volleys. Trooper Webb got sufficient-king along Dr. Jameson's route, amended so as to avoid his misiakes. Another gives a plan for a march from Bloemfontein to Kroonstad, via **BOERS SWARMING AROUND BLOEMFONTEIN.**

en. Clements' Force Joins Lord Roberts.

GHTING MAY BE GOING ON NOW

Fully 20,000 Boers Within a Few Miles of Free State Capital.

A Bridal Trip to Battle.

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London, April 6.-A despatch to the Times from Bloemfontein. dated April 4th, says that artillery fire to the southward was audible Wed. for the southward was audible Wed. nesday.

The only news of the British move ments from Bloemfontein is the arrival of Gen. Clement's division. computed at 6,000 men, after a march that occupied fifteen days. They seem to have been sent a few miles north of the town. There is yet no sign of the Boers fulfilling their sup-posed intention to attack Bloemfon-tein.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of

the Daily Mail says: "Gen. Clement's division. 6,000 strong, has arrived from the southward, and has encamped five miles ward, and has encamped into intermotion porth of the eity, after a continu-ous march for a fortnight. There is no danger of a water famine. "An important engagement, lasting

hours, was fought yesterday after Bosman kop between the noon at

Boer and British outposts." According to the Standard's re-presentative there is no sign that the Boers intend taking the offen-sive, and Gen. Clements is disposing of his forces so as to guard against any surprise attack, which, although improbable, is evidently not regard-ed as impossible, judging from the preparations of Lord Roberts.

According to the Daily Mail, Mr. W. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, one the Dally Mal's despatch riders South Africa, was taken prisoner Sunday by a Boer picket; but frightened the Boers into releasing him by telling them that they were surrounded by the British.

Boers Around Bloemfontein.

cavalry traditions of the British ser-vice. Gen. French's men were surprised at their task. They had expected to be employed on Gen. Cronje's com-munications, while the rest of the army, worked around to Kimberfey; but Lord Roberts told them that the situation at Kimberley had become desperate, while Lord Kitcherfer added that they must get through if it cost half their force. Bloemfontein, April 2, 5 p. m.-The ritish cavalry encamped on Bosman's Kop to-day, after having ridden from Waterval Drift without getting in-Bosman's Kop is now to action. The Eritish horses are again in bad shape after their hard work in the neighborhood of Karree siding. They

"With these words ringing in their ears, they started on the most excit-ing ride of the war. It was a race for vere brought from the south in a hurry, and sent eastward. Many of now useless. One company the Carbineers has only five horse the drift on the Riet, which French secured by a clever feint a

There is little doubt that many of the Orange Free State burghers who recently turned in their arms to Lord Roberts have been rearmed.

Roberts have been rearmed. There are now over 20,000 Boers within a radius of 20 miles of Bloem-fontein. Commandants Lemmer and De Wet, who led the fighting on last Saturday, are still receiving reinforcements

The town of Bloemfontein is quiet. working order. Boer patrols have been seen within ten miles to the west of Bloemfontein. The British troops are cheerful, and anxious to get into action. The drought continues. The fact that the Boers have occupied the reservoir has had no appreciable effect so far. The railway is still in

Boers in Thaba Nchu. "Pretoria, April 3.—Thaba Nchu is now in possession of the Federals. Forty-one British subjects were es-corted across the frontier this morn-Captured Britishers.

Pretoria, April 3.-In the fight of Ramathlabama, March 31st, the fol-lowing were taken prisoners: Capians Crewe, Duncan Robertson, and McLaren, Staff Officers Cecil and Granville, and nine solviders, of whom six were wounded. (The prisoners al. belonged to Col. Planmer's Rhodesian force. Capts. Crewe and Robertson have since died.

diately after I heard the news, dur-ing the afternoon of April 3rd. I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquar-ters, to Reddersburg, with all pos-sible speed. and I despatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Beth-any. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10.30 yesterday morning, without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment. There can be no doubt the whole party has been made prisoners." It is thought in London that the of-ficer named Cecil, captured by the Boers at Ramathlabama is not Lord Salisbury's son, Lord Cecil, as the des-ly close to the fort to blow out the brains of one of the enemy. The na-tives then beat a rapid retreat, in accordance with the instructions pre-viously given to them, having inflicted some losses upon the enemy. On Monday a raiding party of Bara-longs, who had gone out on their own initiative, encountered a patrol of the enemy, and opened fire upon them, killing one man, whose rifle and bandoller they secured. The ene-my retired for reinforcements, but the Baralongs ambushed these rein-

