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NEARING BLOEMFONTEIN

Field Marshal Lord Roberts Has Again Turned the Boars' Position Turned the Boers' Position.

Circumventing the Enemy, He Now Occupies a Position Near the Capital.

Telegram from the Mayor of Mafeking, Intimates That the Population of That Town May Have Joined

# Celonel Plumer.

ANOTHER PAARDEBERG. CAPE TOWN. March 9 .- A despatch from Poplar Grove under yesterday's date says: The Boers retreated to Abraham's Kraal last night, where a strong commando of Bloemfortein police interrupted their flight. The Boers placed two guns in position, but the place is impossible to defend, and a fiaseo similar to that at Paardeberg is anticipated. President Kruger was at Bloem fontein at noon yesterday, and it is

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reported that he pressed the engagement and urged the Burghers to make a courageous defence of their country. Afterward he expressed bitter disappointment at the feeble resistance that had, been made.

### WITH OUR LADS.

MONTREAL, Merch 9 .- The Star's special correspondent with the first Canadian contingent cables as follows: In camp with the Royal Canadian Regiment, Poplar Grove, on the march to Bloemfontein, South Africa, March 8.--The Canadians, with the Gordon Highlanders, the Cornwalls and the Shropshire regiments, forming a part of the nineteenth brigade, took an setive part in the cr.gagement at Osfortein today. The Canadian troops occupied the left bank of the Modder. where were also the Cornwalls and Shropshires, the Gordons keeping the right bank. There were no casualties among the Canadian troops, and our men saw very little of the active fightir.g.

adians had an opportunity to come

The health of the regiment has im-

proved, and there are now few in the

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, March 12.-Gen. Roberts'

movements in the Orange Free State,

but it is distinctly apparent that the

he arrived at 7.30 p. m. Saturday.

Dreifontein is 35 miles from Bloemfon-

were acting along a running front 12 miles long. The fight throughout was much involved. The Boers evacuated and re-occupied their positions, safely concealing their intentions and only withdrawing their guns a few minutes prior to their impending wapture. Their guns out-ranged those of the British, whose cavalry horses were completely tired out by repeated withdrawals. The British turning movement commenced too late. Every despatch proves that the Boers made a much heartier resistance than they did at Poplar Grove. Gen. Roberts reports that their dead, which were left on the ground, shows a heavier loss than any yet authentically attributed to the Boers in any action of the war. It is learned from other despatches that the Boers had seven guns mounted on kopjes, while the ex-

cupied with the Boer rear guari, who

tent of the fight surprised both sides. The British thought the way was practically clear to Bloemfonfein. The Boers were surprised by that dcuble line of the British advance. They took a position ahead on the right flank of Gen. Kelly-Kenny's advence, thinking that he represented the general advance, but they found that a parallel column threatened their rear. Gen. Tucker occupied Petrusberg withcut opposition, though strong opposition was expected at that place. On Sanday morning the British found that the Boers, in spite of their stubbern resistance, had . retreated.

and marched unoupcosed to Aasvogel Kcp, 25 miles from Bioemfontein as The army advanced to Osfontein on the crow flies. At Aasvogel a prisoner the 6th. There the enemy were found told the British that the siege of to be in force, about six thousand men | Mereking had been raised, which is renches five miles it trange, in view of the reports from length along the kopies south of the both English and Boer sources, which Modder river. pointed out that the place was in ex-After a few hours of shelling by the treme peril. British artillery the Boers evacuated Gen. Roberts is now expected to their position. This evacuation was make thirty miles a day, which will brought about by a flank movement. be the maximum distance forward if by the British cavalry, supported by the opposition is continued. The Standard's correspondent, on forty-two guns, which force had moved rapidly south and got between the the authority of Bcer doctors, says Boers and their reinforcements. that President Steyn last week met only a few hundred, the news shows Deprived of support, it became imwith a bad reception from the burgh- that the Boers are in considerable possible for the Boers to maintain ers. The correspondent points out that numbers at Biggarsberg. their position on their long lines of Gen. 'Tucker's taking Petrusberg cut trenches, and they hastily retreated. off the Boer retreat south. The pursuing cavalry was unable to The Telegraph's correspondent. come up with them before they had ferring to the Poplar Grove engage- | vest anxiety continues to be felt. made good their escape. ment, says that if Gen. French's horses The Shropshires, who occupied a pohad not been done up, thousands of sition in advance of the Canadians Boers might have been captured. He along the left bank, charged a kopje adds that President Kruger threatened held by the enemy and captured a to resign the headship of the Trans-15.677. vaal unless the burghers stayed to op-The fight was over before the Can-

who retired hastily. The despate adds that scouts report that the main British advance was coming from Ladysmith towards Sundays River. A small, unfieciding engagement has Boer artillery was accurately handled, occurred between Briska and Brits-

