching is proceeding on the Vaal

river at Vaneying.
"Late arrivals from Pretoria say that the Boers themselves now admit that their cause is hopeless. General Lucas refuses to fight again, and has returned to his farm. General Schalkburgher has also returned and the burghers are going home by hundreds."

RHODES IN CRITICAL MOOD. Says Boer Numbers Have Been Exaggerated to Explain British Reverses.

London, March 17.-The Daily Mail publishes an interview this morning with Mr. Rhodes, secured by Mr. Julian Ralph, in the course of which, com-Rhodes declared that there had been only 30,000 Boers in the field altogether. and that the foreign mercenaries were only about 15,000. The numbers of the Boers, he said, had been exaggerat-ed in order to explained the British re-

Two Thousand Men of the Guards Bri-

morning to join hands with Gen. Gatacre and Gen. Clements. He had passed Bethany by 4:40 p.m., without meeting opposition, having been able to supply from his troops engine drivers, firemen fitters, moulders, smiths, carpenters, etc."

BOERS OUT OF CONTROL.

Commandant Tenders Apology For Excesses-Brabant's Poor Equipment. Capetown, March 16.-At Jamestow

great complaint is made of the harsh treatment by the Boers during the occu-

Rebels are coming in daily with their arms from the south. A number of rebel leaders have been arrested.

Jamestown, March 15.—There was much enthusiasm at Aliwal North when Brabant's troops occupied that place.

Commandant Olivier, the Boer commander, apologized for the action of the Boers during the last days' occupation, saying he could not control his men.

To to London and Politic Refusal in Answer.

Washington, March 15.—In response to a resolution the President to-day sent the senate the correspondence relating to the requests for mediation in South Africa.

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commandant Olivier, the Boer commander applogized for the action of the Boers during the last days' occupation, saying he could not control his men.

The British are now entrenched on the Free State site of the Orange river, one half in front of them, Gen. Brabal of the Free State site of the Orange river, one half in front of them, Gen. Brabal of artiflery, having only two 15-pounders.

AN IMAGINARY CHASE.

Ritish Warship Placed in Pursuit of Germain Liner with Boer Officials.

New York, March 16.—In a copyright del London cable, the Journal and Avertiser says to-day that despatches from Lorenzo Marques state that two Boer commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe of the Commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe of the Commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe of the Commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe of the Commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe of the Commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe of the Commissioners of the Commiss

A WORRIED CRITIC. Cannot Imagine Any Satisfactory Plan

For Boer Commander-in-Chief. London, March 17.-Mr. Spend

Wilkinson in the Morning Post says: "The difficulty now is to imagine a satisfactory plan of operation for the side estimate his available forces can hardly be 40,000 men. The Boer posi-tions will all be turned before a frontal The

only plan to avoid it will be a hasty retreat."

Then proceeding to discuss various possibilities of the Boers. Mr. Wilkinson arrives at the following conclusion:

"The best that the Boers can hope for it to gain time. There is no chance of their being able to restore the equilibrium. or to turn the balance in their own favor. By gaining time they may hope for some foreign intervention or complication. Great Britain must, therefore, push the war with the utmost vigor, and must not spare any effort to keep the navy and the home defence forces in the utmost efficiency, ready for any emergency."

The Advance On Transvaal.

With Railway to Cape Intact hun Roberts Can Move Forward At Will.

He Escaped.

London, March 17 .- (4:30 a. m.)-The railway communication to the Cape being intact, Lord Roberts will in a very few days be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria.

His deep political intuition, combined with his bold strategy, having resulted as desired in the southern sections of the Orange Free State, which are rapidly calming down, Mafeking is now the only point for anxiety, and as it is now long since the force has left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass.

In the lobbies of parliament last even ng it was rumored that Lord Roberts about to issue a proclamation announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free States is abolished, and promising Free Staters who immediately surrender due consid-

ration.
It is understood that all the Contionly about 15,000. The numbers of the Boers, he said, had been exaggerated in order to explained the British reverses.

FORWARDED BY TRAIN LOADS.
Two Thousand Men of the Guards Brigade Hastening to Join Gatacre.

Bethulie Bridge Camp, March 15—
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Bethulie Bridge Camp, March 15.—
Gen. Clements' brigade has effected a junction with Gatacre's troops at Burghearsdorp.

A patrol left to-day for Aliwal North to join hands with Gen. Brabant.

