The Forward Movement

Lord Roberts Advancing Slowly From the Capital of Free State.

Reported Capture of Brandfort-Gallant Charge by Gordon Highlanders.

50,000 operating clear of the railways along a front of 40 miles. The positions are as follows: Gen. Broadwood's cavalry brigade has reached Isabelfontein, 28 miles north of Thaba Nchu. Gen. Ian Hamilton is bivouacing at Jacobsrust, 15 miles north of Thaba agree with me that Methuen's dispatch on the part of some American scound-Nchu; Gen, Tucker's division is moving eastward from Karee Siding, and the divisions of Gens. French and Rundle are and it also gives information of import armories there that might have been in and near Thaba Nchu. He is advanc- ance to the enemy. If he likes I will reeded in this emergency. He thought ing slowly with some success, but nothing decisive. Yet at all points of concentration the Boers appear in force sufficient to compel the British to proceed with caution. The wide front in a rugged country makes turning movements off-hand difficult.

Observers at headquarters in Bloemfontein seem to think that the Boers are Preparing to Evacuate

Brandfort and Ladybrand. The Boers are still holding Thaba Nchu district and are estimated at 4,000. They have among their guns a forty pounder. One correspondent wiring from Bloemfontein on Wednesday, at 1.15 p.m., said the British hoped to cut off the whole commando.

The correspondents at Kimberley have been forbidden to communicate for several days, the deduction being that a forward movement is under way there. The Boers in Natal are restless Two hundred crossed Sunday's river Wednesday and tried to engage the British out-

The Standard Bloemfontein correspondent, telegraphing on May 2nd, says: "I have just ridden hither from Thaba Nchu along the line of our advance east of Bloemfontein. The distance is fully forty miles, and yet almost every point

of concentration is Contested by the Enemy.

Gen. Rundle, with the Eighth Division, is posted on our right flank with orders to guard a strong and boldly outlined frontal position in a country of decidedly difficult nature. There the Boers have posted a number of guns of superior weight and range to our own. However, than to keep in touch with us, and to mounted infantry, is pressing northward, reading. encountering only a desultory fire. The been engaged, while Gen. Tucker, commanding the Seventh Division, has moved eastward from Karee Siding, and has gaged in her literary work. followed by the Boers. Nevertheless the cavalry, owing to the movement that was

Intended to Encircle

the Boers on the march to Brandfort, and the enemy are now prepared to offer stubborn opposition on an entrenched hill to the southeast of Kroonstadt. They will probably abandon that position as soon as their stores have been moved north. Gen. Tucker's attempt to advance on Brandfort showed the enemy to be in considerable strength. they lost twenty horses while under fire knows what tedium is, and has found from pom-poms. The Boers were, however, driven from their position. It is announced that the British have

captured Brandfort. REFUSED TO SURRENDER.

Fifty Gordons Charge Through a Force

of 250 Boers.

London, May 4.-The following dispatch from Thaba Nchu, dated Wednesday, appears in the Daily News: "In yesterday's flanking movement Captain Towse and fifty Gordon Hightlanders travel. were surrounded by 250 Boers, who demanded their surrender. Capt. Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. With a wild cheer the Gordons rushed the enemy and swept them away with great slaughter. Capt. Towse was blinded in both eyes by the enemy's fire and throughout behaved most heroical-

STORY OF SPION KOP.

Roberts Suggested that Buller Should Rewrite Dispatch, But He Declined.

London, May 3.-The telegraphic correspondence relating to the Spion Kop dispatches was issued to parliament just before midnight Thursday.

Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, wired on March 28th, asking the advice of Lord Roberts about publishing the dispatches, saying, "We cannot publish all the documents enclosed with your dispatches of February 13th, and suggesting certain dispatches which in Lord Lansdowne's opinion might be published. Lord Lansdowne added: But I would not feel justified in thus editing the papers unless you concur. and you may perhaps think it well to refer to Buller. I suggest as an alternative that we should treat your dispatch of February 13th and all its enclosures as confidential, and that Buller should

to make for publication." downe in a dispatch dated Bloemfontein, mine has been abandoned as a means of Sir Redvers Buller to prepare a full mouth of No. 1 by the carload.

narrative, but that Sir Redvers Buller London, May 3.—The Daily Telegraph. all like the idea of rewriting a dispatch sympathy and aid of Americans in connec for publication. I much prefer to leave tion with the Ottawa fire, and comment chief. Let him select for publication concludes as follows: "There will be deepwhatever he thinks proper."

downe had suggested, but that it might perhaps be better to overrule Gen. Buller's objection and to adopt the alternative course suggested by Lord Lansdowne. He asked Lord Lansdowne to wire a reply.

