DUE AT JOHANNESBURG

The Union Jack May Be Raised There Today and "Bobs" Reach Pretoria by Saturday.

Kruger Has Issued a Proclamation Warning Residents of Johannes-- burg to Move Out, or Remain at Their Peril.

French and Hamilton Had a Long Engagement With the Enemy Yesterday-Little or no Preparations Made for the Defense of the Big Transvaal City-Kruger All Ready to Cut and Run.

LORD ROBERTS TO THE WAR

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LONDON, May 27 .- The war office has received the following from Lord

"VEREENIGING, Sunday, May 27, 1.50 p. m.-We crossed the Vaal this morning and are now encamped on the north bank. The advance troops, which crossed yesterday, were only just in time to save the coal mines on both this and the other side of the river from being destroyed. Our casualties were four.

"Baden-Powell reports that the railway between Mafeking and Buluwayo has been restored, and that supplies are being brought into Maleking. He says the Canadian artillery joined Col. Plumer from Beira with incredible rap-

"Lieut. Webber was taken prisoner at Heilbron a few days ago. He went there on telegraph duty. It was not known that our troops had been temperarily withdrawn."

IN SIGHT OF THE TRANSVAAL HILLS.

GROOTVIEL (23 miles south of Vereeniging), Sunday, May 27.—Lord Roberts's northern advance force steadily continues, and teday the Transvaal hills were sighted, tien. French has secured an excellent flanking position on the northwest. There is something irresignible about this advance. The troops have been splen-didly handled, and the Boers, com-pletely cutmanceuvred, have been forced to abandon their positions at the first appearance of the British flanking force, which has made a de-termined resistance of the Vaal impos-

Many Transvaaler burghers are now trekking homeward, and it is safe to say that the most irreconcilable Transvaaler at last recognizes the hope lessness of the struggle. Most of the farms in the northern part of the Free State, where the ties of blood with the Transvaal are strongest, have been deserted. This section has been flooded with false tales of British cruelty, reports of the burning of farm houses and the evictions of women and children, in the hope of inducing the burghers to remain with the commandoes, but the evidence all points now to the existence of a permanent feeling of enmity between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters, each accusing the other of treachery and coward-

It is regarded as unlikely that the Transvaal government will go to Lydenburg, where food is scarce. A body of Hoers, mostly on foot, is trekking hard towards Verechiging from the direction of Heilbron.

The condition of the British troops continues excellent, although the cold nights are very trying. They are able to march three miles an hour. The Boers have destroyed every bridge and culvert. They are said to regard Klip River Berg, north of the Vaal, as position of great strength, and talk of making themselves impregnable there. It is reported that the population of Johannesburg is in a high state of excitement. The Boers who are passing

it would not be surprising if they car-, Major MacKenzie of the headquar-ried out this threat. ters staff tumbled down stairs at The British are more interested, three with a pigeon in his hand. In a ried out this threat however, in grazing and in the water supply than in the mines.

HAMILTON HAS INVADED THE TRANSVAAL

KROONSTAD, Sunday, May 27.— Gen. Hamilton has invaded the Fransvaal, having crossed at Wenderfontein

PEACE OR WAR?

LONDON, May 27.-President Kruger, according to a special despatch from Newcastle, has issued a procla-mation asking the Transvaal burghers to notify him whether they desire to continue the fight or to sue for peace.

IGNOMINIOUS ROUTS. LONDON, May 28.-The Lourenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times, in a despatch dated Saturday, says: "During the week the Boers have successfully deceived even the best informed residents with reference to the probable course of events when Lord Roberts entered the Transvaal. While one section declares that all serious fighting is ended, another is equally convinced that the burghers will make a stand at Johannesburg and Pre-

"Men who have been present at the recent engagements describe them not as strategical retreats, but as ignominious routs, wholly unjustified by the initial damage inflicted by the British. Such observers are convinced that all operations of a military inter-

est are now at an end. tary attache, is returning home. Indeed, so great is the eagerness of continental residents to quit the Transvaal that both the German and French steamers are unable to cope with the demand for berths.

"It is rumored here that the Cape rebel leaders who are now serving with the Boers are anxious to escape to Europe, and that certain members of the Cape parliament are waiting on the borders for a favorable opportunity to start."