"Try to imagine a bride and groom "Try to imagine a bride and groom going to war on their honeymoon. When I left Pretoria for the front a friend introduced me to a young Boer couple who were going on the same train and who had been married but a week. I thought my friend was jok-ing when he suid they were going to fight the British, although both Boer man and wife had Mauser rifles, and each wore three bandoliers, two over the shoulder, one around the waist." my retired for reinforcements, but the Baralongs ambushed these rein-forcements from a convenient ditch at Madibi siding, and the enemy fell back in confusion, losing six men. The Baralongs, being unable to cope with long-range fire, then commenced to retire.

retire. Of course it is impossible to pre-vent the Baralongs from retaliating by raids of this description upon those which they call the murderers of their which they call the murderers of their onel's refusal to allow them to at-tempt the capture of the enemy's big gun might well have resulted in a mutiny. THE DASH TO KIMBERLEY. Story of French's Exciting Ride

London, April 6.—The Times pub-lishes extracts from the letters of a British cavalry officer who accom-panled Gen. French throughout the March from Modder River to Koodoos Drift. The writer says: "On the night before the start, Lord Roberts told the cavalry that they were about to have an opportunity to uphold the cavalry traditions of the British ser-vice. Gen. French's men were surprised gun mig mutiny. The great difficulty will come later, when the enemy commence their re-tirement on Pretoria. The Baralongs will almost certainly want to wreak their vengeance upon the Boer wo-men and children.

More for St. Helena.

London, April 5.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. George Wynd-ham, I'arliamentary Secretary of the War Office, replying to a question re-lative to the Boer prisoners at Simons-town, said the deaths ashore far ex-ceeded the deaths on hoard shin Coceded the deaths on board ship. He added that 2,000 additional Boer prisoners would be despatched to

St. Helena forthwith. Lord Dunraven, the well-known yachtsman, will accompany the sharp-ishooters' corps of the Imperial Yeo-mary to South Africa. He will sail

to-morrow, Sent to the Front. London, April 5.—A despatch from Cape Town, dated yesterday, an-nounces the departure to the front of the second contingent of the Cana-dian Mounted Infantry.

five minutes. "Soon after starting, they found that the positions on their front, left front, and left rear were held by an unknown force of the enemy, and that they were almost surrounded; but Gen. French's quiet eye discov-ered a gap on the left, about one-and-a-half miles away. Thorugh this gap he launched two lancer regiments, who were received with a heavy fire; and before the dust had cleared he let everything go in after them. It This evidently means the second part of the second contingent, which in-cludes the Toronto men, who arrived in Cape Town by the transport Mil-

waukee. Steyn's Latest Speech. Pretoria, April 2-At the opening of

the Free State Raad, President Steyn declared he had not lost hope of the triumph of the Republican cause. He said the success of the Boers' had caused the greatest wonder through-

Dorrien's). They went as far as Bush-man's Kop, about 19 miles distant, where they camped on Sunday. Four companies, who had been doing escort duty to Watervaal Drift, retired yes-terday to Springfield, some eight miles out. To-day they returned to the old chmp. The tents arrived to the old chmp. The tents arrived to-day from Belmont. They are a great boon, as the men have been sleeping in the open. Pte. Forest, of the Quebec com-pany, died of enteric fever on Sunday last. Frederick Hamilton. Brandford. (Advices from Winburg, Venters-burg, Pretoria, and Kenhardt show the colony is full of rebels. The Ken-hardt rebels are unarching on Calvinia, and others are on their way towards Nourtices. Street Fourteen Streams. A despatch box was found at Sames Post containing the oaths signed by the Free Staturs who surrendered. The signers have been sent for in order that the general may explain the in-validity of ouths under compulsion. ast. Frederick Hamilton.

last. Frederick Hamilton. Globe: The above despatch seems to Indicate that the whole of the Cana-dian regiment was not with General Colville's division in the march to Bushman's Kop, made to rescue Col. Broadwood's force. It shows, how-ever, that the Canadians are kept busily engaged in one way or another. Mr. Hamilton's statement that the tents had only, just. arrived, from Belmort is proof of some of the hard-ships of soldiering.

