### The Boer Rout Seems Complete

Kruger Himself Present When

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London, March 9.—The Standard publishes the following from Poplar Grove:
"The movement of the mounted men somewhat too rapid for supporting infantry and as a result the Boer position was turned before the main body could strike effectually. The Boers fell back precipitately and extending to the southeast they checked the advance of the British cavalry with heavy rifle fire at 200 years range. 300 years range.
"Accordingly General French moved southward and outflanked them again, but the Boers repeated their tactics.

Osfoatein, March 7 (Wednesday)—Lord Roberts' movement to-day again surpost the Boers, who find almost without firing a shot. The pian of battle was as follows: Gen. Colville's division are reserve, and the Gentre reserve, and the search of the Gentre reserve, and the Gentre reserve, and the search of the Gentre reserve, and the Gentre reserve reserves reserve reserves reserve reserves re Osfontein, March 7 (Wednesday)-Lord

London, March 9, 4.15 a.m.—The Boers London, March 9, 4.15 a.m.—The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever, except that while in retreat they twice repulsed Gen. French's cavalry with rifle fire. As no report has been made on the capture of prisoners the enemy probably got away with their entire force. Gen. French is still following them and keeping between them and Bloemfontein.

The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in possession of the river crossings.

LOOKED FOR A BATTLE.

British Not Prepared for the Flight Which French's Cavalry Precipitated.

London, March 7 .- A despatch from Modder River dated yesterday says "The Boers occupy an extensive position between ourselves and both Bloemfontein and Wynburg. They include the bulk of the Natal force, and are under Joubert himself. Only sufficient men have been left to hold Van Reenan's Pass and Laing's Nek. Extensive desertions are reported during the trek.

TRADING IN CHINA. Efforts of the Great Powers to Be Stated in Detail to Imperial

question in the House of Commons to day, the parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs, Mr. Broderick, promised that papers would shortly be presented to the House of Commons dealing with the subject of Great Britain's co-operation with the United States in endeavoring to arrive at an agreement with the powers to secure equal opportunities for the trade of all nations throughout the whole of China.

Parliament.

CHINESE EMPEROR ON VIEW. Permitted to Be Present at Dowage Empress' Reception of Foreign Ministers.

Pekin, March 8.-The Dowager Empress to-day received in audience the wives of the foreign ministers. Both the Emperor and the new heir-apparent to the throne were present. The cere-mony was similar to those of last year.

FRENCH STUDENTS. Bordeaux, March 8.—A number of students and others, issuing from a pro-Boer meeting last night, marched to the British consulate, battered down the door, shattered the windows with stones and then proceeded to the consul's private residence, where they induged in similar proceedings. The dulged in similar proceedings. The police eventually dispersed the mob and arrested several of the rieters.

JOLLIED BY KRUGER. Deluded Burghers Inspired to Furthe Sacrifice by Fervid Assurances of

Divine Assistance. Pretoria, March d.-A special de spatch from Bloemfontein says that President Kruger, while addressing a

Cavalry Unable to Charge at Outset But Now in Vigorous Pursuit.

Poplar Grove, Thursday, March 8.—President Kruger, who at present is far in the rear, yesterday tried to stop the retreating Boers, who refused to stay. The Bloemfontein police tried to stop the retreat of the Free Staters, but they designed to the stay to the president Kruger, who at present is far in the rear, yesterday tried to stop the retreating Boers, who refused to stay. The Bloemfontein police tried to stop the retreat of the Free Staters, but they designed to stay the state of the Free Staters, but they designed to stay the state of the Free Staters, but they designed to stay the state of the Free Staters, but they designed to stay the state of the Free Staters, but they designed to stay the state of the Free Staters, but they designed to stay the state of the Free Staters, but they designed to stay the state of the

# **Dublin Will**

SIR GEO. WHITE'S SENTIMENTS

Commander at Ladysmith Bitterly Re sents the Blame Placed Upon His Shoulders.

London, March 8. - Mr. Winston Churchill, telegraphing the substance of an interview he has had with Sir Geo. White, who commanded the Ladysmith

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CLEARING CAPE COLONY.

British Occupy Without Opposition Points Recently Held by Boers.

London March 8.—A cable from Lord Roberts dated the 7th says:

"Gatacre reports that he intends occupying Burghersdorp to-day.