BELIEVE THE MINES WILL BE DESTROYED.

TAAIBOSCH, Sunday, May 27.—Gen. French crossed the Vaal at Lindegue's Drift yesterday, and Gen. Henry, with mounted infantry, today. They pushed forward and nearly succeeded in saving the bridge, only the northern span being destroyed.

All the refugees agree that the mines will be destroyed. The Boers are taking a position at Klip River Drift, having left the Vaal. The commandants have assembled to discuss the advisability of continuing the struggle. Meanwhile there is a force of the enemy at Meyerton.

TOOK THE RELIEF QUIETLY. MAFEKING, Friday, May 18.-This is how Mafeking took the relief. Faintly from the northwest about 1.30 p. m. May 16, we heard the sound of artillery. Col. Baden-Powell went up to through northward threaten to blow the lookout. The women and childup the mines, and, in view of their ren were on the housetops and most of wanton destruction of everything else, the men were manning the works.

LONDON, May 28, midnight.-The war office just before midnight pub-lished the following despatch from

today and are now 18 miles from Jo-hannesburg. The enemy had prepared several positions, where they intended to oppose us, but they abandoned one after the other as we neared them.

"We pressed them so hard that they had only just time to get their five guns into train and leave this station as some of the West Australian mounted infantry dashed into it. "French's and Ian Hamilton's forces

are apparently ergaged with the ene my about ten miles to our left, as fir-ing has been heard since noon. "The farmers near our line of advance are surrendering, with their

arms and horses.
"Rundle occupied Senekal on May
24. No report of what took place has 21. No report of what took place has reached me yet."

LONDON, May 28, midnight.—H. J. Whigham has just returned to Lourenzo Marques from Pretoria, where he went disguised. He wires that Kruger has all the arrangements made for flight, presumably to Holland. A special train, provisioned, is always ready with steam up. The train waits some distance from Pretoria.

JOHANNESBURG WILL BE DE-STROYED.

distance from Pretoria.

few seconds the despatch was on the table and the code books were cut. Major Hanbury-Tracy cried cut: "They left Masibili this morning and

The fight must have lasted th

When the relieving column margled in at 4 a. m. there was plenty of

CAPTURED 150 BOERS. MASERU, Basutoland, Saturday, May 26.—Four squadrons of colonials

captured 150 Boers, with ten warms of grain, near Ficksburg, where they also captured a Maxim constructed by

BOERS ACTIVE AT LAINC'S NEK.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday, May 26.— The Boers in this part of the theatre

Nek to New Republic, where they are

Gen. Hilyard's division, which is en-

trusted primarily with attacking the

Boer right at Elandslaagte, arrived to-

day. The work of searching the dis-

trict is progressing and many rebels

OFFERED TO SURRENDER

LONDON, May 28, 4.55 a, m.-The

Times has the following from a cor-

respondent at the front, via Kroon

"When Broadwood occupied the hills

overlooking Lindley, the chief store-

keeper came and stated that President

left with £100,000 in specie. He offer-

ed to mediate between Piet De Wet

and Broadwood. The former offered

to surrender with his commando, pro-

viding all were allowed to return to

through, Lord Roberts refusing to treat

PEACE DELEGATES PROGRAMME

WASHINGTON, May 27.-The Boer

envoys expect to leave here Tuesday

for Boston, to attend a reception there

on Thursday. From Boston they pro-

ceed west to Chicago, where they are

to be on the fifth and sixth of June,

storping en route at Cleveland or

Buffalo. They will be in St. Paul on

June 7th and in Philadelphia on the

15th. Other intermediate cities may be

included in their stopping places, but

as to these no definite onclusion has

been reached. The delegates may or

may not return to Washington after

their visit to Philadelphia, but will

depend entirely upon circumstances

which may develop hereafter. Certain

contingencies, they explain, may make

case, it is believed, they will go to Europe. The envoys have received in-

vitations from over a hundred and fifty cities and municipalities, and re-

they cannot accept more than already

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on any terms."