With Buller's Force.

London, April 6.—The Times has the following special to-day: Ladysmith, April 4.—The railway is now repaired as far as Sunday River, the tresits bridge over which was com-pleted on Tuesday. The Boers are still holding the Biggarsberg, and continue to descend into the plain in small anothing the sigglrsberg, this contains to descend into the plain in small numbers. On Tuesday a few Boers occupied a hill 5,000 yards from our camp, and were fired on by one of our cavalry patrols. A printed list of Boer casualties, found in one of the Boer casualties, found in one of the laagers, shows that many of them were suffering from enteric fever. This is probably the cause of a consider-able number of cases of enteric fever in the ranks of the relief column, con-tracted, doubtless, while the troops were bivonacking in captured Boer laagers during the fortnight's fight-ing previous to the relief. Fortunately the fever has now assumed a milder form.

Demanded Bradbant's Surrender. London, April 6 .- The Times has the

London, April 6.—Ine Time's has the following special to-day: Wepener, April 4.—Boer sniping at our patrols continue. During the day one casualty in Gen. Brabant's divis-ion is reported. The following message was received this evening from a was received this evening from an party of Boers brought into camp blindfolded: "Am here with several thousand burghers, and in the cause of humanity and to save such a dreadful sacrifice of life as occurred in the last battle, I demand your im-module a currend (Signed). Banka in the last battle, I demand your im-mediate surrender. (Signed) Banks, General." The party was sent back outside the lines with the answer, "No reply." Basutos report that many small parties of Boers are coming in with the white flag to surrender. Our force, now here, will give some trou-ble to any body of the enemy likely to attack us. Five Boer scouts were captured to-day.

Canadians at Paardeberg.

From Toronto Globe: There is the scene. Now, before our line plunges into the Modder, for the actors. I. is not the same battalion which left Quebec sixteen weeks ago. It landed in Cape Town 1,039 strong. Some were in Cape Town 1,039 strong. Some were left in the pince. Sickness struck others down. The climate and the hardships of soldiering searched out work spots in some constitutions. The regiment left Behmont 899 strong. The scorching sun and weary miles of the march left tothers behind—at Gras Pan, 2; fRamdam, 1; at Water-varl Drit, 6; at Kiparift, 5. Some of our officers have suffered in health; some have obtained employment clsewhene; some were occupied in re-gimental fonsiness at the Cape when the cak whisked the battalion away.

gimental fousiness at the Cape when the cak whisked the battalion away. As it entered the field it stood 872 strong. So far as officers are con-cerned, it stood as follows: Lieut.-Colonei Buchan ant Lieut.-Col-omed Pedetier, Majure; Lieut. Ogilvie, Adjutant; Major Wesks, Quarter-master; Surgeon-Major Wilson, sur-geon; Captain Fiset, Rev. Father O'Leary, chaplain; Capt. ff. J. Dixon, historical recorder; Captain BeJ, in b) Likely, chapter 1: Captain Bell, in command of Maxims; Lieutenant Caldweil, signalling officer.
A Co.-Capt. Armold, Lieut. Hodgins.
B Co.-Lieut. Ross, Lieut. Mason, Lieut. Lafferty.
C. Co.-Captain Barker, Lieut. Marshall. Lieut. Wikie.

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have snow and ice at home, I have lovely flowers, fresh from the gardens all about me." all about me." Since Private Paddon wrote home he has been taken with 'the wounded from Cape Town to Netley Hospital, at Southampton, England.

London, April 6.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfon-tein, Thursday, April 5th: "Methuen telegraphs from Boshof, in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley, as follows: "Surrounded General Villebois Marcuil and a body of Boers to-day. None es-caped. Villebois and seven Boers kill-ed, eight wounded, fifty prisoners." FORCED TO SURVEYDER FORCED TO SURRENDER.

Boers Took 50 of Kitchener's Men After Four Days' Fighting.