"The repaires to the railways towards Stormberg and Stringsburg are being pushed forward.

"Clements has now occupied Norval's Pont, on the south bank of the Orange river. The bridge was blown up March 8th, and the enemy are holding the north bank of the river, but not, it is believed, in any great strength."

A special from Molteno says that the British occupied Burghersdorp unopposed last night.

he exclaimed: 'I regret Nicholson's Nek. Perhaps it was rash, but that was the only chance of striking a heavy blow. But I regret nothing else. I would do all over again.'"

BOERS IN HOT HASTE. Left Even Cooked Dinners Behind Then

at Approach of French's Cavalry. London, March 8, 5.47 p.m.—The fol-lowing is the text of a despatch from

Lord Roberts: gades of cavalry, with horse artillery and

gades of cavalry, with horse artillery and Kelly-Kenny's division, marched to-day ten miles eastward.

"The Boers were quite taken by surprise yesterday. They moved off so hurriedly that they left cooked dinners behind them. We captured a Krupp gun and several tents and waggons.

"The total casualties were: Killed, Lieuts. Keswick and Frieslick; wounded, Lieuts. Bailey, of the 12th Lancers, and Descrepsigny, of the Second Life Guards, both severely, and Lieut. Smith, of the Shropshires, who is believed to have been picked up by a Boer ambulance. Two men were killed, forty-six wounded, and one man is missing.

BOERS GOING HUNGRY.

Deficiencies in the Food Supply Help ing to Turn Burghers Homeward. London, March 9 .- Mr. Hallawell, th orrespondent for the Daily News at Mafeking, who passed two months in prison in Pretoria, but escaped last week and was recaptured sixty miles from Pretoria, sends a despatch to his paper, dated Pretoria Gaol. March 2, via Lorenzo Marques, describing the misleading news given the Boers by their officials regarding the course of the war. He adds that great dissatisfaction exists among the Boers, as their supplies of food, coffee, meat and sugar are very irregular, and many threaten to return home. Mafeking, who passed two months in

PRETORIA DOES VALIANTLY Describes Boer Retreat From Cap Colony as British Repulse

### Mafeking in Sad Plight

But Terrible Hardships Bravely Bore In Preference to Surrender.

Disease Rife in the Garrison and Claiming Also Women and Children.

Mafeking, Feb. 19.-Horse meat now mposes a considerable part of our ra-There is little grumbling. first pinch of the siege is over, and the town has settled grimly to stick it out. What may be typhoid malaria has broken out in the women's laager, and dysentry, due to the absence of vegetables, is rife among the garrison. Such luxuries as we had have been commandeered for the hospitals, which

graveyard, close to the women's laager, Welcome Queen

We look, with hope deferred, for relief. The cheerfulness which was characteristic of the early days of the siege has almost deserted us, the men preferring to remain at their posts rather than move about and work up an appetite which can't be satisfied.

That Effect,

The natives are in the worst filight. Those who are unable to obtain work are allowed a small handful of meal daily. Many braving the danger wander about the town with gaunt hungry faces in search of work, which entitles them to an extra ration of meal. If they find work they are generally too weak to perform it.

In their advanced position the Posse grows weekly as the young lives are cut

GUESSING ROBERTS' PLAN. May Aim to Head Off Boers North of Bloemfontein-Chances of

Saving Mafeking.

London, March 9.—Mr. Spencer Wikinson, commenting in the Morning Post to-day upon the "difficulty in quite understanding Lord Roberts' operations in detail," says probably Lord Roberts intends to strike the railway some distance north of Bloemfontein, compelling the retreating Boers to make their way north by a circuitous route, and they may after all be intercepted. The government should be warned by his despatches of the urgency of sending remounts. f sending remounts.

"The news from Mafeking makes one rounder as to its chances of relief, for yen with the mounted force Mafeking

SUED BY HIS TRAINER.

New York, March 8.—Ernest Roeber, who was for some time trainer and boxing partner for Bob Fitzsimmons, has brought suit in the supreme court to recover \$1,750, which he claims to be

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#### are filled to overflowing. The children's Boer Overtures For Peace.

WEILER BROS.

of Collision With Unknown Vessel.

Calais, France, March 9.—The British steamer Windsor picked up the second mate and two seamen belonging to the steamer Cuvier, which was sunk in collision with an unknown steamer. The rest of the crew, it is feared, were drowned.