This reply from Lord Lansdowne, dated April 2nd, said: "In view of Buller's objection I abandon the proposal that the dispatches should be rewritten, and I propose to publish the selection described in my dispatch of March 28th."

Lord Roberts answered under date of April 6th: "I agree to my dispatch of

February 13th being published." The correspondence also contains two dispatches referred to in Lord Lans-downe's dispatch of March 28th. The first is from Lord Lansdowne to Gen. Buller, dated January 5th, representing the impossibility of publishing his dis-London, May 4.-Lord Roberts has patches which "contain views of the situation and forecasts of his intentions," and emphasizing the advisability of sending dispatches descriptive of the operations for presentation to parliament. The second is from Lord Wolseley to Lord Roberts, dated February 6th, and saying: "You will, I feel sure, that you should ask him to cancel this

dispatch and to write another." The correspondence does not indicate not in his place, but pr whether Lord Methuen rewrote the dis-inquiries on the subject, patch as suggested. The Spion Kop dispatches as published were exactly the selection suggested in Lord Lansdowne's dispatch of March 28th.

FAMOUS WOMEN NOVELISTS. Pursuits in Which They Spend Their

Leisure Hours.

The leisure time of the women of letters is apparently spent in much the hanging around the canals. However, same fashion as that of other members of the sex.

Miss Marie Corelli does not profess to have any particular hobbies, but she confesses to a great love of flowers and to a taste for collecting rare old books, however, taken place on the other side of which she has now accumulated a of the lock gate there might have been plished player on the piano and mando-

In sociology, music, and a country life, Madame Sarah Grand, authoress of Welland canal, which, it is believed, will "The Heavenly Twins," seeks a diversion from her literary labors; she is also a devotee of the wheel.

The American novelist and dramatist, John Oliver Hobbs, is partial to music and chess. The pet recreations of her fellow countrywoman, Miss Beatrice Harraden, are violoncello playing, travelling and farming.

Miss Braddon, the producer of num berless popular novels, delights in riding, gardening, music and literature they show no disposition to do more Another prolific writer, the late Miss Florence Marryatt, who produced upharass our advance. Further to the west | wards of seventy works of fiction, found Gen. Ian Hamilton, with his division of recreation in music, floriculture and

The essentially womanly occupation of (Mrs. Arthur Stannard) when not en-

abjured the gun and used her powerful sion all summer.

drawing.

Mrs. Emily Crawford, the clever Paris correspondent of the London Daily News, is rather to be envied in the mat-The colonial cavalry were engaged, and ter of recreations. She hardly ever real life so interesting that novels and plays possess little charm for her. She likes to engage in moon and star gaz- creased. ing when resting in the country. In

ing diversion in whist, cycling and

A well-known story writer, Mrs. Anne Isabella Ritchie, who is a daughter of the delay in not sending the matter W. M. Thackeray, likes to spend her leisure in reading, viewing pictures, and day not working on departmental reenjoying fresh air and good company. | ports, but was printing tons of cam-Driving, music, pen-and-ink drawing, paign literature. are the leisure occupations of Miss Adebies of Miss Flora Annie Steel consist of music, singing, painting, cooking and

Mrs. Kennard is very fond of hunting, trout and salmon-fishing, also of cycling. and everything pertaining thereto. Her on a tour and ride forty or fifty miles a day, seeing the natives and interesting features of the country.

VOLCANO ACTIVE

(Associated Press.) San Francisco, May 4-A special from Red Bluff says the north peak of Mount Lassen is thought to be in a state of activity. Rumbling noises and a heavy column of grey smoke comes from the mountain.