Despatches from Achtartang, under Saturday's date, describe the country to the river asbbeing clear of Boers The Colesberg bridge is intact, but is held by Boers, who, however, are ex-posed to Britiah shells. Three spans of the bridge at Norval's pont, cover-ing a length of 890 feet, have been sestroyed. The total length of the bridge is 1650 feet. The Boars double ate the bridge from high kopjes. The retirement of the enemy from Co berg is most farturate for the British

as the country is a most impregable, rocky fortress. The British are re-pairing the roadway expeditiously. Gen. Brabant arrived at Jamest wn Friday.

It is now known as a fact that Pre sident Kruger has cabled Lord Salisbury putting forward the cause of The despatch does not say for peace. surrender on terms to which England is likely to listen. Government officials consider it more in the mature of an appeal to the porrers then as a real application to the British government. The war office has warned all the militia who have not already been called out, to be embodied on or about May 1st.

LONDON, March 12, 4.45 a. m. - Th war office maps show a group of lop-jes and a large water pan at Drielontein, e position which has apparently considerable defensive advantages. The Boers, who retreated from Abraham's Kraal to Poplar Grove, must have moved southwards or else a fresh force must have come from Bloemfontein or the Orange Biver. The opposition met at Driefonicia was somewhat unexpected, the idea being that, if there were any resistance it would be at Petrusberg. 1'rofitting by their experience, the Boers were prepared for a British flanking movement, but in extending their posttion in order to avoid being outflanked, they probably weakened their ren tre, thus making it possible for the British infantry to carry this with a bayonet charge.

Lord Roberts' dignified protest against the abuse of the white flag, is regarded as the most important part regarded as the most important part of the situation. According to the ac-vent us reaching our destination. The its supplied by the corresp the instance appears to have deen most flagrant, and there is no doubt that Lord Roberts will carry his threat into execution. The despatch from Durban as to the engagement near Pomeroy seems to explain the Boer accounts of skirmishing in the Helpmakaar district, and although Col. Bethune's force numbered

vancing in three columns, Gen. Tucker to the southward, occupied Petrusberg unopposed. Gen. Kelly-Keuny, after following the river bark, moved in the direction of Abraham's Kraal. At Dreifontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers were found posted in considerable strength on the ridges connecting several kopies, where they bad mounted gurs. The action began at 8 o'clock in the morning with an artillery duel Gen. French's cavalry and Gen. Porter's brigade supported out guns. The

running front of twelve miles on very difficult ground. The British were ad-

and the British cavalry found a task harder than they had expected. Gen. Broadwood, with Bogged perseverance, moved altogether six miles outhward, trying to find a means to get round, but the Boers followed be-hind rising ground, and even attempthind rising ground, and even attempt-ed to outflank him. Meanwhile the sixth division of infantry, advancing on the Boer left, sicwly forced the enemy to retire. Had the infantry been able to move faster the Boers would have been enveloped. The last shot headed by the Weish battalion, proceeded to clear the kopjes, under a hot bewildering fire. The Boers succeeded The artillery made magnificent pracwas fired at 7.30 p. m. This morning tice, though the British guns were out not a Boer was to be seen. The prisranged by two Elswick 12 pounders. The ninth division (the Guards) aroners belonged to President Kroger's own commando.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, March: 11.-A despatch from Driefontein to the war office from Lord Roberts, dated March 11, 9.55 a. m., says:

"I cannot get the precise number of cesualties before the march, but will march thirteen miles to reach the numicate it as soon as possible. scene, were relieved of 50 rounds of The Boers suffered heavily, 102 of ammunition each. The storming of their dead being left on the ground. We captured about twenty prisoners. "Among the killed are: Captain Eustace of the Buffs. Captain Lomax of the Welsh regiment, and Mr. McKartie, a retired Indian civilian attached to Kitchener's Horse.

"Among the wounded are: Buffs, Col. Hickson, leg, severe; Lieut. Ronald. "Welsh regiment-Lieuts. Torkington, Pope, Wimberley.

"Essex regiment-Capt. Broadwood. "Field Artillery-Lieut. Devenish. 'Medical Corps-Major Waite, Lieut. Berne.

"Australian Artillery-Col. Umpely, domen, dangercus."

