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Ten Thousand Soldiers Have Been Sent Forward and the Army Will Follow-Commandant Olivier Has Six Thousand Men-Death of General Joubert Regretted by the London Press.

London, March 29-5.15 a. m.—Lord Joubert is dead.

Roberts has sent 10,000 troops to Glen, London, March 29—The Pretoria corres10 miles north of Bloemfontein, on the railpondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing

Immense quantities of stores have now been accumulated at Bloemfontein and Lord Roberts' infantry is seemingly about to move. An impression, which can be traced to the war office, is abroad that the advance will begin next Monday.

The government is pleading with the widow to allow a temporary interment here, with a state funeral. Joubert always expressed a desire to be buried in a mausoleum built on his farm.

the advance will begin next Monday. Boer observation parties are hovering near Bloemfontein, but Lord Roberts has 135 miles to cover before reaching the great position which the Boers are preparing at Kroonstad.

Moving 10 miles a day is probably the best he can do with field transport. Therefore he can hardly engage the Boers in force for two weeks. The reconstruction of the railway behind him may even delay an invasion of the Transvaal until May.

Meanwhile all the important towns in the Free State, within Lord Roberts' reach, are being garrisoned. Thaba Nchu, Philippolis, Pauresmith and Jagersfontein are thus held.

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sir Alfred Milner is touring in the dis-turbed newly acquired territory, investi-gating conditions and arranging the ad-ministration. He is understood to be get-ting material for a report to Mr. Chamber-lein concerning a plan of civil government. lain concerning a plan of civil government.

All the morning papers print singularly kind editorials concerning General Joubert. They praise his military skill; uphold his chivalrous conduct and regret that so strong and moderate a mind should be absent from the final settlement of the dispute.

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Although some of the younger commanders thought the old soldiers wanting in dash and enterprise, his raid into the country south of the Tugela is considered the best piece of Boer leadership during the whole war. It is now known that he crossed the Tugela with only 3,000 ritmen and six guns, but so bold and rapid were his movements that the British commanders thought 10,000 Boers were marching on Pietermaritzburg. For a few days although in the presence of greatly superior forces, he isolated General Hilyard's brigade at Estcourt and at the same time threatened General Barton's camp at Mooi River. Then as British reinforcements were pushed up, Joubert re-crossed the Tugela without losing a prisoner, a wagon, or a gun. General White's estimate of him, pronounced on Tuesday, before he land the same time threatened of the same time threatened General Barton's camp at Mooi River. Then as British reinforcements were pushed up, Joubert re-crossed the Tugela without losing a prisoner, a wagon, or a gun. General White's estimate of him, pronounced on Tuesday, before he

dr. a. gun. General White's estimate of him, pronounced on Tuesday, before he died, as a gentleman and a brave and honorable opponent, strikes the tone of all British comment.

The foreign office, according to the Dally Chapmids is a pronounced with Dally. Daily Chronicle, is arranging with Portugal for some thousands of British troops to be landed at Beira and sent by the Rhodesia Railway from Massi-Kesso to

A permanent arrangement is understood to exist for the use of this route to traus-

to exist for the use of this route to trads-fer the Rhodesia police. The possibility of foreign protest is suggested by the Daily Chronicle.

Among the items cabled from Pretoria is a statement that prominent residents there object to a defence of Pretoria and

desire that President Kruger retire to Lydenburg. It is alleged that the princi pal buildings at Johannesburg have been mined by order of Kruger.

London, March 29—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post tele-

ing Tuesday, says: he first Coldstreams and the Third Grenadiers are already at Glen. The Gordons and the cavalry brigade moved Sun-

day.
"The three span bridge at Glen was dynamited two hours before the Guards reached it. The necessary repairing will delay further advance for a time. General

delay further advance for a time determined and are now arriving."

London, March 29—A Pretoria despatch to the Daily Mail, dated March 28, says:

"An official despatch reports a heavy bombardment of Mafeking in progress on Monday, March 26, which was meeting with a spirited response.
"Mr. Michael Davitt had an interview

with President Kruger today. Toronto: March 28.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: In Netley hospital at Southampton the following Canadians who were wounded or sick in South Africa are now quartered, having arrived recently from Cape Town:

Pic. F. E. Weir, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto.