London, March 15.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, Thursday, March 15.—(7:55 p.m.)—Gen. Gatacre crossed the Orange river and occupied Bethulie this morning.

"Gen. Reginald Pole-Carew, with two thousand men of the Guards Brigade, two guns and a small body of Mounted Infantry left here in three trains this morning to join hands with Gen. Gatacre and Gen. Clements. He had passed the Thursday of the destruction of Johannesburg is still discussed here, but it is believed that French and German shareholders would offer a strong protest. Mr. Chamberlain's statement that President Kruger has already been warned as to the consequences of such conduct is regarded as showing that smilicient precaution has been taken. The Times suggests that the burghers should be warned that their farms will be taxed as a guarantee against any damage to British property, but no serious apprehensions are entertained of such conduct as Mr. White is said to have foreshadowed.

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The latest advices respecting the sur-render of Bloemfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stam-pede. Thirteen trains, each compris-ing forty cars, all crammed with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Steyn would have been compelled to surrender, but he pretend-ed that he was going to visit one of the outposts, and at midnight took a car-riage which was waiting for him out-side the town, and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

THE MEDIATION PROPOSALS.

Dublin and Queen's Visit.

Corporation Prepare for Official Welcome Befitting the Great Occasion.

attack is made. To await the frontal Mass Meeting Called to Denounce the Preparations

Lorenzo Marques, March 16.-The German consul has handed the following lespatch to President Kruger:

"The government of Germany and Emperor William will be gladly ready to assist in friendly mediation as soon as the fundamental principles to such are apparent—as soon as it is demonstrated that both opponents desire mediation. Whether the desire already exists on the British side can be found by the republics on direct inquiry at London or through the good offices of a third government which has no important interests of its own to consider in such affair. The latter assumption is qualified with a number of nations and outside Europe, but not with Germany. Any such step on the part of the German government would awake suspicions of having other than humanity in view. The increased mistrust thereby engendered would not promote a peaceable settlement. The request of the republics to transmit their appeal for mediation to the Austro-Hungarian and Swiss governments, whose interests are watched by the German consulate, has been immediately fulfilled. "The government of Germany and

KRUGER AS A HUMORIST. nnexes Orange Free State on Learning of British Possession-Boers

Flee Before Gatacre. Bethulie, Orange Free State, March 15.-Gen. Gatacre on arriving here 15.—Gen. Gatacre on arriving here found that all the Boers had fled. The town was nearly deserted, the Dutch having trekked on hearing of the occupation of Bloemfontein.

It is believed that the Boers retired in the direction of Dewitsdorp. The telegraph is open to Springfield.

It is understood here that President Kruger two days ago annexed the

Kruger two days ago annexed the Orange Free State to the South African

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. Irish Flag to Float Over City Hall-Sir Delay Business.

MAFEKING'S BRAVE FIGHT. War Issues Four Miles of Trenches to Enable Pedestrians to Avoid the Boer Missiles.

London, March 16.-Further news has reached the outside world from Mafeking, dated Friday, March 9, showing that though the garrison was in hard straits, they were buoyed up by the knowledge that their plucky fight was appreciated at home.

New York, Marcu 16.—The World prints to-day a despatch from Lady Sarah Wilson in Mafeking, dated March

Pretoria, Wednesday, March 14-Via To Lead Guards

Roberts' Promise to Gallant Brigade-He Soothes the Boer Wounded,

Cutting of Railway Secured Great Boom-The Spectacle Outside Blomfontein.

In the Commons

Prompt Refusal of Intervention Applauded-Answer to the Johannesburg Threat.

Boers' Friends in England Exercise Free Speech at Their

Mass Meeting Called to Denounce the Preparations
Proves Utter Fallure,

Dublin, March 16.—At a meeting in the Mansion House to-day, the Lord Mayor presiding, a committee was appropriated to fittingly receive the Queen and £1,400 was subscribed for decorations.

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Dublin, March 16.—A mass meeting was summoned this evening to denounce the act of the corporation in voting an address to the Queen, but it was almost a fiasco. Only a few hundred were present at the time and the gathering never amounted to more than three thousand. The majority were attracted out of sheer culcasity, rather than out of sympathy. John Daly, Mayor of Limerick, address-cent the meeting and seconded the resolution, which was adopted, protesting against the corporation's decision.

After the meeting broke up about first hundred persons marched past the Mansion House, loft of Commons to-day; replying to Mr. William Redmond, Irish Nationalist, who protection of pedestrians from bull-ties, and bomb-proof shelters to resort to when the shelling is heavy.