ROBERTS' DESPATCH TO THE WAR OFFICE

LONDON, March 11.--A despatch from Driefontein to the war office from Lord Roberts, dated March 11, 7.15 a. m., says: "The enemy opposed us throughout yesterday's march, and from their intimate knowledge of the country gave

us considerable trouble. Owing, however, to the admirable conduct of the IN OUR CUSTOM DEPARTMENT

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loubling on the British, when the

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gade pushed south, finding the ene-my's position to be of great strength. The sixth division (Keely-Kenny's) ar-rived at 1.30. The thirteenth brigade, led by the Buffs, and the 18th brigade, The order created a sensation."

> WERE BORING A TUNNEL. LONDON, March 12.-The Cape Town espondent of the Standard, telegraph

respondent of the Standard, Hegyspan Swadar, says "It is reported that he Bo primers at Simontown were found born a tunnel underneath the hass of the carm The work had made considerable progre before discovered." estern kopjes near the main ridge.

#### PEACE PROPOSALS.

rived at four o'clock, but was too late to take part in the fighting. Many of the enemy fled north. It is reported that they lost their Maxim-Vickers

LONDON, March 12.—The Daily Mail has received the following despatch from Pre-toria, dated Saturday, March .0, and cen-sored by the Beer government : "Presidents Kruger and Steyn have wired to Lord Salisbury peace proposals, on con-dition that the independence of the two re-publics be respected and the rebel colonials annested. Yesterday the foreign consuls were called into conference and were re-quested to invite the intervention of the powers they remeasing in adder to prevent The engagement was marked by many acts of bravery, especially by the men supplying the troops with ammunition, which ran shert owing to powers they represented in order to prevent further bloodshed." the fact that the troops, having to

# WAR SUMMARY.

Alexander Kopje by the Welsh battal-LONDON, March 13 .- Gen. Lord Coberts made a further advance Monion was fine work. The men showed day, and is now at Ventersolei, about great skill in securing cover while 5 miles from Ekemfontein. Ventersolei their advance was being supported by the facavy artillery. The men were allies to the southwest of the capital of the Orange Free State, and by soing most invisible unless they were actuthere Gen. Roberts seems to have ally moving. Finally, upon nearing the top of the hill, they fixed their gain turned the position which the bayonets, and with a yell and a rush Coers have taken to oppose his advance. The enemy, 12,000 strong, with they cleared the summit of the enemy, the Borrs barely escaping under a 18 guns, was reported to be posted on a range of kopjes commanding the beavy fire. The enemy lost many horses and left a number of dead and main road to Bloemfontein, but the British adopted another route, circumseveral wounded behind them. The incident was small as regards the numventing the defenders. The corresber of treeps employed, but it was very creditable to the British. Gen. Roberts expressed great satisfaction pundent of the Daily News, dating his despatch Ventersviei, March 1: 6.05 p. m., says that the British left Arsvogel Camp in the morning, and with the conduct of the men. The mopreceded by the cavalry, marched to bility of the Boers in moving their Ventersylei, a distance of about 15 guns was more remarkable than ever. miles, following Kaal Spruit. By ad-The New South Wales Mounted Infartry gallantly but unsuccessfully vancing along Kaal Spruit Gen. Robattempted to capture a gun. Later erts has again outwitted the Boers. reports state that the Boers have en-tirely disappeared, but an engagewho had entrenched themselves along the Modder River, thinking that the ment today is rot unlikely. Notwith-Eritish route would be in that direction. Most of the farms along the line standing the strong Boer positions in the kopjes, it is probable that they of march were deserted, while the flags will not be able to prevent the British were flying over the bouses. All the

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He leaves s exact cost. ROULE, B. A., pose the British. From other quarters there is not much definite intelligence. According to the Telegraph's correspondent at Pietermaritzburg there seems to be a

considerable force of Boers still remaining in the vicinity of Ladysmith.

A force under Col. Bethune crossed the Tugela River on Thursday and made a despatches referring to Saturday's reconnaissance towards Helpmakaar. fighting practically cover everything They moved to Pomeroy, 15 miles disthat has been received concerning the i tant, where they camped for the night. They discovered Boers in the morning lining the hills three miles beyond complete story of the engagement has Pomeroy. A brisk skirmish occurred, not been received. Gen. Roberts had the Boers using three maxim guns and to fight his way to Driefontein, where I two 12 pounders. The British retired with four wounded. The affair discloses that the Boers are ensconced on tein. According to the Morning Post's the Umvoti. This brush is confirmed correspondent, the entire day was oc- by a despatch from the Boer camp at

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There is no confirmation of the rumors of the raising of the siege of Mafeking, concerning which the gra-The British casualties up to this date are as follows:

Killed, 2,418; wounded, 8.747; died of disease, 1,029; missing, 3,483. Total,

SFENSER WILKINSON'S REVIEW. LONDON, March 12 .- Spenser Wilkinson in the Morning Post says: With one hundred dead at Dreifontein, the Boers must have had 500 wounded. We may expect Lord Roberts to continue his march at the rate of about ten miles a day.