MORE BODIES FOUND. Number of Dead Taken From Utah Mine Is Two Hundred and Fifty.

Schofield, Utah, May 2.—The estimate of send through you a full narrative of the the number of killed in the terrible mine operations. This you could forward to explosion here yesterday is 250, but the me, with any observations you desired death list may reach 300. The relief work is still in progress, being conducted by Lord Roberts replied to Lord Lans- shifts of men. On account of gas, No. 4 March 31th, that he had suggested to rescue, and bodies are arriving at the had answered as follows: "I do not at after alluding editorially to the generous in the hands of the commander-in- ing at length upon the Schofield disaster, er sympathy with America in this awful To this Lord Roberts appended that catastrophe than has been evoked by any to correct some few verbal errors. It him under the fifth rib. "It is just Mr. Prussian regiment—the 15th Infantry— Indeed, the national characteristic is cryshe would not himself object to publica- event on the other side of the Atlantic tion of a paper edited as Lord Lans- since the loss of the Maine."

Dominion Parliament

Welland Canal Outrage Discussed and Theories Advanced as to Cause of Attack.

Opposition Lodge a Complaint Because of Congestion of Work in Printing Bureau.

Ottawa, April 25 .- In the House of of the day were proceeded with, Mr. McCleary, member for Welland, referred once more to the dastardly attempt regarding Magersfontein could not be rels to blow up lock 24 of the Welland published as sent. There are passages canal, and asked how it was that there in it inappropriate to such documents, was not a round of ammunition in the revise the dispatch, but I prefer not to that all the armories in western Ontario undertake this responsibility. I suggest should be properly equipped and stored. The Prime Minister replied that he was sorry the Minister of Militia was not in his place, but promised to make

Mr. Gibson (Lincoln) charged that Mr.

McCleary was actuated in bringing this matter up by party feeling. All the ammunition in the world would have been useless after the damage had been done, but the truth was that Mr. Haggart, the late Minister of Railways and Canals. should years ago have acted upon the suggestion to empower the superintendent of the canal and his officials to arrest any suspicious characters found that was a matter that should be attended to at once. The way in which the conspirators had carried out their plan showed that they had worked it out with considerable care. Had the explosion, considerable number. She is an accom- a loss through flooding of 500 or 1,000 lives. The outrage was the result, in his opinion, of labor agitation in Buffalo to strike at the rival grain route via the divert a large share of trade from Buf-

Mr. Haggart denied that he had ever received any such request from the superintendent of the Welland canal as that to which Mr. Gibson referred. Mr. W. F. McLean (East York) advo-

cated the stationing of a company or nore of our permanent force in the Niagara peninsula to protect the valuable. government properties there.

Departmental Blue Books.

The leader of the opposition said that he wished to call attention to the impossibility of doing business either in the House or in the committees till the departmental reports were published. The Highland Brigade from Valkrantz has sewing, with cycling and golfing, affords law was quite specific on this subject. most pleasure to John Strange Winter All the important reports should be down by the fifteenth day of the session, while here it was the eighty-third day with- than that, I shall take pains to see why ment. Lady Florence Dixie has a warm out the majority of these books being this particular commanding officer hasn't place in her heart for horses and dogs. available. It looker as though the gov- done his duty. If this colonel had been greater numbers of the enemy, have She is a capital swimmer and a fine ernment had something to keep back, attending to business instead of supshot, but for some time past she has and wanted to keep parliament in ses-

pen in condemnation of shooting as an The Premier assured Sir Charles Tupper that there was no sinister motive in Gardening, collecting antiquities and the failure to have these reports down. travelling are the particular hobbies of However, they would all be ready with-Mrs. Mona Caird; those of Mrs. Wal- in a week with the exception of the reford being lawn tennis and water-colour port of the Department of Public

Works. Mr. Clarke Wallace said that the excuse of the printing bureau being overworked would not hold.