LONDON, May 29, 5 a. m .- The The fight must have lasted three hours when, through our glasses the Boers could be seen stretching out in retreat. At sunset the garrison seized the Standard and Diggers fort and shelled the Boers as they passed. Darkness was drawing on when Major Karri Davis, with eight horsemen, entered Market square. The town tok the relief quietly. A trooper stopped Morning Post has the following despatch from Lourenzo Marques, dated Monday: "President Kruger has issued a pro-

clamation waining all people to leave Johannesburg or to remain there at the peril of their lives, as it might become necessary to destroy the town and the mines."

to the relief column."

"Oh, indeed," said the citizen. "We heard you were outside." and the sitizen proceeded on his errand. "Will. I'm dammed," said the trooper. "but he takes it pretty coolly."

The party dismounted at the staff office, where a crowd gathered approceded for the first time in seven months. Then the troops in the months are mines."

LONDON, May 28.—According to a despatch from Lourenzo Marques, Herr Underlay, proprietor of a German newspaper at Johannesburg, interviewed President Kruger a few days ago regarding the mines. President Kruger told him that Johannesburg was at the end of the mines that would be blown up.

LONDON, May 29, 3 a. m.-Lord Roberts is now within a day's march of Johannesburg and Gen. French and Gen. Ian Hamilton fought the Boers from noon until evening on Monday, with what result is not known here. Both President Steyn and President Kruger complain bitterly of Lori Roberts's unfair tactics in refusing to meet the Boers in positions chosen by them and in eternally turning them

by flank movements.

Around Johannesburg a few trenches have been dug, but no other steps have been taken for defence, The railway line is blocked with re-Taid under the rails of various lines. A ure of some tons weight of the

engine will cause this to explode with most terrible effect. There has been a decided change in public opinion, which has become quite English. The burghers on commando sings God Save the Queen, and they cannot be stopped. All are sick of warfare. In the towns the rabid anti-English is less rampant. People are thinking of their property. The party eager for surrender is now very influential and includes the principal leaders at the front. The intelligent public feel that the game is up. False news no longer has any effect and the lying reports of the newspapers are Steyn and all the leading officials had universally disbelieved. Although the

heavy on news of all kinds recently. everyone believes the worst. "The government has arranged to continue the agitation against the their farms. The negotiations fell British occupation of the two republics on the continent of Europe, in Great Britain and in the United States. Great efforts are to be made in this direction and no expense will be spared. I have excellent reasons for elieving that the Bewaarplaatsen rights have been sold to a French syndicate without the sanction of the Volksraad. The government hopes by this means to bring about French intervention for the protection of French rights in the Witwatersrand, and thus

hand of the censor has been very

to cause England grave difficulties. "The conduct of U. S. Consul Hay is admirably discreet, and meets with universal praise alike from Boer and British sympathizers." Another despatch from Lourenze

Marques says: "Gen. Louis Botha is at Pretoria urging President Kruger to arrange pcace terms. Runaway burghers from Laing's Nek passed through Heidel berg last week. Wounded officer with their families are leaving Johan iesburg and Pretoria for Lydenburg President Steyn occupies the house of

gret that their time is so limited that the British resident at Pretoria. "Passergers arriving at Lourer planned. A friend of Dr. Fischer's in Marquez Monday from Pretoria said it the Orange Free State has sent him a was believed there that the British copy of a military order which has would not be at the capital for a month. Nevertheless there was much unrest and anxiety."

The morning papers generally regard the British commanders that wood the Boer organized resistance as near may be cut from farms, which will an end. Predictions are made that the destroy their beauty and value. Dr. British flag will fly at Johannesburg Fischer says this order has been is- today and at Pretoria Saturday. One sued despite the fact that there is view is that Lord Roberts may pass ample other material in the neighbor- by Johannesburg and move straight hood to draw from. His woodland re- on Pretoria.

IN KRUGER'S PRIVATE CAR. Dr. Fischer tonight exhibited to several interested spectators specimens of dum-dum and explosive bullets, which he says had been taken from the English after the battle of Spion Kop. He took occasion in this connection to private car to convey him to Pretoria.

STEYN FOR PEACE. LONDON, May 29.—The Lourenzo Mar-uez correspondent of the Times, telegraph

LONDON, May 29.—The Lourenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Monday, says:

"Commandant Gen. Botha consulted the Transvaal government a few days ago, and in the strongest terms treed capitulation, recognizing that the struggle is utterive hopeless. Neither persuasion nor the liberal use of the siambok can induce the men to stand.