11te H. S. Bingham, 35th Simcoe Foresters, Pte. M. Burgess, 93rd Cumberland Bat-

alion, Nova Scotia. Pte. F. MacDonald, Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, Ottawa, and Kingston Company,
Pte. F. A. E. Taylor, 63rd Halifax Rifles.
Corp. W. R. Ferguson, 93rd Cumberland

Berlin, March 28.-Special despatches have been published here that the Boer peace envoys, Messrs. Wolmarans, Fischer and Wessels, are coming to Berlin and will then go to St. Petersburg. The correspondent of the Associated Press when inquiring with reference to the matter at ceived regarding the intention of the Boer commissioners, and that, in fact, even their coming had not been officially noti-

From another source it was ascertained that the delegation will arrive early next month at Naples, with the mail steamer Kaiser, and will then go direct to New York by way of Berlin and Brussels, not

Pretoria, Monday, March 26-The government has commandeered a portion of the gold reserve of all the banks. Bar gold has been given as security to the amount of about £300,000.

Brussels, March 28.—A private despatch has been received here from Pretoria which says that President Kruger will now take chief command of the Transvaal forces.

Bulletin—London, March 28, 7.20 p. m.—A private telegram received from Mafeking reports that all was well there March

Cape Town, Wednesday, March 28.—Gen. Bir George White sailed for England to-

Bloemfontein, Wednesday, March 28-The military authorities have discovered in a Free State government chest realizable securities worth £500,000.

Warrenton, Wednesday, March 28-The Boers opened fire with artillery and rifles on the British camp today. The first shell of bullets poured into the village.

Many cattle were killed.

A hotel that is used as an hospital, and over which the Red Cross flag was flying, was fired upon.

way. This is preliminary to the general yesterday, says:

advance. "General Joubert died of peritonitis.

not legally liable for service. According to trustworthy information from Pretoria the total stock of Mauser ammunition, 5,000,000 rounds, was issued to the Free State Burghers. The Boers are now issuing Lee-Metford cartridges, of which they originally possessed 4,000,000. The Greusot ammunition is almost exhausted. The smokeless powder which was manufactured is proving deficient in quality and the experament of re-charging the Mauser cartridges has proven a failure, owing to the inability of the Boers to make caps.

papers today publish long biographies of General Joubert. Generally, they are in a kindly tone. \ The Pall Mail Gazette

says:
"Piet Joubert was the one contemporary Transvaal Boer, except ex-Chief Justice Kolze, whose death would call forth a sincere tribute of respect from Englishmen of all parties. He was the antipodes in the Transvaal world of Leyds and, personally was beneat straight and clean

Commandant Grovelarer's commando of 6,-000 men, from Colesburg and the southern districts, got away north by travelling day and night close to the Basuto border before our force could hope get near them. "The latest news is that the Boers have

10,000 men still under arms, of whom 10,-000 are in and around the Natal border. Although tents and stores are reaching here a block of the railway is delaying arrivals from the south considerably. It is asserted that 20,000 Boers are massed at

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques, dated Wednesday, says: "The French Colonel Villebois De Maruil has been appointed to the command of the Foreign Legion, which is operating

in the Free State. "General Prinsloo (recently arrested) is charged by the Boers with high treason."
Great Britain, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail, has thanked Germany for the latter's warning of the Boer plans for attacking Walfish Bay on the west African coast.

Kroonstadt, Orange Free State, Tues day, March 27-Commandant Crowther, who commands the Transvaal fightin the south reports that he has retaken Ladybrand after the British had been there an hour. He adds that Landrost Vangorum and Field Cornet Smith fell into the hands of the British, of whom prisoner. The Boer loss, the declares, was

nil. The British retired in the direction of Naseru. In a skirmish near Brandfort four lancers were killed and six wounded. London, March 29.-The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marques, telegraphing Monday, says:

lealing with the proclamation of Lord Robenemy's policy is, as it always has been in means from its solemn convention with the

"He repudiates the charges that the Burghers have been misled by their leaders

and then says: o divide us by offering a reward for disloyalty and cowardice. Could a grosser insult be offered than to dissuade us from a sacred duty? Let us not be misled by this cunning ruse. The man who would seduce another to disloyalty cannot himself b

faithful. as alone until he had his foot on the neck of the Afrikander nation. That he is already disloyal to his promise is clear from the shameful destruction of property a Burghers who trusted in his promises. Alhough the capital is in the enemy's hands, there is a greater reason for fighting more

hat this letter is the work of State Secretary Reitz. Now that Mr. Fischer is gone t is apparent that Mr. Steyn is domin

Pretoria is being entrenched.

News from responsible parties confirms the report that the Boers intend to blow up the works and shafts of the principal mines on the Rand and on Crown Reef, together with the Robinson and Langlaagte estate mines, huge charges of exceptionally powerful blasting powder have already been placed in position with this object.