After Four Days' Fighting. London, April 3.—The Cape Town cornespondent of the Standard tele-graphing Tuesday, gives details of the surrender of a squadaon of Kitchemer's Horse on Feb. 15th: "It was the day of the relief of Kim-berley. The squadnon had been left to guard a farm on the Riet River while Gen. French advanced to the besieged. The object of leaving them on the river was to hold a weal, pend-ing the arrival of another column. The latter, however, never came, and the troopens found themselves besieg-bed for four days by a body of 400 Boers. There were but 50 men, but they pierced loopholes in the walls of the farm house and made a desper-ate stand for three days.

Four Days Without Food.

"They fought gallantly, and all the time vibent food But on the fourth day they managed to catch a goat, which they quickly devoured. There was not a blade of grass on the neighboring veldt, and all the horses neighboring valdt, and all the horses died of starvation. The stench in and about the farm house was some-thing awful. On the fourth day, Gen. Dewet sent a message calling on them to surrender within a few minutes. The situation was hope-less. The Boers had two 12-pound-ers with them, and the squadron was in the last stage of exhaustion. Seeing that there was no chance of Seeing that there was no chance of relief, they agreed among them-selves to surrender."

News Carefully Censored.

The departure of a considerable body of troops has heretofore been unmen-tioned in the censored cables. Lord Methuen was last reported at Kimber Methuen was not reported at Kimber-ley ten days ago, and the sup-position is that he has advanced with his main force from Kimberley and gone to the relief of Mafeking. Mr. W. P. Schreiner, the Premier of Cape Colory, and Mr. R. Solomon, Q. C., the Attorney-General of the Colory are Colory, and Mr. R. Solomon, Q. C., the Attorney-General of the Colony, are reported from Cape Town to be en-gaged in a scrious controversy with the other Bond leaders and the Pre-mier's resignation is looked upon as being a possibility. The Duke of Mari-borough has gone to Defontein, south of De Aar. Upington has been occupied by the British.

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MILNER AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

British Forces Clearing Up the Free State.

London cable says: The British High Commissioner, Sir Alfred Mil-ner, arrived at Bloemfontein last hight and was met by Lord Roberts and his staff. According to a despatch from the

Orange Free State capital, published in the second edition of the Times, the High Commissioner's visit is of a private nature. It is thought this can scarcely be anything but an of-ficial subterfuge, the question of the pacification of the Free State and the treatment of the insurgents doubless being discussed between Lord Roberts and Sir Alfred Milner. According to the same despatch, Gen. French, previously to returning to Bioemfontein, occupied that flour mills near Batter, which are consid-ered an important acquisition. Reports from Rouxville and other towns say the surrender of arms to

towns say the surrender of arms to the British continues satisfactorily. RAINS CAUSE TROUBLE.



Representation in the Imperial Parliament.

Mr. Charles Phillips Trevelyan, Liberal member for the Elland division, west riding Yorks, suggested that the agents-general of the colonies be al-lowed a voice in Parliament, but not a vote. Mr. Chamberlain said that if the ob-lett of the promoters of the resolu-

ject of the promoters of the resolu-tion was to make toser the union of the colonies with the Mother Country, they could have no more strenuous supporter than himself. He doubted, however, whether this object would be promoted by an abstract resolution on a question of the greatest com

plexity. "Such a change," continued the Col-onial Secretary, "must come gradu-ally, with the full consent of the col-onies. No praise could be too high for colonial patriotism. The colonies did not wait for a call, but voluntar-ily offered their assistance, which was gladly accepted. Great as has been this assistance, and great as has been the sacrifice, if under any stross we should call upon the colonies their of-fers would be immensely greater still, and if any demand upon the Mother Country were made by the colonies, nothing would be surer than the fa-vorable reply of Parliament. "So far the colonies have not made any definite suggestion with respect to "Such a change," continued the Col-

any definite suggestion with respect to representation; and I am convinced that no hing would be more fatal than a premature discussion of details. I do not think the time has arrived to suggest to the colonies the form which Imperial unity should take. It is ab-surd to suppose that self-governing colonies like Canada would sacrifice in-dependence for the sake of a single vote in the House of Commons.

"We are not going to interfere in the domestic affairs of the colonies. the domestic affairs of the colonies. Nor are they going to interfere in ours. I have never advocated, as has been reported, the formation of an impusite solution Imperial zollverein, but I have pointed ut that, if there were to be any kind out that, it there were to be any kind of fiscal arrangement with the col-onics, I believed the only form that would meet with the slightest favor would be an Imperial zollverein in which there would be free trade be-tween the portions of the Empire and butter an argument strength there

duties as against strangers. At any rate, the suggestion must originate with the colonies. There is no sugges-tion from ourselves. The present resotion from ourselves. The present reso-lution is premature, is necessarily aca-The resolution was then withdrawn

SHE WAS A REAL LADY

Three Policemen Had a Tussle With Edith.