Calais, March 10.—The survivors have since stated that the Cuvier foundered last night in a collision with an unknown English steamer, which proceeded without rendering any assistance, and that the Cuvier's captain and 25 of her crew perished.

BOMB THROWING.

Paris, March 8.—A bomb was thrown yesterday through a window of the Paris residence of M. Alfred Picard, commissioner of the Paris exposition. It did not explode. A lady, who saw two men light the fuse and who gave the alarm, was attacked and severely handled by them

COLONIALS TO THE FRONT.

## Irishmen Are Well Pleased

The dather and it is compared to compare the compared to compared to compare the compared to compare the compared to compared in pointing out the great significance of the Queen's visit to Ireland and her of the Queen's visit to Ireland and her of the Queen's visit to Ireland and her of the pointing says: "The Queen, it is evident, the pointing says: "The Queen that the control of the Ireland and her one of the Ireland and her one of the Ireland and her one of the Ireland and her services in general. We cannot and could the the masse of fresh people will cent of the Ireland into There are one of the Ireland and her of the Ireland and Ireland

when the gunners, who played such an important part in the defence of Ladysmith, marched down the street headed by the band and flags of the Terrible, carrying the tattered Union Jack of H.M.S. Powerful, which had flown throughout the siege of Ladysmith, the sheering was tumultuous. The crowd which assembled was immense.

Lunch was served in a shed adjacent to the railway. The majority of the men looked well, but showed signs of the rough work and fatigue they had undergone. boxing partner for Bob Fitzsimmons, the ex-champion heavyweight pugilist, has brought suit in the supreme court to recover \$1,750, which he claims to be due him for services.

ONTARIO SURPLUS.

Toronto, March 8.—In the budget speech this afternoon. Mr. Ross announced a surplus of \$2,250,932.

Capetown. March 8.—The squadron to New Zealanders constituting the advance guard of the force sent to operate at Europh was immense. Lunch was served in a shed adjacent to the railway. The majority of the men looked well, but showed signs of the rough work and fatigue they had undergone.

After lunch, headed by Capt. Percy Scott, the naval commander at Durban, the men marched to the point of embarkation for Simonstown.

Outdone

The Jubilee

Nothing Like Present Affection ate Demonstrations Ever Seen In London,

The Queen Appears at Midnight to Throng in Waiting at the Palace.

Drive in West End Second Day's Event-To Review the Guards.

London, March 8.—The Queen's entry into London, the commencement her visit to the metropolis, was marked by scenes of enthusiasm unparalleled since the Jubilee. Throughout the demonstrations there predominated a note of triumph, and the cheers that made the streets ring were almost as much in honor of the British victories much in honor of the British victories in South Africa as they were vociferous tributes of a loyal people to a monarch

vorite at court, who sat on the curb. shivering for many hours with the crowd outside Buckingham Palace. In short it

and share the gladness of the people, that prompted London to make to-day one of the memorable celebrations of Victoria's

reign.

It was quite different from the mad re joicings that marked the relief of Lady Rowdism was absent, although the crowds reached such proportions that the number of police would have quite inadequate had the people been

obstreperous.

Moreover, intermingled with the rejoicings of patriotism there was a particularly keen appreciation of the Queen's personalities, her womanliness, Queen's personalities, her womanliness, great age and closeness to the poorest of her subjects. This little touch of reverence for sex rather than sovereignty rendered the huge crowds perfectly tractable in the hands of the goodnatured police, and it was not a hard matter to induce them to surge back and make way for the Queen's carriage.

when the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India did pass, nodding as if to many friends, instead of bowing with royal restraint, there echoed under the roar of cheers the partfell expressions, such as many heartfelt expressions, such as "God bless her," "God keep her," "God bless her," "God keep her," of "My, but she is a brave woman," and scores more like them. It was small wonder that now and again tears of joy rolled down and chased each other down the cheeks of the aged sovereign.

Impossible Now to Consider
Terms Acceptable Before
the War.

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Strikingly shown since the war began.
The party's departure from Windsor was marked by more than usual interest. For hours before the Queen ever est. For hours before midnight to fully 300,000 out shell to start the Prince of Wales and Duke of York came upon the balcony, and vigor out the streets which had been announced as her route through the metropolis, and which were decorated with flags. It was foggy and cold, but no one seemed to care.