"The latest triumph is a five-inch prome fannessor's column at Dornhop by the Boers were fired into town. They were collected, melted down, re-east and load out for some time if required to do against the corporation's decision.

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GERMANY TO KRUGER.

Why the Emperor's Government Could Not Urge the British to a Settlement.

Pretoria, Wednesday, March 14—Viaron and the provide for 1,000 natives daily. The down the date given.'

To Lead Guards

To London, March 15.—In the House of Commons to-day; replying to Mr. William Redmond, Irish Nationalist, who passed the streets making was the wear to a select the streets making was the work for the provention of a gigantic rabbit warren. Both was the control of the province of the province of the province of the province of Salisbury the following telegram from Mistakes Of

METHUEN ON THE ENEMY. British General Speaks With Gratifica tion on the Absence of Vindictive Feeling.

Capetown, March 15 .- Lord Methuen speaking at the town hall, Kimberley, tc-day, said: "Although some of the enemy's men were guilty of dastardly tricks, we must remember that their army is not organized with the same discipline as our own. I never wish to meet a braver general than Cronje, and never served in a war where there was less vindictive feeling between the two armies than in this one."

FRENCH STUDENTS' FOLLY. They Shattered Windows of British Con-

sulate and Are Gaoled and Fined. Bordeaux, March 16 .- As an outcom of the recent riotous demonstration against the British consulate here, when the windows of the consulate and the consul's residence were shattered by stones, the three ringleaders of the mob; two students and a clerk were sentenced Mr. Fraser denounced as a coward, to-day to short terms and fines and to pay the costs of the prosecution

The Campaign

Lord Roberts Thinks Gatacre Was to Blame for Disaster At Stormberg,

Methuen on the Sad Day of Magersfontein--A Costly

ad Guards
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A way will be found to bring about peace, and to say that he would be glad in any friendly manner to aid in bringing about the desired result."

The reading of this despatch was greeted with cheers from the Irish members.

Continuing, Mr. Baifour said: "Lord Salisbury requested Mr. White to convey the sincere acknowledgments of Her Majesty's government to the government of the United States for the friendly tone of their communication, regarding the ground to be traverse to the Her Majesty's government to the government to the government of the United States for the friendly tone of their communication, and to say that Her Majesty's government did not propose to accept the intervention of any power in the settlement of South African affairs."

Loud and prolonged cheering followed this announcement. At the conclusion of Mr. Balfour's speech Mr. Redmond asked whether intervention was not allowed in the case of Venezucla.

Mr. Balfour, replying to Sir Heury Campbell-Bannerman, the convexition of the settlement of the government to the government to the government to the government to the government of the state capital to day, unopposed. He lay at Venter garding the ground to be traverse to the position held by the Boers, to the employment of too small a force and the men being tired by a long night's march before they came in contact with the enemy. When it became evident, shortly and the telegraph lines, experienced a slight skirmish with some Boers holding the kepies southeast of the town. Larly in the morning the cavalry brigade moved forward and occupied slowly several kopjes which commanded the Boers. A few well-placed shells in the

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Bloemfontein's Cause For Joy

Citizens Feared Violence of Transvaalers and Welcomed British as Friends.

Press Correspondents the Unofficial Couriers Between Camp and City.

London, March 16-The Standard has he following despatch from Bloemfon-

tein, dated Thursday, March 15: "The Transvaal authorities had definitely made up their minds to surrender by en Monday. A stormy meeting was charging him with want of enough moral courage to accept the situation. The late President was, however, not to be persuaded, and when the meeting broke up he left for the north. "The occupation was extremely or-

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"The occupation was extremely orderly and well managed. The spectacle was most impressive when the Sixth Division marched through in grand style, notwithstanding that, like the rest of the army, they had covered 40 miles in 27 hours.

"Large numbers of the burghers are surrendering their arms. Many have fled to their homes. Others are trekking to the east or the north with their cattle and goods.

cattle and goods.
"During the last few days the inhabitants of Bloemfontein had been in deadly fear of the violence of the Transvaalers, and consequently the city re-sembles rather a relieved than a cap-

"Mr. Wessels, president of the raad, has gone to England to solicit public sympathy and to plead for the independence of the Free State." A CORRESPONDENT'S STORY

Bloemfontein, March 15.-Lord Rob-

E. & N. Extens To Cape

Bill Stands Over Bec **Amendment Propos** Mr. McInnes.

