REPORTED RELIEF OF MAFEKING

Message From Boer Sources Says the Siege Has Been Raised for "Strategic Purposes."

MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS.

Regarded as a Preliminary Suggestion of Negotiations for Peace-Gatacre Engages the Burghers-The Troops at as some what as attender For Halifax Garrison.

March 3 President Kruger Broke and Rushed for Cover have left Pretoffa with the but a greater number galleped fast from section of meeting [President , Steyn. where they will meet is not among the rocks of the kopies and apthough, but is believed to be some

These in African who are conversant the effect the recent reverses have the Boers, express the opinion the meeting of the two presidents me moinary suggestion of negotia-Deace, but if this is the case, be due to the pressure brought the man apon the presidents by the Afrikanders in the British rather than to the personal in-The two presidents.

Some significance is attached to the in view of the reported to England of Chief Justice Bevil-Mr. Hoffmeyer and Dr. Tewater, on private business, and for The 1th, but the closest, observers anticipate any sudden cessation of her ries, and certainly reports from of war do not tend to enthe advocates of immediate

There is no other news of any change m file a filation.

SIEGE RAISED.

From Brussels is Believed to Be

mades says that a report received there Roer sources announces that the Mafeking has been raised, the abandoning the attack for strategic

March 3.—The report that has been relieved is believed

The is the third point where the Brit-

Shelling the Boers.

to-day. The Boers opposed two guns, and the British arpitched some shells into the Boer

BOER PRISONERS.

are the with the name Thomsand Now on the Way From Paardeberg to Capetown. out W Investor ber O. To said of the

March 3.—The railroad is repaired northward from Kimberley The engineers are pushing Ber work rapidlyp on some sext sec

The Boer prisoners captured at Paarde to the tip 4,600 men. About 3,000 of have on their way here. The presthe rolling stock is enormous.

William McCormac president of Reval College of Surgeons, who has acting as wolunteer surgeon; with Martish army in South Africa, sails Mingland to-day.

After a Fight With Dundonald's Troops They were Forced to Surrender Eighteen Killed and Wounded.

March 3.—For a delightful Churching can excel Mr. Churaccount of a chase and a capture tel to the lot of Lord Dundonald's the first day of the fighting on The column Boers was seen retreating immends the Free State. A squadron of field, and might fairly claim 15 knocked hils, reach there first, "with just scarcely anything for. Two soldiers

"me minutes to spare." The Carbineers," writes Churchill, The Imperial Horse held their fire Shore, the twenty-third officer of this the scouts walked into their midst, regiment hit during the last three months, and then let drive at the main body at wards -range mounted men, smooth grass plain. There was a sudden the summer of the summer o

dead or wounded; others took refuge parently proposed to hold out until dark, The adjutanty of the Light Horse galloped over to Dundonald for reinforcements so that they could bag the lot. "Off galloped," continues the corres-

pondent, "the mounted infantry and one saugdron of South African Light Horse. and later on some of the Thorneycroft's and later on the brigadier himself. I arrived in time to see the end. "The Boers, how many I could not

tell, were holding the black rocks of a kopje, and were quite invisible. The British riflemen curved around them in Firing Continually at the Rocks.

The squadron of South African Light Horse had worked almost behind the enemy, and every Dutchman who dared to make a dash for liberty ran a terrible gauntlet. Still the surrender did not come. The white flag flickered for a moment above the rocks, but neither side stopped firing. Evidently there was a difference of opinion among the

"'There, there's the white flag again. Shoot the devils' down,' cried a soldier, and the musketry crashed out fierce. "'What's to be done?' said the captain turning to the brigadier. 'The white flag has been up off and on for the last half hour, but they don't stop shooting, and they've just killed two of my men?' 'Give them one more chance, cease firing there, will you. The men were very angry, and so at last

The Musketry Died Away and there was silence. from among the rocks three dark figures stood up holding up their hands, and at this taugfule evidence of surrender we got on our borses and Mork March 3.-A cable from handkerchiefs and signalling offags to show them that their surrender was ac-

'All together there were 24 prisoners. all Boers of most formidable type, a splendid haul, and I thought with de light of my poor friends the prisoners at Pretoria. This might redeem a few. Then we searched the ground, finding ten dead or dying, and twenty loose horses, ten dead and eight badly wound

"The soldiers crowded around these last, covering them up with blankets or mackintoshes, propping their heads with saddles for pillows, and

