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BRITAIN'S NAVY IS

STILL INCREASING.

And Negotiations Are Going On for Recruiting a Naval Reserve in Canada--Britain Keeping Well Abreast of Others.

Dealing with the construction of fresh iron clads, Mr. Goschen remarked that the Hague convention already seemed a thing of the dim past. When the peace conference was called he suggested that

London, Feb. 26.—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Goschen said that Great Britain was not menaced by any naval power. Europe knew her strength and the number of chips she possessed. There ments, but nothing was done, and in the civil most sixe who a demonstration was adthe number of thips she possessed. There were times when a demonstration was advisable, but the government did not think it advisable upon this occasion.

Regarding the export of coal Mr. Goschen announced that the government could not prohibit it unless at war with a foreign power or in an emergency very different from the present.

The admiralty, he further asserted, was considering how it could organize a naval reserve in conjunction with the colonies. He explained that with an adequate organization the government could get a very valuable contingent from Canada and Australia. The negotiations with Canada were very well advanced. Canada asked that the period of training be reduced but a final decision on the subject had not been reached.

Dealing with the construction of fresh

PRINCE OF WALES PRAISES CANADIANS.

Visits the Wounded at Southampton and Singles Out the Canadians for Special Attention,

London, Feb. 27.—The Prince of Wales, who yesterday (Monday) paid a visit to the wounded who had arrived at Southampton on the hospital ship Princess of Wales, singled out the Canadians and told them how proud the Empire was of them and their brave compatriots who had come forward so loyally and spontaneously to make common cause with the Mother country.

Lord Roberts has appointed to his staff Major Dennison, of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

CANADIAN ROUGH RIDERS

RITCHIE ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.--[Special]-Lady Ritchie received a cable message this morning stating that her son, Private William Ritchie, was but slightly wounded in action at Paardeberg on

ARNOLD OF WINNIPEG DIED OF HIS WOUNDS.

Sunday, February 18th.

Ottawa, Feb. 26--[Special] -- The militia depart-Col. Otter today announcing the death of Capt. H. and Private McCreary, of

the 74th, Sussex, N. B. ARRIVE AT CAPE TOWN. Private McCreary, whose death was at first reported Cape Town, Feb. 26 .-- in the Toronto Globe's spe-The Canadian Transport, cial and afterwards con-Pomeranian, from Halifax tradicted, died on the 19th, Jan. 27, with another con- the day after the fight, and tingent of Canadian troops Major Arnold, who was reon board, has arrived here. ported wounded, died on Friday last. Major Arnold was captain of the Winnipeg company. Both died in the hospital.

MONTREAL EXCITED.

Receipt of the News that Ladysmith Was Relieved Received with Great

Montreal, Feb. 26.-There was great excitement in Montreal tonight over report that Ladysmith had been relieved. Report was given out at the theatres and re-ceived with great enthusiasm, while chimes f several churches rung joyously. Lord Strathcona has cabled his per mission for Strathcona Horse to parade in Montreal on their way to Halifax to

Montreal Theatre Burned. Montreal, Feb. 26.-The Theatre Francais here was completely gutted by fire this morning which also burned out sevment received a cable from eral stores in the vicinity. The theatre was an old skating rink transformed and conducted by John E. Phillips, brother of former backer of John L. Sullivan. The firemen suffered terribly from frosty wea-M. Arnold, of Winnipeg, ther, the thermometer registering 15 degrees below zero. Total loss, \$100,000; in-



Unofficial News Not Yet Confirmed But Looked Upon as Correct—Buller Attacked the Last Boer Stronghold on Saturday—Kruger's Grandson Killed—Dublin Fusiliers,

Saturday—Kruger's Grandson Kille With Ranks Sadly Thinned, Redeem the Regiment's Credit-Boers Gathering in Numbers for the Defence of Bloemfontein—Cronje Still Holds Out—Roberts Said to Be Sparing Him for Humanity's Sake.

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"After repeated attempts, however, and having lost heavily, they recognized that they were unable to prevail. Neverthe-found them occupying ridges at right angent the conditions and Cornwalls crossed over with the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent to the visual to the province of the trock of the trock of the was expossed over with the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occupying ridges at right angent the object of taking the enemy in the rear, but they found them occuping ridges at right a firmation of the report, but it is regarded as being probably is regarded as being probably true, inasmuch as Buller was attacking the last and strongest Boer position on Saturday and was easily occupying important and dominating eminances. General White had also begun to participate and to serve increased rations. It is regarded as being probably is regarded as being probably it is regarded as being probably true, inasmuch as Buller was attacking the last and strongest Boer position on Saturday and was easily occupying important and dominating eminances. General White had also begun to participate and to say before the ministacken and the neight closed in be fore the main attack had developed."