HER TEMPER RATHER TROPICAL

A handsome woman, about 30 years of age, richly gowned, and with dia-monds blazing in her ears, suddenly bobbed up on upper Broadway about 9 o'clock last night. It was apparent that she had been partaking heavily of the cup which cheers and also in-ebriates. She staggered into the obriates. She staggered into the lobby of Weber & Fields' Music Hall, looby of Weber & Fields' Music Hall, and, moving upon the box office, de-mandéd an admission ticket. After considerable loud argument she fin-ally consented to leave the house. Her failure to break into the Web-er & Fields' establishment developed a bellicose spirit in the lady. She a bellicose spirit in the lady. She zig-zagged up Broadway until she Feached Floyd's saloon and Rathskel-ler. At this point she decided that a few more drinks would do her a world of good. Descending into the Floyd Rath-skeller, the lady ordered a "hooker, and a good one at that." "Sorry, madam," said the polite walter. " but L can't save next.

"Sorry, madam," said the polite valter, "but I can't serve you." "Can't serve me," she shrieked. "Me -a perfect lady." With this the lady jumped into the waiter

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Rhodes in England. Southampton, April 6 .- Ceell Rhodes who sailed from Cape Town on March

21st, arrived here to-day. Raad Hears Kruger.

A HILLEGAS STORY

About How Women Fight in the Trenches.

New York, April 6 .- The World respondent at Pretoria, Howard Hil-legas, has sent a long letter in which gives and story of he gives an interesting and thrill-ing story of the way in which the Boer women are helping their lusbands, sons and brothers, in the war.

"The world knows no finer example of heroism than that exhibited by 14 women on one of the five days fight-ing around Spion Kop," he says. "A strictly family of Boers, 14 men and their wives, were entrenched in one position, and held it with amaz-fing bravery against a small force of British. For a long time the men fought incessantly, and kept their wives busy reloading their rifles. Fi-nally 50 Pritish soldiers, with fixed ments. As they came closer, closer,

ments. As they came closer, closer, the Boer men crept over the earthworks, and, while the women began shooting, tried with the butts of tried with the butts of es, to hanmer back the addicrs. Before their wive their rifles, to hammer back the British soldiers. Before their wives' eyes everyone of the fourteen Boers was killed-bayonetted or shot.

fourteen women, so quickly widowed, never thought of surrender, but fought most valiantly and coolly for half an hour, until the British surrounded them.

This is Not so Good.

London, April 6 .- Lord Roberts re ports that five companies of British troops have been captured by the Boers nor Betkapy. The following is Lord Roberts' de-

spatch Bloemfontein, April 5.-Another un-

e occurrence has occurred. , I fear, in the capture of of infantry, consisting of mpanies of the Royal Irish fortunate Mafeking: April 5.-To cover our advance on Jackal Tree fort a detachi party There companies of the Royal Irish ment of Backing Inter or a detailed on statistic structure of second in the statistic structure stru the enemy. with rounded by a strong force of 20 yards of the enemy, many of whom enemy, with four or five guns. were sleeping outside, and when near detachment held out from be- the fort poured in two or three rapid

MI News Scems to be Carefully Censored at the Front. London, April 6 .- The British War Office this morning discloses nothing, and the correspondents at Lord Rob-

Raad Hears Kruger. Pretoria, April 4.—The Free State Raad adjourned sine die after passing the President's speech. members were present. A HILLEGAS STORY

at Bloemfontein, and the abser

Two conjectures are favorites. One is that the silence covers an important tempt to create dissensions among the burghers by the issuing of pro-clamations had failed. After saying that the Government British attack, the presumption being british attack, the presumption being that Lord Roberts is already in the field. The other is that the enforced inactivity is on account of the lack of draught and saddle animals, and must continue for some days, and that therefore nothing is happening. The stuation so far as London Alter saying that the Government had raised a temporary loan with the Transvaal, President Steyn con-cluded with a prayer that the Free State be preserved from being forc-ed to give up its dearly loved inde-

pendence

Brandford, Orange Free State, April -Burghers who are returning here from the scene of the Sannas Post ambuseade furnish interesting details of

All the southern Boer forces have now formed junctures with the main Beer army, and form a large force of veterans.