Giving Them Water and Biscuits March 2. Gen, Gatacre from their bottles and haversacks, Anger hard burned toopence in an instant. The desire to kill was gone. The desire to comfort replaced it. A little alert officer came un to me Two minutes before his eyes were bright and joyous with the exditement of the man-hunt. He had galoped a mile mostly under fire, to bring the reinforcements to surround the Boers Bag the lot, you know." He was very sad. "There's a poor boy dying up there, only a boy, and so cold. Who's got a blanket? So the soldiers recovered the Boer wounded and we told the prisoners that they would be shown courtesy and kindness worthy of brave men and

famous quarrel.. The Boer dead were collected and anish ad Flag of Truce

was sent to the enemy's line to invite a burying and identification party at dawn. I have often seen men killed in war housands at Omdurman, scores else where black and white, but the Boe dead aroused the most painful emotions Here, by the rock under which he had fought by the field cornet of Heilbroup. was Dementz, a gray-haired man of firm aquiline features and a short beard. The stony face was grimly calm, but it bore the stamp of unalterable resolver the look of a man who had thought it all out and was quite certain that his cause was quite just and such as a sober citizen night give his life for "Nor was I surprised when the Boer risoners told me that Dementz had refused all suggestions of surrendering, that when his left leg was smashed by a

Continued to Load, and Fire untibaher bled too deathy and there swe found him, pale and bloodless, holding his wife's letter in his hands. "It could not be denied that the cav-

alry had scored a brilliant' success. We had captured 24, killed 10, and wound d eight-total, 42. Moreover, we had seen the retreating Boers dragging and supporting their injured friends from the Someonald's men espied them, galloped out of a fine bag which we had to pay the mounted infantry were killed, trooper of the Imperial Light Horse slightly wounded, and one officer, Capt. severely wounded.

TO GARRISON HALIFAX.

Ottawa, March 3.-Orders have been

issued by the militia department for the garrisoning of Halifax by Canadian militia. There will be 1,100 in all required and they will be selected in the same way as was the first contingent. all militia districts getting an opportunity to send a certain number. There will be no cavalry or artillery. The provisional regiment will be comprised entirely of infantry.

Reply from Lord Roberts.

Ottawa, March 3.-Lord Roberts cables to Lord Minto to-day as follows: "Osfontein, March 3.-I sincerel; thank Your Excellency for your stelegram, and for the hearty congratulations of Canada. (Signed) Roberts."

Mysterious Disappearance. Fort Erie, March 3.—H. V. Meulen, a RUMORS out of his residence, seized and carried away in a cutter, the Union Jack at the same time being placed over his resi-Meulen had been found,

After the Celebrations. New York, March 3.-The Tribune correspondent says: "The war now it?" opens up on the second stage, in which the heroic garrisons under slege no this longer appeal to the imagination, his own campaigns with results, highly satisfactory to everybody in . England. The amateur strategists of the press have lost their public. The streets of a it. The British Armies.

The Herald correspondent writing of over the news of the relief of Lady touch with a body of Boers.

"After the intense and quite unparalleled elation and excitement of yesterday, there was a very subdued and somewhat penitent ifeeling among the men, while the ladies summarized the situation by suggestions to their erring husbands, brothers and male relatives, that it was lucky for them that the relief of Ladysmith was not a common occurrence. The police courts were ful! of gentlemen with white ties, who faced the grayish morning light with as much antipathy as an owl does. The magistrates were lensent, but generally charged the mysterious seven shollings and sixpence for doc tor's fees, the doctor apparently certifying to the self-evident fact that the patient was in a condition of intoxication

CENTRAL AMERICA. States Interests.

Washington, March 5 .- This statement be was posted, at the navy department to: The third army, that in Natal, is com-

The officials of the state and navy de partments do not indicate what repre sentatives are meant.

AMERICAN NAVAL BASE.

(Associated Press.) New York, March 5.- Naval office have been astounded to fearn that they may have no rights at Dry Tortugas, where a sum of over \$500,000 expended in establishing a coaling sta tion and rendezvous comm southern and gulf coast at the West Indies, and where there is now being rap-idly prosecuted the establishment of what is regarded as the most important strategical base between the Chesapeake and Central America, says thre Washingto correspondent of the Tribune

DOMINION BUDGET. (Associated Press.) Ottawa, March 5, It is reliably state that the budget is not likely to be brough lown before the end of this week or eginning of next



Throughout the Whole of the Trying Times They Never Once Complained.

dense. Up to noon to-day no trace of Come From Lorenzo Marques-It Is Also Reported the Boers Will Make a Stand at Glencoe-The Retreat From Cape Colony.

which covers the movements of the main the Lord, for unless they had faith in paigns, but the listless public no longer British army in South Africa continues, Him, cowardice would set in and their follows their surmises. "Bobs" plans though what information leaks through position would be hopeless the moment findicates that the campaign is being car- they turned their backs on the enemy.