Mr. McMullen declared that the printing bureau was taxed to its utmost capacity. The work could not be done unless the staff and equipment were in-

Mr. John Ross Robertson, himself a her younger days she was devoted to well-known publisher, declared that reading, chess-playing, and pictorial art, there was no department better managed but now she enjoys a quiet rubber at than this. There could not be a better superintendent than Mr. Dawson, but An interesting writer, Mrs. Burnett unless the bureau were enlarged, it Smith (Annie S. Swain), has walking, could not keep up with the demand upcycling, and driving for her recreations; on it. Mr. Dawson had told him that Mrs. Toulmin Smith (L. T. Meade) find- with a new wing, all difficulty would be obviated.

Mr. Quinn (Montreal) charged that the ministers were themselves to blame for down soon enough. The buréau was to-

The Prime Minister-Will the honorline Sergeant, the novelist. The hob- able gentleman specify what he refers to and I will see that it is not done? Mr. Quinn had heard that ministerial speeches were being printed daily to the exclusion of other work. Mr. Fisher was sorry that the report

of his department was not yet out. The favourite summer amusement is to go off copy had all been sent to the bureau shortly after the House met. Mr. Guillet (Northumberland, Ont.) asked for a statement as to the cause of

the congestion. The Minister of Agriculture responded that a large new press had been, ordered to obviate such delays, but the government had not yet been able to get t installed.

The matter then dropped. Budget Debate.

The debate on the budget was then esumed by Mr. Monk (Jacques Cartier) who spoke in French. Mr. James McMullen followed, from the government side, engaging the attention of the House well into the evening sitting, when he was in turn followed by Dr. Sproule.

THE SENATE The Senate reassembled at 8 o'clock remarks. last night after the Easter recess.

The divorce bill of Catherine Cecilia Lyons was passed. The following bills received their sec-

respective committees. The Hon. Mr. Mills introduced an

which was read a first time.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell presented a petition from the Speaker of the Manitoba trenches, and wouldn't be tempted out. Legislature praying that all railway leg- Mr. Bergeron tried his megatherian slation for railways within the province coming before the House should include a clause providing for purchase by the province.

Ottawa Correspondence to Toronto Star.) Ottawa, April 25.-The Conservative torted Sir Wilfrid, "and the honorable caucus on Monday morning has caused member for Beauharnois must wait for 12, which bears the name of Von Arnim, the opposition to ginger up, with the re- the information he desires until the prosult that we had quite a snappy session | per time comes to give it out." this afternoon. There was dynamite, political dynamite, in the air, and it was cannot hurry the war office into giving Dr. Borden, the Minister of Militia, out official lists of dead, wounded and touched it off. Before the orders of the missing before they have been preparday were called he rose in his place to ed. make an explanation in respect of Mr. the Welland Canal district had not one taiding Montreal Stars franked by

a partisan bias, for when Mr. McCleary made his charges yesterday, in Dr. Borden's absence, he evinced more eagerness to score a point on the government of a great waterway. Dr. Borden gave the member for Welland a dressing down and succeeded in touching him on the raw, The Minister of Militia said that if such a state of things existed as was described by Mr. McCleary it was entirely the fault of the commanding officer of the Nineteenth Battalion. A general order was issued early in 1898, and this order was in the hands of every militia colonel, that he should draw fifty his battalion. As for the reckless state-

Now there is no doubt that the opposi-

talking about. tlemen on the other side of the House, repartee has great vogue in the House.

Mr. McCleary read quotations from a St. Catharines evening paper of his own political stripe. The editorial writer had dipped his pen in gall and was lacerating the militia department. When Mr. McCleary had finished reading, the Minister of Agriculture asked to see the newspaper, and subsequently he hoisted Mr. McCleary with his own petard. Newspaper articles are dangerous things. Just as often they say too much as too little.

Dr. Borden deprecated any inference partment for ammunition.

"There is such an order," said Dr. plying the member for Welland with information he would have been better employed.

"Of course," continued Dr. Borden, world where our ammunition is stored, but if the member for Welland will sleep munition at London, Hamilton and Toronto. The artillery ammunition, being highly explosive and dangerous, is stored where there is proper magazine accommodation at Kingston, Quebec and at other points in the West. This was done on the recommendation of Major-General Herbert. The batteries are annually supplied with ammunition in camp, and they use it there in practice. They are not allowed to take it home, but they can always draw on Quebec or Kingston when it is necessary."