Perhaps of greater importance even than the victory was the cap ure of British secret papers, including maps and plans of 1897, 1898, and 1899, outand plans of 1897, 1898, and 1899, out-lining elaborate schemes for the in-vasion of the Orange free State and the Transvall, and giving a plan for reaching Johnnesburg from Male-patch says he belonged to Col. Plum-er's force, and if the Boers had cap-tured the Premier's son they would accurate here the son they would

assuredly herald the fact.

Baralongs Fight the Boers

Canadians returned to-day with the rest of the brigade (General Smith-

A deputation had been despatched D Co.-Capt. Rogers, Lt. Lawless, to Europe and America, and he hoped it would succeed in gaining the influ-ence of neutral powers to secure a Lt. Stewart. E Co.-Capt. Fraser, Lt. Armstrong, cessation of bloodshed.

After paying a tribute to the mem-Pelletier. G Co.-Lt. Macdonnell, Lt. Jones, ory of Gen. Joubert. President Stevn said that the British were violating the flag of truce and the Red Cross the flag of truce and the Red Cross and he had been compelled to re-port the matter to the neutral pow-

G Co.-Lt. Macdonnell, Lt. Jones, Lt. Kaye, Lt. Macdonnell, Lt. Jones, H Co.-Capt. Stairs, Lt. Oland. No small change that, from four of ficers to each company. Major Deni-son has left the regiment to become A. D. C. to Lord Roberts. Major Do-bell has become D. A. A. G. of Colonel Broadwood's mounted infantry force-lieut. Lowbern was sevening as Quar. ers. The President said that the at-

Lieut. Layborn was serving as Quar-termaster to the same force. Major termaster to the same force. Major Macdougall sent to Cape Town on sick leave, has received an appoint-ment in connection with the depart-ment of railway transport. Captain Stewart is at Cape Town. offleer com-manding at the base, Lieut Temple was detained at Cape Town, where he went on regimental business, and was unable to get up in time to re join, Lieut. Panch has gone to the sec-ond contingent. Lieut. Burstali and Lieut. Wilds were suffering from en-teric fever and could not come. As for

London, April 6.-The Times cor-respondent at Lorenzo Marquez respondent at Lorenzo Marquotes the Rev. Mr. Watkinson, Wesleyah clergyman at Harrismith, which place he left March 29th, as denying authoritatively the old and already discredited story that three Englishmen were shot at Harri-smith for refusing to fight against the British. Mr. Watkinson says there is much petty tyranny shown towards Englishmen in the Free State, but he is not aware of any violence towards them. Wesleyan clergyman at Harrismith, teric fever and could not come. As for the chaplains, only one, Father O'Leary, was allowed by the military authorities to proceed. Rev. Mr. Al-mond was indisposed, and a Presby-terian chaplain was already appoint-ed to the brigade, so that a vacancy existed for Father O'Leary alone. Lieut. Blanchard was left at Klip Drift with a strained tendon. teric fever and could not come. As for left March 29th, as itatively the old and ited story that three violence towards them.

He Was Hit Nine Times

18th, consist of five punctures on my right arm, near the elbow, two on the

The Peace Delegates.

Tyranny, But Not Violence.

Windsor, Ont. April 5.—Among the South African mail received in Wind-sor this morning was a letter from Arthur Paddon to his parents. It Ismailia. Egypt, April 5. – The steamer Kaiser has arrived here from Delagoa Bay. Among her passengers are the Boer delegates appointed to was the first word that they had rewhich he was wounded. From Win-berg Hospital, at Cape Town, he writes: "My wounds, which I received in the battle at Paardeberg on Feb. visit Europe in behalf of the Repub-They are uncommunicative, but it

is understood that they place the highest hopes on Russia and the United States. Regiment of Irish Guards.

London, April 5.—The army orders to day contain the following: "The Queen having deemed it de-sirable to commemorate the bravery shown by the Irish regiments in the recent operations in South Africa has been graciously pleased to command been gradously pleased to command that an Irish regiment of foct guards, be formed under the designa-tion of Irish Guards."