ried on with steady progress.

bunting was general, and there were armies in the field, one in the Free bring destruction on their progeny. many illuminations in honor of the Brit- | State, one in Cape Colony and one in Continuing, the special says that a Natal. All that is known about the first high authority on Bloemfontein declares the after effects of London's enthusiasm and most important is that it is in close that on the repulse of the Free State

method of Gen. Roberts's advance into there, maintaining the struggle to the the Free State is quite worthless, so carefully are the plans concealed. In Cape Colony Generals Brabant and Generals Gatacre and Clements will probably combine and advance on Bloemfontein, with Gen. Brabant guarding the right flank with the mobile colonials. This movement will be subsequent to securing a line of communications along the Orange Free State railroad Warships Dispatched to Protect United which, according to the latest dispatches, fiseems almost accomplished.

distance the retreating Boers put between themselves and Gen. Buller.

The Relief of Mafeking. As an incident of the British main objective, which is at last clearly outlined as being Pretoria, the relief of Mafeking by a force from the south may be expected any day, Col. Plumer's force on the north seeming incapable of accomplishing its

Basutos May Rise.

of which is contained in the disparches is suffering from typhoid fever. ther north.

Times correspondent at Ladysmith, will require a fortnight's recuperation.

Entrenchments at Pretoria Are Being Extended-Kruger Appeals to Burghers to Stand Pirm. -715. Will

London, March 5 .- A special to the Times from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Marchd4th, says that persistent reports continue to prevail that the Transvaal government has opened negotiations looking to the securing of peace.

On the other hand it is asserted the Boers will make a stand at Glencoe r d Laing's Nek, and that in the mean ime the entrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege.

A conference between the Boer presidents, it is added, and the general com- is preparing to invade the Free State, manding the Boers in Northern Natal was hurriedly arranged on the receipt of the news of Cronje's surrender. Until then the official confirmation of the surrender was withheld from the public. Kruger sent a fervid religious appeal,

Their past victories, he declared, showed that the Lord was on their side. The London were quieter last night than on ? There are now practically three British president beseeched the burghers not to

Speculation as to the direction and Transvaal and unite with their brethren

the week ended February 25th are re-

RETREATING TO GLENGOE

Correspondents Tell of the Arrival of Reliev ing Column at Ladysmith - Tribute

Durban, March 2.-The newspaper correspondents, who have reached here from Ladysmith, say that the enthusiasm of the garrison and inhabitants of the besieged town was intense when the reday: "The Detroit and the Marblehead a paratively inactive, and with the exaccount of dispatches received from our preption of sorties, a serious movement the hospital, and even the women and representatives there which indicated some hardly be expected from it this week children went forth to greet the new board a his bundants, and for the purpose of protecting When it shall be ready to advance its comers. It was noticeable that the lat its line of the late movements must depend on how much ter were even more demonstrative, cheering the momen and children whom they were proud to have saved The correspondents believe that the

> garrison could have held out until April though rations would necessarily have been reduced to a minimum. The men of the gatrison will require a rest and the horses are much wasted. The correspondents pay a high tribute to the courage and heroism of the women Never a complaint was heard from them Basutos May Rise.
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> In spite of their thexampled privations and their endurance and courage were and the reported likelihood of fighting beyond praise. Sad sights were often between them and the Basutos, aided by witnessed when the sparse rations were other tribes, having a grudge against the being drawn. Children would pathetical-Boers, is regarded as rather ominous, ly seek milk for their sick mothers. The Inactivity in Natal. women and offithen we're estimated at The only other untoward phase of the 500. Though there was much sickness military situation that the British critics arising from the horse-meat diet and abcan discern is the enforced temporary in sence of farinaceous foods, the epidemic activity of the Natal army, an instance period was safely passed. Dr. Jamieson announcing that the flying column which . Gen. Buller entered the town at noon attempted to intercept the Boer retreat; "escorted only by his stuff," His bronzed only succeeded in driving the enemy fur- appearance was very striking. He said he had not entered a bed for three weeks. Gen. White's men according to the The Boers exchanged shots with the relieving forces, who saw a few corpses

lying acound, property of grant M. It is believed the Boers are retreating to Glencoe was a sense was a The correspondents eulogize Generals

White and Hunter.

LEAVING CAPE COLONY.