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The Conservative, speaking tonight in the House of Commons, said that, while agreeing that the provincial elections in Manitoba.

Thinks Germany Hant the had to say before the ministers of the interior test for the west, prior to his going to Europe. The principal complaint which sir Charles Turboyalty. Another grievance was the existence of the 10 per cent. To have the his salckned and t to serve increased rations. It Bund Getting Ready to Act. looks as though the siege were

Pretoria by way of Lorenzo Marques. The nmandoes are described as "hastening m all quarters of the two republics." from all quarters of the two republics."

No estimate is made of their numbers, but the withdrawal of the Boers from most of the places where they have been "It is reported here that 5,000 burghresisting force to 30,000 men. This figure assumes that the Boers have between 60,000 and 70,000 men in the field.

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The gathering of this army across the resisting force and the free State government is moving to Winburg.

"Reinforcements from all parts are passions of the gathering of this army across the resisting force to 30,000 men. This figure that the first state of the first s

The gathering of this army across the path of Lord Roberts gives significance to General Cronje's steadfast defence. He has engaged the corps of Lord Roberts trying through Bloemfontein hourly. President Kruger that Lord Roberts is within a few hours of Bloemfontein and he urges that for ten days now and whether he is re-lieved or not, he has given time for the should be commandeered. lieved or not, he has given time for the dispersed Boer factions to get together and to prepare positions to receive the The Boer general who was in command at dispersed Boer factions to get together British advance when Cronje is overcome and Lord Roberts moves forward. It is difficult to conceive that the Boers are strong enough to take the offensive and to

The war office had nothing after mid- farms than fight elsewhere. night to indicate his collarse, and he may hold out for a few days. The correspondents seem to have no exact informational collers having refused to work. tion respecting his resources. Some say that he has plenty of food, but is short of ammunition. Others assert that he abandoned his food supplies, but kept abundant supplies of amounts.

last and strongest position of the Boers who bar his way to Ladysmith. The strenuous fighting indicates a battle be-General Buller on Saturday faced the

rations were being issued in view of the fact that relief seemed at hand.

Natives Are Becoming Dangerous.

The movement on the veldt away from the railway is becoming increasingly "Chief Linchwo has reported that he from the railway is becoming increasingly difficult for large bodies of troops, as the grass is burned up. General French has to wagon forage for his horses; and even the infantry finds the long marches harder wagons and oxen. There were some casualties on both sides.

Technical military writers take these things into consideration in forecasting territory of the natives. The Daily Chronicle says it learns from To Defend Bloemfontein. private letters that British rifles and ammunition have been landed on the south-

ern coast of Cape Colony, presumably for Lord Roberts has recently received 72 join Sir Redvers Buller. additional pieces of artillery. Whether all have been sent to Paardeberg is not

Probably the eighth division will leave England next Monday.

Kruger's Grandson Killed.

London, Feb. 27.-Mr. Winslow Church. Canadians Are Praised. ill, in a despatch to the Morning Post from Frere Camp, dated Sunday, says:—

Montreal, Feb. 26.—The Star's special cable from London says: "The special cor-"The idea that the Boers are raising the ige of Ladysmith is premature. The ad-

London, Feb. 26 .- The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail says:—
"As a result of special inquiries in Boer circles here I am able to corroborate fully London, Feb. 27—4.20 a. m.—The Boers are assembling an army near Bloemfontein with which to dispute the invasion of Lord Roberts. This intelligence of Lord Roberts. This intelligence of the Bund are otherwise attained, it will fan the flame of the Roberts. to dispute the invasion of Lord otherwise attained, it will fan the flame This intelligence comes from of rebellion throughout the colony."

Stevn is Growing Anx ous.

soue General Cronje from his precarious also reported to have sent word to Kruger that they would rather defend their own

"The Pretoria government is paying its

Boers Are At Roberts' Mercy.

"There are about 4,000 men beleaguered tween armies rather than rear guard actions protecting a retreat.

On Thursday and Friday he lost 43 officers killed and wounded, representing probably a total of from 400 to 500.

"There are about 4,000 men beleaguered in General Cronje's camp, exclusive of the losses he has hitherto sustained. His wife is not with him, although there are women and children in the camp.

"The Boer position now is almost exclusive." robably a total of from 400 to 500.

General White's guns worked on Satursively confined to the river bed. The enday upon the Boers positions, and a heliogram from Ladysmith reported that the Boers were retreating, and that larger sideration from motives of humanity."

Nothing has been heard from Mafeking ince Feb. 12. Lorenzo Marques, Monday, Feb. 26.—A despatch from Gaberones, dated Thursday,

animals must be carried. This requires the formation of garnsoned depots. The ordinary campaigning season is over, and the sickly season for both men and animals has set in. "The Boers at Crocodile Pools notified said, could not expect good behavior from the natives while they were invading the

Cape Town, Sunday, Feb. 25.-The Boers re concentrating to defend Bloemfontein. Lord Rosslyn has obtained a commission in Thorneycroft's Horse, and has gone to

Too Hot for Cronie.

