

# REPORTED RELIEF OF MAFEEKING

## 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 Burgers—The Troops For Halifax Garrison.

(Associated Press.)  
London, March 3.—President Kruger has left Pretoria with the intention of meeting President Steyn at the place where they will meet is not known, but is believed to be somewhere in the Free State.  
Boers in African who are conversant with the effect of the recent reverses have expressed the opinion that the meeting of the two presidents is a preliminary suggestion of negotiations for peace, but if this is the case, it is due to the pressure brought to bear upon the presidents by the Boers and Afrikaners in the British colonies rather than to the personal inclinations of the two presidents.  
The significance is attached to the announcement in view of the reported visit to England of Chief Justice Bevilacqua, Mr. Hoffmeyer and Dr. Tewater, ostensibly on private business, and for which both the closest observers expect to participate an sudden cessation of hostilities, and certainly reports from the front of war do not tend to encourage the advocates of "immediate peace."

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but a greater number galloped fast from the Boers. Some remained on the second line of wounded, others took refuge among the rocks of the kopjes and apparently proposed to hold out until dark. The adjutant of the Light Horse galloped over to Dundonald for reinforcements, so that they could bag the lot.  
"Off galloped," continues the correspondent, "the mounted infantry and one squadron 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 ground them in a half moon.  
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 gantlet. Still the surrender did not come. The white flag flutters for a moment above the rocks, but neither side stopped firing. Evidently there was a difference of opinion among the enemy.  
There, there's the white flag again. Shoot the devil 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, bag 'em if they don't stop firing. The men were very angry, and so at last.  
The Musketry Died Away.  
and there was silence.  
"Then from among the rocks three dark figures stood up holding up their hands, and at this tangible evidence of surrender we got on our knees and galloped towards them waving pocket handkerchiefs and signaling flags to show them that their surrender was accepted.  
"All together there were 24 prisoners, all Boers of most formidable type, a splendid haul, and I thought with delight of my poor friends that prisoners' handkerchiefs and signaling flags. Then we searched the ground, finding ten dead or dying, and twenty loose horses, ten dead and eight badly wounded.  
"The soldiers crowded around these last, covering them up with blankets or handkerchiefs, wrapping their heads with saddles for pillows, and  
Giving Them Water and Biscuits.  
from their bodies and haversacks. Anger had turned to peace in an instant. The desire to kill was gone. The desire to comfort replaced it. A little alert officer came up to me. Two minutes before his eyes were bright and joyous with the excitement of the man-hunt. He had glimpsed a rifle 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 a famous cause.  
The Boer dead were collected and buried. A 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; thousands of them. Omdurman, scores elsewhere, black and white, but the Boer dead aroused the most painful emotions. Here, by the rock under which he had fought by the field corner of Hellbrown was Dementis, a gray-haired man of firm equine features and a shrewd beard. The strong face was grimly calm, but it bore the stamp of unalterable resolve, 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 might give his life for.  
"Not was I surprised when the Boer prisoners told me that Dementis had refused all suggestions of surrendering, that when his left leg was smashed by a bullet he had  
Continued to Load and Fire.  
until he bled to death, and there we found him, pale and bloodless, holding his wife's letter in his hands.  
"It could not be denied that the cavalry had scored a brilliant success. We had captured 24, killed 10, and wounded a total of 42. Moreover, we had seen the retreating Boers dragging and supporting their injured friends from the field, and might fairly claim 15 knocked out of a fine bag which we had to pay scarcely anything for. Two soldiers of the mounted infantry were killed, one of the Imperial Light Horse slightly wounded, and one officer, Capt. Shore, the twenty-third officer of his regiment hit during the last three months, 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: "Oxford, March 3.—I sincerely thank Your Excellency for your telegram, and for the hearty congratulations of Canada." (Signed) Roberts.  
Mysterious Disappearance.  
Fort Erie, March 3.—H. V. Meulen, a Boer sympathizer, was last night carried out of his residence, seized and carried away in a cutter, the Union Jack at the same time being placed over his residence. Up to noon to-day no trace of Meulen had been found.  
After the Celebrations.  
New York, March 3.—The Tribune correspondent says: "The war now opens up on the second stage, in which the heroic garrisons under siege no longer appeal to the imagination. The military writers are seeking to forecast the probable direction of the new campaigns, but the British public no longer follows their terms. 'Boer' plans his own campaigns with results highly satisfactory to everybody in England. The amateur strategists of the press have lost their public. The streets of London were quiet last night, but on the previous evening, but the display of bonfires was general, and there were many illuminations in honor of the British victories."  
The Herald correspondent writing of the after-effects of London's enthusiasm over the news of the relief of Ladysmith, says:  
"After the intense and quite unparalleled elation and excitement of yesterday, there was a very subdued and somewhat pensive feeling 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 full of gentlemen with white ties, who faced the grayish morning light with as much antipathy as an owl does. The magistrates were lenient, but generally charged the mysterious 'boer' shollings and 'saxpence for doctor's fees, the doctor apparently certifying to the self-evident fact that the patient was in a condition of intoxication."  
CENTRAL AMERICA.  
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### RUMORS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