The Militia in St. Patri Parade-The Prefer Humbug.

From Our Own Correspondent Ottawa, March 15 .- The ra mittee this morning considere extend the E. & N. railwa Scott. Mr. McInnes moved of an amendment to prohibit ment of Chinese on the cons operation of the line. He d clude Japanese owing to the tility of the government to tion against that nationality. stood over to enable the commi sider the bearings of the amen Mr. Quinn suggested that the allowed to participate in the S allowed to participate in the St
Day parades, if so desired,
shamrocks. Sir Wilfrid tha
Quinn for the suggestion, which
transmit to the militia departt
agreed that the recent actio
Queen would probably have a g
in reconciling the difficulties w
existed for many generations in
Mr. Fielding announced
Mounted Rifles will receive 7
day for service in South Africa.
Mr. Russell offered a resoluti
ing the government's preferen ing the government's preferent instrumental in promoting Impity. Sir Charles Tupper del scathing review of the govern giversation on this subject.

COL. PRIOR'S QUESTIO

Victoria's Representative on for Information. The following are extracts from HARBOR OF VICTORIA,

Mr. Prior asked: What amou been voted by this house for the l Victoria, British Columbia, in t 1897-8, 1898-9 and 1899-1900, a amounts of said votes, if any, is expended up to 31st December, 1 much as been expended on said much as been expended on said during same period, from the v "Dredging, British Columbia"?

The Minister of Public Works (M—Parliament having thought that money could be spent to better ac elsewhere in British Empire, I h spent any money in Victoria.

QUESNELLE-DAWSON TELEG

Mr. Prior asked: Dld Mr. Charl-Ish Columbia for use of the men on the Quesnelle-Dawson telegra If so, what was the value of sam did he buy them from? Were ten

ed for same?

The Minister of Public Works (M. -If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Prio to the construction of the Bennett telegraph line; provisions were p in March, 1899, from H. N. Bate & Ottawa, to the amount of \$5,082.41 tender; in July tenders were called plies amounting to about \$6,000. tenders were received. Kelly, D. Co., of Vancouver, being the lo the contract. The provisions are late and were stored. If the homman refers to the Bennett-Quesn no provisions were purchased this those supplied by Kelly, Dougla will be used.

REMOVAL OF INDIANS FROM HEES INDIAN RESERVE Mr. Prior asked: 1. Has the government at any settlement with the Columbia provincial government it to the removal of the Indians f Songhees Indian reserve? 2. Has vincial government been in correspondent this government about said since leaf seesing.

since last session.

Mr. Sutherland—From the best tion I am able to get, I beg to say CABINET REPRESENTATION ISH COLUMBIA. Mr. Prior asked: Is it the inte the right hon, the Premier to give Columbia direct representation in inet during this parliament?

The Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid I am sorry to inform my hon. fr Prior) that I am not prepared to I cannot gratify his curiosity. MACAULAY POINT CLAIR Mr. Prior asked: Has the hon. ister of Militia come to any decis gard to the Macaulay Point clanot, will the several claimants be to bring their claims before the E

In the absence of the hon. Ministeritis (Mr. Borden), I beg to read that to the question: Yes. The claim INDEBTEDNESS OF QUEBEC

COMMISSION TO GOVERNM
Mr. Prior asked: 1: How muc
Quakec harbor commissioners owe
ernment for money loaned? 2. H
do they owe for interest on said
Does this interest appear anywher
lic Accounts? If so, where? 4. If
does it not appear?
The Minister of Finance (Mr. F
1. \$3,748,519.62. 2. \$1,305,315.01
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harged for the year 1898-9. The mount due for interest would 940.78, making the total amou interest to 30th June, 1899, to 255.79. MAIL SERVICE IN THE YU Mr. Prior asked: 1. Has the Po

in regard to the mail service throplace, and which reads as follows place, and which reads as follows "That the Canadian Developme pany have a contract for daily do 700 lbs. of mail each week, but average weight of the mail matt ported each week, up to the 19th from the outside, has been 350 lbs reliably informed," continues the 1 "that under the instructions of the ment, limiting the carrying of let much matter upon which first-class has been paid, has been withheld not be delivered until the approace mer. This works a great hardship depending upon the mails for de and papers absolutely essential for per carrying on of business. Ma are also subscribers to periodica are now withheld, although first-cage has likewise been paid there would therefore respectfully requirelief a afforded us to the extension