London, Feb. 27.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Paardeberg dated General Cronje's attempt to mount guns was frustrated by our artillery."

seige of Ladysmith is premature. The advance is being pursued in the face of the most stubborn opposition and of heavy lsos. President Kruget's grandson is among the Poers killed."

Mr. (hugelt) there proceed to the correspondents at the front unite today in echoing general praise for Canadians at Paardeberg on Sunday, February 18, by praising their gallant behavior under the hottest fire." The Daily News special correspondent says; "They were heavily among the Poers killed."

Mr. Churchill then proceed to describe heavy fighting last Friday in which the Inniskillings approached within 500 yards of the summit of a rocky Boer position by assault."

Interpolate the Inniskillings were heavily engaged in Sunda lantly attempted sition by assault. The Daily Chronicle's correspondent lature at Cape Colony.

themselves with Germany. In that event, instead of British and French fleets there the Yukon might fairly grumble, although would also be a German fleet manned by all other classes approve of the change of Dutch sailors.

The Dublins Take Grobler's Kloof.

London, Feb. 27.—A despatch from Paardeberg, dated Friday, to the Times says that several thousand Boers are now hovering in that neighborhood. The Times has the following from Pietermaritzburg, dated Friday, February

take Grobler's Kloof, which they did. This gallant battalion which began the campaign eight hundred and fifty strong, can today be said to mustar an extracter of the mining regulations in British Columbia to that of the Yukon. today be said to muster on parade only between one hundred and two hundred of

BULLER PAYING THE PRICE.

its original members."

London, Feb. 26.-The war office today issued an additional list of the casualties sustained by the Fifth Brigade under Gen-

London, Feb.26.—General Buller's death list contains the names of three lieut-colonels—Thackery, of the First Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Sitwell, of the Second Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and Thorold, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers An additional list of the British casulties at Paardeberg, Feb. 18, is announced and gives a lieutenant and eight nen killed, a lieutenant and seven men missing and thirty-eight men wounded.

NEW SOUTH WALES CABLES SYMPATHY.

Ottawa, Feb. 26--[Special]--The Lieut. Governor of New South Wales cables to Lord Minto as follows:

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 26.--The Premier, on behalf of the people of New South Wales, desires to express deepest sympathy with the people of Canada

CRONJE MUST FIGHT.

New York, Feb. 26-"Even if General Cronje wanted to surrender his men would mined to fight to the bitter end. Therefore, American newspapers are in error when they state that the general is foolhardy in resisting so desperately.' by Phillip Lonter Wessels, of Bloemfontein, brother of the president of the volksråad of the Orange Free State, who

"that would not end the war. We have have employed upon us since the first." Geo. W. VanSicklen, president of the American Boer council, announces that he has just forwarded \$2,000 for Boer widows and orphans to Treasurer C. C. Devilliers,

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15 BLACK CHEVIOT JACKETS, sizes 32, 34 and 36 at \$1.00 each. Some in were as high as \$6.00.

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10 MIXED TWEED JACKETS, satin lining, at \$3.00 each. Some in the lot we 15 NAVY BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, unlined, at \$3.50 each.

were as high as \$9.90.

10 BLACK BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, same price.

10 NAVY CURL CLOTH JACKETS, silk lined, at \$4.00 each. Some in the lot as high as \$8.00.
6 DARK GREEN BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, unlined, at \$4.00 each.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS BACK TO YUKON DEBAT

Sir Charles Tupper Tackles Mr. Sifton Before He Goes England--Mr. Blair Scores Neatly on Mr. Foster.

Ottawa, Feb. 26-(Special)-Sir Charles | gentleman well known to myself and

policy in this regard. As to the royalty the government recognized that it was a matter which required careful consideration and also might at an early date require readjustment and

change. What the Manitoba elections had to do with the Yukon it was difficult for the san reference to the result in the minister to see, but when the time came toba elections. Political parties for his contesting Brandon, Sir Charles but he did not think that even the tinguished themselves by volunteering to ake Grobler's Kloof, which they did. This would find him there ready for the fray.