The Royal Canadians. Bloomfontein, April 3.-The Royal

cupying Jagersfontein, on its way there. Magistrates were appointed, the proclamation was read, hands of Lt. Swift. F Co.-Capt. Peltier, Lt. Leduc, Lt. music met the troops, and flags were

flown. Among the spectators at Fauresmith was President Steyn's daughter. Heavy rains made Gen. Clement's march hard, and are causing sickness among the troops.

A FIGHT IMMINENT.

A despatch from Massru, Basuto-land, dated Tuesday, March 27th, says apparently reliable reports say that the Boers are re-entering Ladybrand, cause the presumption that the British troops have crossed the line of the Boer retreat towards Kroonstadt, and that a fight or surrender near Ladybrand is imminent. Maseru despatches are not distinguished for

their accuracy. Further advices from Mafeking, dated March 16th, reiterate that all was well there, and that the cordon was not so tightly drawn, the Boers allowing natives to pass through their lines, which they had previously for-biddon bidden

The native refugees are reported to be too stupid and lazy to work or take cover from the shells. They gather in crowds around the soup kitchens, and have to be driven away when the warning bell rings. The bombardment just previously to the despatch being sent had been un-usually vigorous, and it was added that it was probable that before long the rations would be still further raduced reduced.

BOER PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Two Boer prisoners escaped from the camp at Simonstown, March 26. The sickness there is unabated, and many of the prisoners are in a serious condition

men are in grand condition. horses are picking up woy However, the report imminence of a forward to conflicting th

Gen. Clement's column entered Fauresmith Tuesday, March 27th, oc-air, seized the waiter by the throat with oce hand, and with the other tried to gouge his eyes out. Three other waiters sprang to the assist tried to gouge his eyes out. Three other waiters sprang to the assist-ance of their co-worker and a general skirmish followed. The lady first seized a glass de-

canter, and put the four waiters to flight. Then she amused herself by trying to smash all the glasswar

and mirrors in the Floyd Rathskeller. Officer O'Donnell, of the Nineteenth Precinct, was called in, but decided that the task of arresting the lady was too much for him single-handed, so he sent to the Thirtieth Street Station for the patrol wagon, and fif-teen minutes later it arrived with teen minutes later it arrived with two lusty officers on the dashboard and a crowd of 200 people trailing on behind. The lady made a gallant fight for

liberty. It took the four waiters and three policemen to get her into the wago

At the station house she said she At the station house she said she was Edith Mannering, an actress, and had played in some of the best com-panies in this city. She was locked up.-N. Y. Telegraph.

A Commandeered Scotchman.

While lying with his regiment near the Orange River, Private Robert Farmer, of the Argyle and Suther-land Highlanders, had a singular ex-perience. Passing among the hospital tents, he was hailed by one of the

tents, he was halled by one of the wounded, who was standing in the en-trance, in good, broad Scotch. Look-ing around, he failed to recognize any of his comrades in arms. Turning to proceed he was again hailed, and looking round, a man in Boer dress waved him to approach. On doing so he found that the supposed Boer was a Scotchman belonging to Boluk a Scotchman belonging to Pollok-shaws, who had been commandeered at the outbreak of the war. He had at the outbreak of the war. He had lost his wife about two years pre-viously, and he said that he took his two sous with him into the field. They were with him in the trench at Bel-mont the reve both killed while he he of through been thighs.

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ous condition. The only word from Gen. Buller is a report of the officers who have re-covered from wounds and have re-turned to duty. A special despatch from Bloemfon-tein says: "The period of inaction is coming to an end. Troops are being pushed to the front, and transport and stores are being collected.

left arm, near the erosy, two on the left arm and one on each side of the abdomen. The injuries are slight, and I expect to be on the field again by the time you get this letter. "After leaving Belmont on Feb. 13th, "After leaving Belmont on Feb. 13th, we marched 23 miles to Paardeberg, where, as you know, we met the Boers in a bayonet charge. When we had advanced 200⁵yards I was struck down All night long I lay on the field bleeding from my wounds. In the morning I was taken to the field hosen as being i

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for three days. Tron we were brought to Cape Town. The hospital here is a swell place, and I must say that I do not much regret being hurt. While you Ernes passe leghe

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