Dr. Borden concluded by promising that there would be an investigation, which would scrutinize not only the delinquency of the colonel of the 19th Battalion, but the D.O.C. of that district. This hardly suited Mr. McCleary's the discussion could not continue. He was brought up with a round turn by the Premier, who insisted on the customary motion. It was evident that the government wanted the whole matter

threshed out. Fisher Rubs It In.

This gave Mr. Fisher an opportunity to land on Mr. McCleary. He took up the newspaper article which Mr. Mc-Cleary had been reading and asked why characterized the article as most malignant and calculated to influence racial feeling. The zealous editor had pointed out that, though the militia might make a great parade with their rifles and bayenets, the were absolutely ineffective, because there was not a round of ammunition among them. It looked as if the colonel might have been colloquing with the newspaper man, for the article went on to say that there was no infantry ammunition in Ontario. "The Frenchmen in Quebec have it all." The Minpretty hard as he went on to show how fat-headed some journalists can be in with Mr. Fisher.

Dr. Montague protested that Mr. Mc-

diere) introduced the St. Lawrence and the incident terminated, although the Terminal Steamship Company Bill, government had its fighting clothes on and was disposed to continue. However, the opposition fell back into their

> humor on the Premier. "Now that there's war in the air," he said, coaxingly, "perhaps the government will tell us when Maj.-Gen. Hutton's successor is to be appointed." "But there's not war in the air," re-

Sir Charles Tupper chortled for a few minutes because the militia department

Sir Adolph Caron's finical taste is of-McCleary's charge that the militia in fended by large piles of mail bags—con- gave a luncheon to the officers and their Commons yesterday, before the orders round of ammunition in case of emer- the Conservative whip—which encumber which was greatly appreciated by all the main entrance of the House of Commons. He was mortally afraid that that the Empress had entertained all the tion has tried to import into this affair there might be microbes lurking in these disreputable old sacks. The Postmaster-General told him to cheer up and that the bags would soon be taken away. The House then dropped into the than anxiety about the defenceless state drowsy criminations and recriminations of the budget debate.

> WOMEN AS ARMY OFFICERS. Queens and Princesses Who Are Honorary Colonels.

For many ages woman had taken no part in the profession of arms. The vivandiere of modern times was her only representative in the present age, rounds of ammunition for each man in and she was but sparsely distributed amongst the masses of men, whose proment that there was no ammunition at fession was that of warfare. Present London, Hamilton and Toronto, Mr. Mc- events, however, in England, seem to French we owe practically everything Cleary simply didn't know what he was have created a new interest in the science of fighting, and women are begin-Now, Mr. McCleary is a dark, atro- ning to take up rifle practice with great bilious man and quick to anger. "Well," seriousness. Though it does not seem taste, and the intelligence, give to life he said, in the high, nasal twang he likely that they will ever wish to take catches from the border, "well, then, I part in actual warfare, it is not undon't differ much from honorable gen- natural that they should be curious about some of the details of it. Abroad has been able to devise in architecture who frequently talk of things they don't the lady colonel is a well-known instiknow anything about." This kind of tution; but it must not be imagined that ful; their shops, which are a pleasure she is anything more than ornamental. She is not required to know anything of theatres, in which the histrionic art has war, and her officers and men are quite reached the highest point of development satisfied if she can recognize her regiment amongst a mass of others and knows something of the past history of those under her. For the rest, the colonel in command manages everything, and sees that the regiment is in a good state of discipline and up to date in every respect. During the latter half of are people, nevertheless, who call France the century the fashion of

Nominating Princesses honorary colonels of regiments has rapidthat Mr. McCleary wasn't generally well by become more common, and at the pres- a joy forever? informed. He gave him credit for a ent day there are actually no fewer, customary accuracy, but in this case he than twenty-eight princesses who hold who, after she was drained, by the rewas in dense ignorance of the facts. The this position; several of them are the Minister of Militia took issue with Mr. chiefs of more than one regiment. To appeared to be the flower of her people. McCleary's words, "if there be such an have a royal lady for a colonel is conorder," referring to the general order sidered an honor to the regiment, but who, after the massacres of the Terror, making it incumbent on militia com- the appointment also confers honor on making it incumbent on minitia com-She is supposed to take a warm interest Napoleon, gave us a great literary and in her regiment; and the officers now Borden, with some heat. "It is in every and again see her as a guest at mess, last the artistic and intellectual brilcommanding officer's hands. And more and she receives the ladies of the regi-