Mr. Foster spoke of the preferable agination would show that the British Columbia to that of the Yukon, but when Mr. Blair asked him to point discuss whether his electorate ha out the difference, the ex-minister of finance refused to do so. Mr. Foster also this would be fought out and he would be fought spoke of certain information he had about officials in the Klondike and Mr. Blair pointed out afterwards that this was done that was necessary. The practice with a view to cast suspicion on the administration of the Yukon and not with Yukon who had not done as well the the object of remedying any wrong, if wrong there were, otherwise there would eral Feb. 23 and Feb. 24, which includes seven officers killed, 23 wounded and one aid the government in reaching the ofbe no hesitation in giving particulars to

Sir Charles Tupper in opening his remarks said he noticed from the press that the minister of the interior was leaving for Winnipeg tomorrow and was afterwished to draw the attention of the house to the matters in the Yukon before Mr. Sifton left with a view of having them improved. The question Yukon was one of national importance, and in the opinion of the leader of the opposition the whole Yukon policy should ster who wanted to exploit the Yukor st such a course as was adopted. He the regulations in almost every particu-

ence to the royalty. A ten per cent. royalty on the gross output led to smuggling and anything of that kind had an injurious effect upon the mining camp. The law was ignored and the gold smuggled out of the country. In this way the Mondies did not get the credit of the Klondike did not get the credit of the output. A larger revenue would be got from 3 per cent. than from 10 per cent. bidder. When he had gone to Man from 3 per cent. than from 10 per cent. He (Tupper) complained that the best in the loss of so many of her valuable and gallant sons.

(Signed) Fred. M. Darlet.

He (Tupper) complained that the best men to be found were not sent to the Yukon to see to its proper administration. However, he went on to quote Major Walsh as being opposed to the royalty as was also Mr. Louis Coste. The result of the present management of affairs was that the population of the Yukon was reduced from 30,000 to 4,000 and more would be leaving in the spring Sir Charles. Sir Charles said Mr ton had therefore little ground for inding in the removal of a system of claim jumping are this system of claim jumping are this system of claim jumping are the settlers were to so common and the settlers were to as in justice to themselves to form a same committee who guarded against the proper doministration. However, he went on to quote Major unfair operations. Sir Charles said Mr ton had therefore little ground for inding in the removal of a system of the settlers were to as in justice to themselves to form a same committee who guarded against the proper doministration. However, he went on to quote Major unfair operations. Sir Charles said Mr ton had therefore little ground for inding in the removal of a system of the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a same committee who guarded against the proper doministration. However, he went on to quote Major unfair operations. Sir Charles said Mr ton had therefore little ground for inding in the removal of a system of the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a so common and the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a so common and the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a so common and the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a so common and the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a so common and the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a so common and the settlers were to a sin justice to themselves to form a so common and the settlers were to a sin justice to themse would be leaving in the spring. Sir Charles proceed to read from a typewritten The abolition of such a large amount

Sir Charles Tupper said that when a over to his own friends. But surely

Mr. Sutherland-Does the hon. gentleman propose to say who has given him petition to the highest bidder, a p the information, which he is using? Sir Charles Tupper-No I don't propose arrived here several days ago to raise funds for the Boer widows and orphans. It is say who has given me this information. He then went on to say that Judge Dugas tive party for special favors in this "And even if General Cronje's forces had advised the government to appoint should surrender," added Mr. Wessels, an additional judge for the Youkon, and done the British no wrong and we have never deserved the underhand tricks they was kept open for the purpose of getting party government on recommendation was kept open for the purpose of getting the position to a member of this house. Sir Richard Cartwright-Would the hon. issue a certificate for a government gentleman say what he is quoting from? Won't Tell Who Told Him.

Sir Charles Tupper-I am quoting from the miners were being driven out a letter given to me by an honorable

Mr. Sifton Always Ready. had to go away but was glad tha that he had an opportunity of make

The honorable gentleman had not materially to the discussion of the found there to meet the leader they expected, or from lawyers who done as good a business as they bringing before the house a corre nstance the leader of the opposit withdrawn the whole country from pecting. This statement

the least foundation in Then again it had been done away with the system of re-loc This change Mr. Sifton pointed out, done away with a large amount of gation which although very desirable not popular with lawyers, one of the Sir Charles Tupper's correspondent, ed to be very much annoyed with. law as it stood ii the first place was ilar to that of the western states and er had failed to fulfil the obligation posed on him by the regulations i Everything All Wrong.

The first fatal mistake was in referand recorded in the latter's name. change made by the government which was complained of by Sir Ch was that instead of outsiders being

their obligations, the claims reve proceed to read from a typewritten letter, which complained of the backward state of litigation and that the whole country had been withdrawn from prospecting.

tion. It had been a measure of justine honest miners which they fairly described in the prospection of the prospection Sir Charles had used a charge of his respondent that the Youkon regula Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Which make liti-gration unprofitable? town was prosperous litigation would be leader of the opposition did not a seriously. All claims confiscated by government had been sold in open never followed by Sir Charles Tupper his party. Applications had been

to the person who had suffered by e This was only done in one or tw

stances. In reference to the char-(Continued on page 5.)