

WAR OFFICE

Receives Gratifying Despatches From Lord Kitchener.

Boers Rapidly Surrendering - They Cheer King Edward and Are Glad That the Stern Conflict is at an End.

LONDON, June 8.—The war office has received the following message from Lord Kitchener under today's date: "The disarmament of the Boers is proceeding satisfactorily and good spirit is displayed everywhere. Yesterday 4,818 rifles had been surrendered up to date."

Despatches received by the Associated Press from Pretoria confirm the statements made in Lord Kitchener's communication to the war office, and say that the whole of the late Transvaal government, with a body guard of 40 men, surrendered last Saturday.

The following formalities are observed when Gen. Botha, Gen. De Wet or any of the Boer commandants accompany the British officer who has been detailed to receive surrenders: The Boer leader goes out to meet a commando and returns at its head.

Among the men who surrendered to the British in the Transvaal, Cape Colony, were four Americans, who will be granted a free passage to Delagoa Bay.

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