#### Come From Lorenzo Marques—It is Also Reported the Boers Will Make a Stand at Glencoe—The Retreat From Cape Colony.

(Associated Press.)  
London, March 5.—The air of mystery which covers the movements of the main British army in South Africa continues, though what information leaks through indicates that the campaign is being carried on with steady progress.  
The British Armies.  
There are now practically three British armies in the field, one in the Free State, one in Cape Colony and one in Natal. All that is known about the first and most important is that it is in close touch with a body of Boers.  
Speculation as to the direction and method of Gen. Roberts' advance into the Free State is quite worthless, so carefully are the plans concealed.  
In Cape Colony Generals Brabant and Clements command the two horns of the army, while General Gatacre holds the main Boer force in check. Generals Gatacre and Clements will probably combine and advance on Bloemfontein, with Gen. Brabant guarding the right flank with the mobile columns. This movement will be subsequent to securing a line of communications along the Orange Free State railroad which, according to the latest dispatches, seems almost accomplished.  
Buller's Advance.  
The third army, that in Natal, is comparatively inactive, and with the exception of sorties, a serious movement can hardly be expected from it this week. When it shall be ready to advance its movements must depend on how much 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. Pimms' force on the north seems incapable of accomplishing this.  
Burgers May Rise.  
The unexpected activity of Cape Dutch and the reported likelihood of fighting between them and the Boers, aided by other tribes, having a grudge against the Boers is regarded as rather ominous.  
Inactivity in Natal.  
The only other noteworthy phase of the military situation that the British critics can discern is the enforced temporary inactivity of the Natal army, an instance of which is contained in the dispatches announcing that the flying column which attempted to intercept the Boer retreat, only succeeded in driving the enemy farther north.  
Gen. White's men according to the Times correspondent at Ladysmith, will require a fortnight's recuperation.

London, March 5.—A special to the Times, from Lorenzo Marques, dated March 4th, 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 and Laine's Nek, and that in the meantime the entrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege.  
A conference between the Boer presidents, it is added, and the general commanding 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.  
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the officers to the burghers, urging them to stand fast and strive in the name of the Lord, for unless they had faith in Him, cowardice would set in and their position would be hopeless the moment they turned their backs on the enemy. Their past victories, he declared, showed that the Lord was on their side. The president beseeched the burghers not to bring destruction on their progeny.  
Continuing, the special says that a high authority in Bloemfontein declares that on the repulse of the Free State forces, the latter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the last.  
The Boer casualties at Colenso during the week ended February 25th are reported to be 31 men killed and 130 wounded.

### RETREATING TO GLENGOE.

Correspondents Tell of the Arrival of Relieving Columns at Ladysmith—Tribute to the Women.  
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 relieving column arrived. Many people left the hospital, and even the women and children went forth to greet the newcomers. It was noticeable that the latter were even more demonstrative, cheering the women 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 garrison 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 in spite of their cramped privations and their endurance and courage were beyond praise. Such sights were often witnessed when the sparse rations were being drawn. Children would pathetically seek milk for their sick mothers. The women and children were estimated at 500. Though there was much sickness arising from the horse-meat diet and absence of farinaceous foods, the epidemic period was safely passed. Dr. Jamieson is suffering from typhoid fever.  
Gen. Buller entered the town at noon escorted only by his staff. His bronzed appearance was very striking. He said he had not entered a bed for three weeks. The Boers exchanged shots with the relieving forces, who saw a few corpses lying around.  
It is believed the Boers are retreating to Glencoe.  
The correspondents eulogize Generals White and Hunter.