At Paddington the railway station had outside Buckingham Palace on Her Major ever the part of the Major ever the part of the part of the part of the part of the part The crowd that commenced to gather

A CHURCH DESTROYED. Chicago, March 8.—The Second Presbyterian church building, Michigan avenue and Twentieth street, is on fire and will be a total loss. was not so much a desire to see the mon-arch, as it was an overwhelming need of an outlet for jubilation over the war, a natural inclination to let the Queen see

### Western Men Not Call

Vacancies in First C Filled From Poin Eastern Canad

Officers for the Halifax Chosen From the District.

From Our Own Corresponde Ottawa, March 8.-Orders to-night to recruit 100 men cancies in the first conting cruits to reach Halifax by day. They are to be select from Toronto eastward, an the Monterey with Stra Thursday. Capt. Carpenter, ment of Infantry, command Dr. Borden has selected e for the Halifax garrison. western men in the list.

VANCOUVER NEWS Alert Bay Indians Charged nibalism-Seizure at Ber Heavy Rains.

Vancouver, March 9.-A ch nibalism is to be tried in shortly, two Alert Bay Ind Ahkow and Igluk, and a named Hunt, being the acc Indians are chiefs of the tribe, and the alleged offence mitted at a potlatch some than ago. The festivities dragged and some of the old klootchmon little fire-water got recalli old times when the tribe we and not white-washed Indian commenced to shout for the d Ten young bucks sprang into and soon were running am the crowd biting everyone could catch. Still this was the old days, and according corpses were secured and a dian agent charges the accuse vouring the flesh of these c roasted on the fire. The pris roasted on the nre. The prise brought here in charge of policeman Wollacott.

At the instance of the Rod Club, A. M. Tyson was to-\$100 and costs for having ph his possession out of season.

Deputy Sheriff T. Shirely ha from Bennett, where he seiz

from Bennett, where he seiz worth of goods of the Benne portation Company at the insta Merchants' Bank of Halifax. An incessant downpour of ing 24 hours, has caused of damage. Collingwood road owing to culverts bursting. minister water is rushing streams, down the sidewalks In West Vancouver the trambadly affected and numerous

THE CANADIAN SIC Capt. Mason's Wound Not Se Others Have the Fer

Toronto, March 9.-Capt. was wounded in the battle of l has cabled his father here wound is in his left shoulder being slightly injured. He hable to rejoin his regiment Another cable says that C 48th Highlanders, Toronto, Irwin, Quebec, are seriously

Ottawa, March 9.—Lieut. Toronto, is dangerously ill at A NOTARY'S FORGI

Fugitive Former Partner of Brought Back From Ba Montreal, March 9.-Andre notary, of Montreal, was as Bay City, Mich., yesterday with forging the names of en \$300 on notes discounted in by Rudolph & Demers, bar brokers. Daigle was a notary of Montreal, about 4 age, and was in partnership J. I. Tarte, with offices in railway building. A little o ago he left the city and had heard of again until a few definition.

C.P.R. BRANCHE

Ottawa, March 9.—The ra mittee of the House of Comm day and took up the C.P. branch lines in the West. efforts of the Western memb the bonding powers reduced ft to \$15,000 on the ground tha amount is ample, the commit to make the amount \$20,00 Clark for the C.P.R. suggest government control the rates over these branches and thu with the ten per cent. clause.

MACHINISTS' TROU Toronto, March 9.—The representative of the In Machinists' Union has cause ment to be issued that shot tempt be made by Chicas have their work done in Cat to the strike in that city machinists would be call large employer has intimated dian manufacturers, in the rive condition of trade, would to precipitate trouble.

A SOLDIER BO Toronto, March 9 .- Jos. of 14 years, of Clinton, Ont that place with the intention Strathcona's Horse as a bugle real, has been stopped her home at the instance of his Welch had a school-bag ful wighes clark the his side and

viches slung by his side an

THE MINING INSTIT Montreal, March 9.—The officers of the Canadian Minis was declared this afternoon President, Geo. Fowler; vice Messrs. Chas. Gergie and Jathur; secretary, B. T. A. Bell J. B. Brown. The members of cil from British Columbia a Macdonald and E. B. Kirby.

TO COMMAND AT HA Ottawa, March 9.—It is settled that Lieut.-Col. Vid. headquarters staff, will con Canadian regiment to replace