"The news that Lord Kitchener has | lets of three different kinds was found ] gone south shows that the rising in in Commandant Cronje's laager, and the Prieska district is troublesome; but it will be effectually suppressed. "We need not believe the Boer report that 12,000 British are near Helpmakaar. It is quite unlikely that Gen. Bu'ler will make any decisive move until his troops have recuperated."

## A LIKELY PAIR.

LONDON, March 12 .- A despatch to the Telegraph from Vienna says that reports from the Austrian military attache accompanying Lord Roberts contain a warm tribute to Gen. Roberts' brilliancy. The attache is of the opinion that the recent British successes. however, have been largely owing to rel Churn on the one of the cloverest strategists living Gen. Kitchener, whom he considers Market. Patent and an absclute master of the condi-Gas Escape and carried on. tions under which modern warfare is

SEVERE FIGHTING.

Handle, with lock-DRIEFONTEIN, Orange Free State, ing device, Ball March 11, 6.35 a. m-Broadwood's cavalry brigade, advancing on Bloemfontein, unexpectedly found the Boers in a strong position in the Driefontein No. 1-Nine Gallon kcpjes yesterday. Gen. Kelly-Kenny's

sued. The Bcers resisted stubbornly, but were driven from their centre po-No. 2-Fifteen Gallon sition, leaving a number of dead and forty prisoners. The British force is

During the fighting, in which five regiments took part, with artillery, the No. 3-Twenty Gal- Beers, though forded from their cenlon Churn, churns tre position, clung tenaciously to the other kopjes, shelling the British freely with three guns and two Vickers-

The British cavalry began to turn the Boer position, but night fell before the movement was completed. The Boers retired during the night.

A large number of Australians were engriged y sterday. The First Australian Horse Brigade, with the Scots Greys, advarced within 800 yards of hand or power, supthe Boers under heavy fire. The New plied to order.

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brunt of the fighting fell on Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division, two battalions of which, the Weish and Essex, turned the Beers out of two strong prelitions at the point of the bayonet."

> ABUSE OF THE WHITE FLAG. LONDON, March 11 .- The war office has received the following advices

from Lord Roberts, dated Driefontein, Sunday, March 11, 9.45 a. m.: "The following telegram has addressed by me to their honors, state British rule has been restored at Lady presidents of the Orange Free State and the South African Republic: "'Another instance having occurred killed.

of gress abuse of the white flag and of the signal of holding up hands in tcken of surrender, it is my duty to inform you that, if such abuse occurs

compelled to order my troops to disregard the white flag entirely. "'The instance occurred on a kopje

east of Driefontein farm yesterday evening, and was witnessed by several of my own staff officers, as well as by myself, and resulted in the wounding of several of my officers and men.

(this has been the case) after every engagement with your honors' troops. Such breaches of the recognized usages of war and of the Geneva convention are a disgrace to any civilized power. A copy of this telegram has been sent to my government, with the request that it may be communicated to all

neutral powers.""

BOERS LOST HEAVILY. AASVOGEL KOP, March 11, 6.25 .-Since dawn this morning the British have been collecting the Boers who were killed or wounded at Dreyfontein. The dead were buried in groups one numbering 37, another 23 and a third 43. They had mostly been killed by the shrapnel fire that was directed against a long, hillside that was subsequently taken by the Welst battalion. The ambulances found seventy dead elsawhere. The wounded Boers say that the Pretoria commando suffered the most from the British

fire. Four 4.7 navy guns were at Poplar Grove yesterday. They were brought here this afternoon. The British losses at Dreyfontein were caused mostly by flagrant treachery on the part of the Boers. The enemy were backing from the British

artillery and were nearing open ground when the Mounted Infantry appeared on their flank ready to pursue. A large company of the Boers at once displayed a white flag, threw down their arms and threw up their hands in token of surrender. The British advanced, whereupon the other Boers fired repeated volleys at

them, wounding a number of officers and men. 1151 484.2

AT THE POINT OF THE BAYONET.