### LEAVING CAPE COLONY.

The Enemy is Falling Back on Orange River—Clements Preparing to Enter Free State.  
New York, March 5.—Specials from London to the morning papers this 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 Colerberg bridge and is preparing to invade the Free State. The Boers are in force at Norval's Pond.  
General Bradburt attacked rebels in an entrenched position near Jamestown after a night march.  
Stomberg is still held by a small Boer force, which is dwindling daily.

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### RUMORS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

#### Come From Lorenzo Marques—It is Also Reported the Boers Will Make a Stand at Glencoe—The Retreat From Cape Colony.

(Associated Press.)  
London, March 5.—The air of mystery which covers the movements of the main British army in South Africa continues, though what information leaks through indicates that the campaign is being carried on with steady progress.  
The British Armies.  
There are now practically three British armies in the field, one in the Free State, one in Cape Colony and one in Natal. All that is known about the first and most important is that it is in close touch with a body of Boers.  
Speculation as to the direction and method of Gen. Roberts' advance into the Free State is quite worthless, so carefully are the plans concealed.  
In Cape Colony Generals Brabant and Clements command the two horns of the army, while General Gatacre holds the main Boer force in check. Generals Gatacre and Clements will probably combine and advance on Bloemfontein, with Gen. Brabant guarding the right flank with the mobile columns. This movement will be subsequent to securing a line of communications along the Orange Free State railroad which, according to the latest dispatches, seems almost accomplished.  
Buller's Advance.  
The third army, that in Natal, is comparatively inactive, and with the exception of sorties, a serious movement can hardly be expected from it this week. When it shall be ready to advance its movements must depend on how much 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. Pimms' force on the north seems incapable of accomplishing this.  
Burgers May Rise.  
The unexpected activity of Cape Dutch and the reported likelihood of fighting between them and the Boers, aided by other tribes, having a grudge against the Boers is regarded as rather ominous.  
Inactivity in Natal.  
The only other noteworthy phase of the military situation that the British critics can discern is the enforced temporary inactivity of the Natal army, an instance of which is contained in the dispatches announcing that the flying column which attempted to intercept the Boer retreat, only succeeded in driving the enemy farther north.  
Gen. White's men according to the Times correspondent at Ladysmith, will require a fortnight's recuperation.

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the officers to the burghers, urging them to stand fast and strive in the name of the Lord, for unless they had faith in Him, cowardice would set in and their position would be hopeless the moment they turned their backs on the enemy. Their past victories, he declared, showed that the Lord was on their side. The president beseeched the burghers not to bring destruction on their progeny.  
Continuing, the special says that a high authority in Bloemfontein declares that on the repulse of the Free State forces, the latter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the last.  
The Boer casualties at Colenso during the week ended February 25th are reported to be 31 men killed and 130 wounded.

### RETREATING TO GLENGOE.

Correspondents Tell of the Arrival of Relieving Columns at Ladysmith—Tribute to the Women.  
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 relieving column arrived. Many people left the hospital, and even the women and children went forth to greet the newcomers. It was noticeable that the latter were even more demonstrative, cheering the women 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 garrison 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 in spite of their cramped privations and their endurance and courage were beyond praise. Such sights were often witnessed when the sparse rations were being drawn. Children would pathetically seek milk for their sick mothers. The women and children were estimated at 500. Though there was much sickness arising from the horse-meat diet and absence of farinaceous foods, the epidemic period was safely passed. Dr. Jamieson is suffering from typhoid fever.  
Gen. Buller entered the town at noon escorted only by his staff. His bronzed appearance was very striking. He said he had not entered a bed for three weeks. The Boers exchanged shots with the relieving forces, who saw a few corpses lying around.  
It is believed the Boers are retreating to Glencoe.  
The correspondents eulogize Generals White and Hunter.

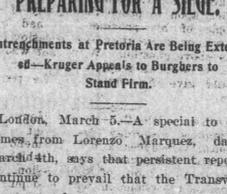
### LEAVING CAPE COLONY.

The Enemy is Falling Back on Orange River—Clements Preparing to Enter Free State.  
New York, March 5.—Specials from London to the morning papers this 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 Colerberg bridge and is preparing to invade the Free State. The Boers are in force at Norval's Pond.  
General Bradburt attacked rebels in an entrenched position near Jamestown after a night march.  
Stomberg is still held by a small Boer force, which is dwindling daily.

### PREPARING FOR A SIEGE.

Entrenchments at Pretoria Are Being Extended—Kruger Appeals to Burgers to Stand Firm.  
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