In Russia the Grand Duchesses of the Imperial house are given regiments; but so far no foreign princess has been honored by being appointed the head of a regiment, such a course not being in accordance with the Russian tradition. In Germany, and more especially in Prussia, this is not the case, and the "it is not desirable to advertise to the German Emperor, when he wishes to pay a foreign princess the highest compliment, confers on her one of his favorany the more comfortably, I can assure ite regiments. In Prussia alone there him that there are ample supplies of am- are no fewer than thirteen lady colonels of the twenty-eight extant in Europe, The actual origin of this custom is diff ficult to trace, and it did not appear in Germany until the middle of the nine teenth century, when the widow of the Czar Nicholas I., Princess Charlotte of Prussia, was appointed honorary colonel of the 6th Cuirassier Regiment (Kaiser Nicholas I. von Russland), in the year 1856. Her Majesty was the first Prussian princess who received this honor. On March 5th, in the year 1806, the Cuirassier Regiment Konigin (Pomersches), No. 2, received this name in honor of the noble Queen Louise of Prussia ligion. Here is almost the worst posible at the especial wish of the then colonel of the regiment, Count van Kalckreuth.

The Queen, however, although the regiment was nambook, and he conveniently forgot, to ed after her, did not hold the post of an quated despots of a Spanish South Ammove the adjournment, without which ordinary colonel. From the year 1856 the institution of having lady colonels gained ground in Germany, and more especially in Prussia. In the year 1866 Queen Augusta of Prussia was colonel horseshoe to the appointment of a preof the 4th Grenadier Guards, the Crown | bendary. In the same way a Dutch East Princess (the Empress Frederick) colonel India Company, with its precise and silly of the 2nd Guard-Hussars, and the rules about colonial trade, official eti-Queen Dowager Elizabeth, colonel of the quette. precedence and ceremonies, all 3rd Grenadier Guards—all appointments framed and manipulated by a chamber made by King Wilhelm I. shortly after of seventeen at Amsterdam, meant a his accession. In 1875 several new lady Cleary had been reading and asked why colonels were appointed, in the persons he hadn't given the whole context. He of the sister-in-law of King Wilhelm, sors of a clique of monopolists.—Fortnamely the Princess Carl of Prussia, his niece, the Princess Friedrich-Carl of Prussia, and his sister, the Grand Duchess Alexandrina of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, whilst in Russia there was a large number of princess who had by this time received regiments from the Czar.

It is, however, during the reign of the present Emperor that this custom has become so very common, and he it was who began to appoint foreign princesses colonels of Prussian regiments. One of the acts of His Majesty was to nominate ister of Agriculture rubbed the pepper in his grandmother, Queen Victoria, Colonel of the First Prussian Dragoon Guards, which regiment since that time dealing with grave issues. He deplored has borne the name of "Konigin von this attempt to separate the Canadian Grossbritannien und Irland." Since then care to read the Gospels. What they demilitia into two camps and set up a a great number of the sovereign ladies jealousy between them. Whereupon Mr. of other countries have been honored ery by the Israelites of old; and in their McCleary got up and disclaimed the in a similar manner, and it must be said newspaper article as the basis of his that the appointment is always received However, the honors were with pleasure, both by the regiments and by the princess who obtains the post. The youthful Queen of the Neth-Cleary didn't know the colonel of the erlands was greatly delighted when 19th Battalion at all, and that all his Kaiser Wilhelm gave her a regimentond reading and were referred to their information was taken from the public the 15th Hussars—and Her Majesty has already received a deputation of her offi-The last word was Mr. McCleary's cers at The Hague, and entertained Act to amend the Loan Companies Act and it was a bitter word at that, for them in right royal fashion. Her moth- and that is an absence of regard for the of 1889. This is a short bill intended, the newspaper boomerang had reached er, Queen Emma, is also colonel of a truth, especially where land is concerned. Fisher's size," he said, "to endeavor to which bears the name of a former col-tallised into a proverb, 'I am no slave to The Hon, Mr. Casgrain (De Lanau- raise in this House a racial cry." Here onel, Prince Friedrich of the Nether- my word."