This is said to be done at the instigation of Mr. Reitz with the concurrence of Mr. Kruger, but against the wishes of many influential Burghers. There are grounds for suspecting that the real motive of this threat is to induce foreign investors to bring pressure on their governments to in-

bring pressure on their governments to intervene.

London, March 28.—Presiding at the annual meeting of the Militia Rifie Association this afternoon, the commander-in-chief of the forces, Lord Wolseley, said the country was to be congratulated on the manner in which the war was proceeding. Great Britain, he pointed out, had in the field the largest army ever sent across the seas in the history of the world and composed of the finest men he had ever seen in any army. This satisfactory situation, he continued, was primarily due to the wonderful army system inaugurated by Lord Cardwell, but for which it would have been in avery bad way.

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The Public Business Was Travelle Public Business Cottant Yesterday Afternoon—

Ottawa, March 28—Sixty-one questions were on the order paper today and it took the House of Commons one hour and a half to dispose of them. This is the last to

berland, was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of 5,000 Liberals held at Nottingham this evening. A letter was received from Six Henry Campbell-Bander, the Liberal leader in the House of Campanian which the writer expressed. Commons, in which the writer expressed his regrets at not being able to attend the meeting owing to illness. Sir Edward

Grey said:
"We are living in times that are trying to the main principles upon which the government and the constitution are

liament, which was a huge imposter, was drawing to a close and he called on the Liberals to strive to maintain unity. The present government was one of surprises.
Whether it intended to disolve be more Whether it intended to disolve he was unable to say; but if it dissolved while in military occupation of the South African republics, it would lay itself open to the charge of caring more for party advantage than public interest.

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Sir Edward expressed a wish that the government would place the cost of the war on the present generation. He believed the war was in the interest of the Empire, but no one should be allowed to

think war was cheap.
"I do not share with some others," he perialism.' It does not mean the same the extraordinary union of the colonies with ourselves; and, after the war, imperial paramountcy will have to be turned into Imperial control. I look forward to a South African federation under the British flag."

The Earl of Selborne, under secretary

of state for the colonies, who was the principal guest this evening at the annual dinner of the Conservative league, said that, as a result of the war, the first minimals was that the Boer republics triat, as a result the Boer republics should not be independent and that loyalists should not suffer more than dis-

should be no idea of vengeance of emo-tional sentiment. Indeed the rebellious districts would be treated in a fashion that would command the support and sympathy of a majority of the Queen's

The Sealing Fleet.

wooden bulkhead near the boiler began burning, but the flames were extinguished before they reached the tanks in which were stored thousands of gallons of seal oil. She has on board a crew of 270 men.

The Aurora reports that 500 men, portions of the crews of the steamers Terra Nova, Neptune and Ranger, were adrift on ice floes for two days and nights during a fog. They were unable to find their ships, which likewise were unable to rescue them. Fortunately the weather was mild, without snowstorms, during the time the men were adrift, and they all finally reached their vessels safely.

The Purchase of St. Thomas.

partment adds its denial to that of the Danish foreign office relative to the Paris pleted the acquisition of the Danish West Indies. There are indications that the the attention of the two governments at intervals, may be attended by success at a reasonably early date, but it is certainly premature to announce their conclusion at

ared by Pretoria.

Hundreds of the younger Boers, include a crown a vard. In case I do not hear from you. I shall concluded that you wish ing officers, are being arrested for desertion. A large number of memorars to lose to time. I accept the last mentioning are being commandeered, although ed price."—[Tid-Bits.]

CONSERVATIVE SENATORS RULE THE PEOPLE.

Ottawa, Ont., March 28.—Hon. Mr. Mills closed the debate in the Senate today on the Redistribution Bill.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell's amendment to give the bill the six months' Copping. hoist was carried by 41 for to 19 against—a majority of 22.

The following is the division:

Yeas-Hon. Messrs. Aikens, Allan, Armand, Baird, Baker, Bernier, Bolduc, Debouchereville, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir John Carling, Casgrain (Windsor), Clemow, Cochrane, Dickey, Dobson, Drummond, Ferguson, Forget, Kirchhoffer, Landry, Lougheed, MacDonald (P. E. I.), Macdonald (B. C.), MacInnes, Mackeen, McCallum, Macdonald (C. B.), Mc-Kay, McLaren, McMillan, Mernee, Miller, Montplaisir, O'Brien, Owens, Perley, Primrose, Prowse, Reid, Vidal, Villeneuve. Yeas, 41.