The Enemy is Falling Back on Orange River -Clements Preparing to Enter

New York, March 5 .- Specials from London to the morning papers thus summarize the South African war situation as gleaned from the correspondents at the front:

The Boers are in full retreat from Cape Colony to Orange River. General Clements has driven the rear guard of) the enemy across Colesberg bridge and The Boers are in force at Norval's

General Bradbunt attacked rebels in an entrenched position near Jamestown

Stormberg is still held by a small with orders that it should be read by all Boer force, which is dwindling daily, been ill for several months.

and Gen. Gatacre is gradually rendering ceived and it, is probable that the entire district south of the Orange River

will be cleared of the enemy and paci MORE CANADIANS

For Africa-Will Take the Places of the Killed and Disabled.

Ottawa, March 5.-It is authoritatively stated that the government will at once arrange for drafting a hundred or hundred and twenty-five men, with three of ficers, to take the places of the Can adians killed or permanently disabled in South Africa. It is intended that these men shall leave with the Strathcona Horse on the Monterey on March 15th, It is understood the men will be selected from each of the provinces as in the case of the first contingent.

The Minister of Militia is engaged in arranging for the drafting of a thousand Canadians to take the place of the Leinster Regiment, now stationed at Halifax, who, when relieved, will go to South Africa. It is proposed to select the thousand men in the same manner as the first contingent was selected.

THE MAN OF BUSINESS.

Officers at the Front Write of Kitchener's Tireless Energy.

New York, March 5.-Letters received from officers at Capetown describe Gen, Roberts as the flower of courtesy, and

Kitchener as a man of business. Says the Truth's London correspond-"A staff officer of the Engineers told Gen. Roberts that he could do certain work assigned to him in the course of a fortnight. 'I am sure,' said Gen Roberts, 'that you will do as well as you can.' Kitchener asked the same officer how much time he would require for the job. 'A fortnight' was the answer. Kitchener smiled grimly. Either you will do it in a week,' he said, 'or you will be sent home.' The work was finished in a week. It is this tireless, exacting energy of Kitchener that is putting England's work through in Africa." There are no further details of the conference of Presidents Kruger and Steyn respecting peace negotiations. Africans in London have never ceased to regard Steyn as more directly responsible than Kruger for the outbreak of the war, and they now assert that he will be the first to suggest retirement from a hopeless conflict. Steyn, in their es-

out. Kruger's sturdy qualities and inflex-Demonstration on the Lucania. New York, March 5 .- The morning papers tell of a "war incident" in the first cabin of the steamship Lucania. which arrived in port yesterday. The Lucanian took as pilot off Scotland lightship ond Saturday evening. He took on the British soldiers in Africa since the Lucania sailed from Liverpool. When the British passengers heard the news that was so welcome to them they grabbed, the papers, devoured the news and cheered with joy. The discussion over the probable outcome of the war became more heated than ever and lasted far into the night in the smoking room Among the passengers was Sir Wetnan D. Pearson, M.P. In his enthris lasm he privately told the steward see that at breakfast next morning each first-class passenger should be supplied

timation, is an ambitious schemer with-

with champagne. When the saloon passengers gathered round the table each one found a wine glass beside his plate and abundant matorial with which to fill the glass. Dr. J. Egbert, of Springfield, Mass., arose and made an anti-Boer speech, at the conclusion of which he propo the health of the Queen. The breakfast party broke up with cheers for the Queen. President McKinley and Lord

A War Loan. London, March 5.-It is, said, on good authority, that the government's budget proposals include a war foan of between \$100,000,000 and \$150,000,000. Extending over a period of ten or twelve years. Remarkable Recovery. bod

London, March 5 .- Among the wounded soldiers who arrived at Southampton to-day from South Africa was Private O'Leary, whose case is remarkable He was shot in the head during the hattle at Colenso. The bullet lodged in this brain, leaving O'Leary speechless sightless and paralyzed. His life was u-de spaired of, but Sir William MacCor mack, president of the Royal College of Surgoons, who was acting as a volunteer surgeon with the British army in South Africa, removed a portion of the wounded man's brain, extracted the bullet, and O'Leary has since practically recovered his senses: ... autoc DePatifotic Fund. Ed blec

Ottawa, March 5 .- The amount subscribed to the Canadian Patriotic fund has reached \$151.158.11. 1650.2 Expenses of the War.

London, March 5.—The House of Com-mons was crowded to-day and all the public galleries were thronged in anticipation of the budget statement. The return of the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, introducing the budget, shows that an expenditure of £154.-082,000 has to be provided for in the budget of 1900-1901. The same statement shows that the exchequer account of 1899-1900 would have given a surplus of up wards of £5,000,000, but that the supplementary war estimates of £23,000,000 made the expenditure exceed the revenue by

G. BERTRAM, M.P., ILL.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, March 5 .- Geo. H. Bertram, M.P., Centre Toronto, Liberal, took a turn for the worse on Saturday, and is now in a critical condition, no hope of his recovery being entertained. He has Lond

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