lands, for the Emperor is careful to make the princesses

Colonels of Those Regiments

which are connected by tradition or by name with their own countries. The Duchess of Connaught, for instance, colonel of a regiment which bears her father's name, the late Prince Friedrich. Carl of Prussia-the 8th Brandenburg, No. 64; whilst her mother, the widowed Princess Friedrich-Carl, is at the head of the 2nd Brandenburg Dragoons, No The Empress Frederick, who was appointed by her father-in-law, the late Kaiser Wilhelm I., colonel of the 2nd Life Hussars, has recently been made honorary colonel of the 80th Infantry Regiment, "Von Gersdorff," stationed at Wiesbaden and Homburg. Her Majesty takes an especial interest in the 80th and in the month of September, 1899, wives at the Kurhaus at Wiesbaden, who were present. It was the first time wives of her officers, and the invitation was most popular with them. As a rule the royal lady colonel visits her officers at their mess, and will take some refreshment there after having held an inspection of the regiment. All princesses who are young wear the uniform of their regiments when they appear on the field. The German Empress, who is colonel of the Schleswig-Holstein Fusilier regiment, No. 86, always appears on parade wearing the uniform of her cuirassier regiment.

FRENCH VITALITY.

The position of France in the world is unique. England, Germany, and America, as great competing industrial producers, possess nothing which is unique to the one or the other. But to the that adorns and graces existence. Their creative faculty, their inexhaustible renearly all the charms it possesses. Their wonderful metropolis, instinct with everything that an artistic imagination ever attained; their brilliant schools of painting, sculpture, music, literature, philosophy, science, open to all the world, are a few of the things that make France unique upon earth as an intellectual recreation ground for humanity. There one of the decaying nations. Yet what other country can show a greater array of more varied talent or more enduring work in the things of beauty which are

scientific revival; after the revolution of liance of the Second Empire; and who, of the crushing defeat of 1870 retained that pre-eminence!

If any nation possesses vitality it is France, and the world may thank providence that, owing to her, it seems likely to escape from the decadence which usually follows self-absorbed material prosperity.-Thomas Barclay in the Fortnightly Review.

DUTCH CHURCH AND THE BOERS

This Dutch church was a privileged church, and it had long traditions of its own which even the advent of colonists of all nationalities failed to erase. It has furnished the backbone of that curious oligarchy which has been cited as such an anomalous feature of the Boer states. Its peculiar religious tenets have been narrow and Calvinistic, and we cannot really expect much from the pastors and elders and deacons of a church that has fostered on one hand the pride of the Koopman and on the other the pride of the Calvinist in recombination for a colonial church! Setting out from perfectly different standpoints, the old Dutch colonial church seems to join hands with the antierican Viceroyalty. Such a Viceroyalty, with its cumbrous Church and State apparatus, presupposed a home monopoly in all things, from manufacture of a close monopoly. To-day the Boer states sors of a clique of monopolists.-Fortnightly Review.

CAR REPAIRERS AT WORK.

Buffalo, May 4-The striking car repairers of the New York Central all reported for duty this morning, and work is progressing as usual

THE BOER CHARACTER. Rider Haggard.

"Injustice, cruelty, and rapine have always been the watchwords of the Transvaal Boers. Their religion takes its color from the darkest portion of the Old Testament; lessons of mercy and gentleness are not at all to their liking, and they seldom light in are the stories of wholesale butchown position they find a reproduction of that of the first settlers in the Holy Land. Like them they think they are entrusted by the Almighty with the task of exterminating the heathen native tribes around them, and are always ready with a scriptural precedent for slaughter and robbery. The name of the Divinity is continually on their lips, sometimes in connection with very doubtful statements.

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