Nays-Hon. Messrs. Burpee, Carmichael, Casgrain (De La Vaud iere), Dandurand, Dever, Fiset, Keer, King, McSweeny, Mills, O'Donahue, Power, Scott, Shehyn, Templeman, Thibaudeau (Valliere), Wark, Yeo and

The Public Business Was Transacted Rapidly at Ottawa Yesterday Afternoon--Mr. Charlton Wants Long Speeches Suppressed.

ference in the proceedure in regard to the arrangements of the parade at Ottawa and

The minister of militia in reply to Sir Adolphe Caron, said that Lieut. Col-Steele, holding an imperial commission, would rank senior to Lieut. Col. Otter, holding a Canadian commission. The military act would not be revised and her control and her control and her canadian commission. military act would not be revised pending changes in the imperial act.

In reply to Mr. Douglas, Hon. James Sutherland stated that the original land grant of 6,400 acres per mile for 450 miles of the Great Northwest Central Railway had lapsed except 50 miles.

Hon. Sydney Fisher stated that the government had accepted the offer to par-ticipate in the pan-American exhibition at Buffalo in 1901, but no arrangements had

and Dr. Sproule was speaking when the speaker left the chair at 6 o'clock. After recess the Brandon and Southwest western Railway Company bill, which has been so vigorouusly opposed by the West-ern members, was read a third time and

Col. Domville's bill respecting the Northern Commercial Telegraph Co., was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Costigan's bill to incorporate the Mr. Costigan's bill to incorporate the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company, was considered in committee, reported, read a third time and passed.

The bill respecting the Dominion Atlantic Railway was read a second time and referred to the railway committee.

yet been made.

John Charlton of North Norfolk then proposed the following resolution:

1. That the practice of delivering speeches of great length in the Canadian House of Commons has introduced a discursive style

Mr. McLeary of Welland, renewed the debate on the transportation problem and highly praised the speech of Hon. Mr. Blair on this subject. Messrs. McCarthy, Corby, Campbell and Clarke also spoke.

The house adjourned at 11.30.

exclaimed, "their dishike of the word Im- canadians After Long Marches Through Heat, With Little to Eat and Hardly Any Sleep, Were at the Surrender of Cronie--Complimented by Gen. Roberts.

of militia, of the battle of Paardeberg brigade at 5 p. m., and marched all night, reaching Paardeberg Drift at 6 a. m. The delays were frequent and the march very

crossed and the officers and men were dead tired. The commander in chief, Field Marshall Lord Roberts, joined the force here and complimented the battalion on its physique and appearance as it passed him. I had to leave 14 men at Ram Dam unfit to march.

On the 15th the battalion marched at 4 a. m., being the advanced guard to the brigade. Seven men were left as unfit to march. Wegrooe Drift on the Reit was reached at 8.30 a. m., after a march of 9

Ottawa, Mar. 28-The following is Lieut. | Drift by the Sixth Division. The bat-Col. Otter's official report to the minister talion left Klip Drift as rear guard to the

impossible to advance against. The fight

(Signed) W. D. Ulliam, Lt.-Col. Commanding R.C.R., 2nd Battalion. P. S.-The battalion is and has been possible to give more than two meals a on outpost duty day and night.

THE CORSET WAR.

Scientists are convinced that the corset is the direct cause of physical degeneracy the woman of today. For twenty ducted a crusade against this article of eminine attire; but the fad has not decreased and although the small wast is not popular, even undeveloped girls are encased in corsets at an early age. Who first conceived the idea of the corset and who was the first woman to wear one are mysteries of the past, but corsets were known as far back as the time of Cleopatra. Several times have corsets or some article closely resembling them been found on Egyptian mummies. These articles do not, of course, resemble the corset of today, but are more in the nature of pliable bandages.

The Romans and Greeks were great admirers of female loveliness and the works.

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march. Wegrooe Drift on the Reit was reached at 8.30 a. m., after a march of 9 miles, and the pattalion furnished the outposts for the Nineteenth Brigade (whole battalion).

On the 16th inst., the day's march was begun at 8.30 a. m., and Jacobsdal (five miles) reached at 10 a. m. Leaving Jacobsdal (labert 10 a. m. the battalion again formily delivered when the distribution of fighting an invisible enemy.

miles) reached at 10 a. m. Leaving Jacobsdal at 10 a. m., the battalion again forming the advanced guard, a very tedious night march began, which ended in Klip Drift at 3.30 a. m., of the 17th inst.

A force of the enemy under General from Magerssatein was said to be anteavoring to cross the fiver Midler on the way to Bloemfontin. An action had been fought with him yesterday near Klip strong) under cover, was most deadly and "cases" too small for them.