DREYFONTEIN, March 11, 12.30 p.m. -The army left Poplar Grove yesterday morning. At ten o'clock the Cavalry unexpectedly found the kopje at Dreyfontein, eight miles south of Abraham's Drift, occupied strongly South Wales Mounted Infantry joined by the enemy. They immediately atin the pursuit of the Boers northward. tempted to outflank the Boers, mov-All of yesterday was occupied in fighting. The Boers maintained a stubborn rear guard action along a thin containing line. The second bri-

REBELS LAVING DOWN THEIR That the inhabitants had left in a great. ARMS.

advance.

The commanders in chief have given CAPE TOWN, March 11 .- News from strict orders that nothing is to be Lady Grey, Herschel and Alival touched. It is not expected that the North show that the rebels are laying British will meet great opposition in down their arms in large numbers, entering Bloemfontein. Ail the diviand that the Boers all along the borsions have now joined the main adder are in serious straits. The rebels varce. Gen. Roberts' headquarters is assert that the Boers are subsisting at Gregorowski's farr. A despatch to on bread and water, and so called the Standard from Ventersvlei says coffee, made from tye. Other rebels that Gen. Tucker received the submis-

are leaving to fight in the Free State. sicn of several Boers in the course of his advance, the result, presumably, of Grey, where a big fight is reported to Gen. Roberts' recent proclamation. A have occurred, many rebels being farmer who remained at his homestead says that the burghers may

It is reported that thousands of rebels contemplate surrendering to Gen. Bratent.

again, I shall most reluctantly be TO SUPPRESS THE REBELLION CARNARVON, Cape Colony, March 10.--Gen. Kitchener has arrived at Victoria West to organize various columns for the purpose of suppressing

he retellion, which is spreading in this district. Minor fighting has occurred in several directions.

"'A large quantity of explosive buls, FIGHTING NEAR HELPMAKAAR. DURBAN, March 11 .- The Natal Mercury has the following despatch from Greytown, dated today: "A force composed of Bethune's mounted infantry, Umvoti mounted rifles and the Natal police, with three. maxims, under Col. Bethune, reached Pomeroy Thursday, March 8. The following morning the Boer pickets opened fire.

"A general engagement soon ensued, the Boers using pompoms and two big guns. There was heavy fighting on

both sides. Col. Bethune, seeing the impossibility of dislodging the Boers without artillery, retired south of the Tugela with one man wounded. The Boer loss is said to be considerable."

FOUR GERMANS ARRESTED. LONDON, March 12 .- A special despatch from Durban savs:

"The Portuguese authorities at Lourenso Marquez, at the request of Great Britain, have arrested four Germans, bound for Pretoria, with arms and letters of introduction to Dr. Leyds,"

THE ORDER CREATED A SENSA-TION.

LONDON, March 12 .- The Durban correspondent of the Daily News says: "On March 1 an order was issued from Pretoria to field cornets to make an immediate return of all the women

make one more stand egainst the advance on Bloemfontein, but if they are beaten the occupation of the capital will not be further opposed. The war office has issued nothing concerning this movement. There is no other news from any of the centres of operations except a reconnaissance by Gen. Clements on the bank of the Orange River, three miles below Norval's Pent, which disclosed that the Boers were occupying positions there of some strength. The advances of the two republics in the direction of

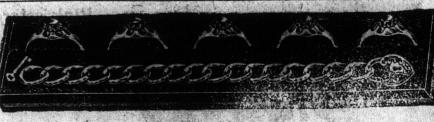
peace continue to be ascussed. There is practically but a single aspect. namely, that of conditions. With the exception of a comparatively small section, the opinion of Great Britain emphatically opposes any settlement other than complete submission. In the house of commons Monday Mr. Balfour premised that the papers respecting the peace proposals would be very shortly submitted, and it is undesstood that these will be furnished

teday. The Standard, a ministerial organ has the following:

"Several telegrams have been received from the two presidents; one arrived in the course of yesterday morning. It is reported in the lobby that the presidents offered to open negotiations on the basis of status quo anti bellum, and that their proposals generally show complete incapacity to recognize the great change in the situation. The reply of Her Majesty's government will indicate clearly the only lines on which a settlement can

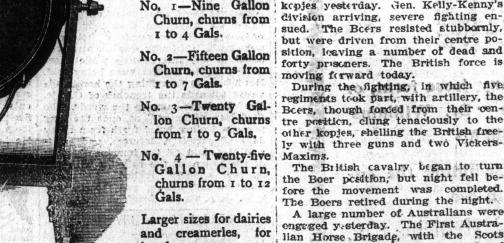
be effected. "The supremacy of Great Britain over South Africa must be explicitly recognized. The two republics will be disarmed and the control of their military affairs placed in the hands of the

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