About this time the quilted corsets or "stays" met with favor and these were made in different qualities, which resulted in a corset epidemic among both the walthy and the poor. Whalebones were about 5.30 p. m., which proved unsuccessful, as the fire from the enemy (fully 1,200 france appropriated a large sum of money in order to secure the necessary bone.

Telegraphic Despatches.

The Northwest boom bill was reco mended with amendments by the corpora-tions committee of the local legislature last night. It was the last bill to come

Mrs. Copping, widow of Isaac Copping, Chatham, died yesterday morning, aged 84. A daughter is Mrs. Kay, Moneton, and two sons are Isaac and Thompson

A galloway boiler in Chatham pulp mill burst Monday night. William Buckley's head and face were badly scalded.

Last evening, at Truro, N. S., Rev. John Lewis Munroe, Presbyterian minister of Antigonish, and Miss Elizabeth Blanche Lewis, daughter of Mrs. John Lewis, of Truro, were married by Rev. J. W. Fal-coner and Rev. Christopher Munro.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, says an Ottawa despatch, stated last night that there was nothing in the story that Hon. Jos. Chamberlain was in communication with him in respect to the South African settle-

The bridge charges investigation was resumed last evening. Chairman Carvell referred to the reports of the proceedings ublished in the Sun and Gleaner.. He haracterized them as glaring falsehoods and showed this by comparison with the official report. T. B. Winslow was recalled and examined by Dr. Stockton. The committee adjourned until this morning. There is no word yet from the witness Johnson, who went to Montreal for pa-

continued, however, until dark when both sides withdrew their forces. Our firing line opened fire at about 600 to 800 yards from the enemy and after the charge we occupied positions varying from 100 to 500 yards from the point of the enemy.

I am not able to give you a more detailed report of the engagement as we have practically been on the verge of action ever since, and moving from one position to another. In connection with the subjection of the enemy a fuller report will follow.

A Moncton despatch says there scarcely stems any justification for such alarming stories from a Tory source as have been circulated about the I. C. R. and its telegraph operators. The men are working under agreement between the railway and men which same was refused again and again under Tory rule. The only point of difference seems to be the question of two weeks' vacation, the management claiming that as overtime is allowed vacation would cease.

At Fredericton yesterday, in the dis-

In the Turnival world of Leyks and, pertholling to the state of the

I am now forwarding a copy of my diary to the 17th inst., all I can at present get time to have copied, and a parade statement. This shows only 708 officers and men effective I regret to say. A sick report I cannot give, it being impossible to locate or report upon them, they being so scattered.

(Signed) W. D. OTTER,

Lt.-Col. Commanding R.C.R.,
2nd Battaiion.

St. John's, Nfid., March 28.-The New-

St. John's, Nfid., March 28.—The Newfoundland legislature will meet tomorrow. The Bond-Morris cabinet will confront the assembly with a speech from the throne which will avoid all reference to the Reid railroad contract, thereby indicating that this matter is to be dropped.

The speech will avow the colony's support of Great Britain in the war in South Africa. It will cite the recent modus vivendi renewal as a proof of this support and will praise the liberality of the citizens of Newfoundland in subscribing to the patriotic fund. It will also foreshadow a public grant from the treasury of \$20,000 to the same fund.

So far as legislation is concerned, the speech from the throne will indicate nothing except appropriation bills and a measure for reducing the duty on fishermen's lines and twines. It will, however, refer to the successful results of the fisheries and other industries, and will announce that the surplus revenue is almost \$250,000, although this, of course, was realized under the predecessors for the present government.

article dealing with the Delagoa Bay arbitration, says: "The Americans and English show impatience to receive the in-demnity. In case England desires money, complicated with a political arriere penze everything indicates that she has not lost hope of persuading Portugal to relinquish Lorenzo Marques, and to sell the remainder of her colonial empire.

steamer St. Croix last week and is at pres-Motor Company. It will beplaced on exhibition in the Queen's rink and in a few weeks will be put on the road.

Ice in the river is expected to break up River fishermen are catching a few gas-

A firm of athletic outfitters in London ment at the seat of war, who have ar ranged with the Boer general to forward them to Pretoria for use of the imprisoned

men of the regiment. Amos J. Cummings of New York, entered a printing office at the age of 12 and in the house for 12 years, and is today one of the very best newspaper writers

Mr. Figg-Mr. Brown tells me you gave

Tommy-Course I did. His paw got him a new bicycle and a dog .- [Indianapolis

It is stated on the authority of thos who have undergone the experience that ly every word uttered by those who are