"Steyn is equally emphatic for peace; but showing that there were of London manufacture; he declared that even had the Boers desired to utilize them they were not suitable to their guns. The charge that the Boers were guilty of using them, he said, was absolutely

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FREDERICTON.

Encoenial Exercises.

FREDERICTON, N. Bi, May 25.—John Kilburn, lumberman, of this city, left Depot camp on the Upper St. John today for he with the last of his cut of eleven millions. He has been abliged, however, to leave about three millions on the upper lakes, owing to the late breaking up of the ice. Reports from the Miramichi are very encouraging. All of the drives are coming along splendidly.

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The death occurred at Keswick yestarday of Eleazor S. Merrithew, aged 50 years. Two strs and three daughters survive.
Chas. J. Callaghan of St. George, has been elected this year's valedictorian of the Normal school.

The following named gentlemen will received the hanorary degree of L. L. D. at the U. N. B. centennial celebration, in addition to those previously mentioned: Rev. Abbe Latamma, Lavai University, Quebec, Rev. Prof. R. A. Falconer. Pine Hill College, Halifax; the Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Bean of Fredericton, King's College, Windston, N. S.; the Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia; Prof. Fowler, Queen's College, Kingston, Ont. Prof. Fowler was at one time attached to the staff of the Provincial Normal School, Rev. Dr. Hackett, principal Montreal Diocesan College.

FREDERICTON, May 28.—A university service was held at the cathedral yesterday afternoon at 4 p. m. The special preacher was Rev. Dr. Hackett, principal of Montreal diocesan college. The service was taken by the dean, Canon Roberts reading the first lesson. Prov. S. and the bishop the second, 1 Cor. 2. Proper Psalms were 18, 139. The anthem was Walmsley's choral bymn. "From All That Dwelt Below the Skies." Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Barnady. Dr. Hackett preached an eloquent and able seimon from St. John 8, 67-68. It was an effective review of the causes of modern septicism and a strong plea for the religious element in true education as the remedy. The service was arranged for by the college Y. M. Q. A., several of the students and some graduates assisting in the choir. Gounod's King of Love was beautifully sung as an offertory by Mrs. John Black. The bishop pronounced the henediction.

A meeting of the senate of the university was held at the education office this morning, those in attendance being Dr. Inch, Dr. Harrison, J. D. Hazen, Dr. Murray Maclaren, Dr. Travers, Dr. H. S. Bridges and Dr. Davidson Prof. Scott was appointed dean of the resid

Germany.
Visitors from all over the country have continued to pour into the city all day, and there was a large attendance at the encoenial exercises of the college tonight.
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The exercises were of a very interesting nature.

G. C. Crawford was the valedictorian, and his address was listened to with profound attention. It was an able effort.

The alumni oration was delivered by Hon, Geo. E. Foster, and that gentleman was at his best. He held the close attention of his hearers throughout, and although he has delivered several alumni orations, many were of the opinion that his effort tonight was his best.

W. P. Dole, B. A., delivered the address in praise of the founders.

A. W. Macrae of St. John and Chas. Appleby of Woodstock received the degree of B. C. L. Rev. T. W. Street, Martha F. McIntosh, Arthur Shea and Rev. W. C. Keirstead received the degree of M. A.

The prize winners are as follows: The Montgomery Campbell prize in classics, W. H. Clawson; the Bydone Jack scholarship. J. W. Clawson. The Ketchum silver medal is awarded to Lyon McKenzie for proficiency in civil engineering. The governor general's gold medal for proficiency in classics is awarded to W. H. Harrison.

BIRTHDAY BANQUETS.

LONDON, May 23.—The usual Queen's birthday ministerial banquets took place this evening. The Marquis of Salisbury entertained at the Hotel Cecil. His guests included King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, the Prince of Wales, the United States ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, and other dipolomats.

The guests of the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, at the colonial office, included the Canadia high commissioner, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and the Australian federation delegates.

The party entertained by the first lord of the treasury and government leader in the house of commons, A. J. Balfour, at Downing street, was mainly composed of ministers and members of the house of commons. The first lord of the admiralty, George J. Goschen, entertained the Duke of York, many admirals, Commander Richardson Clover, the U. S. naval attache here, and other naval attaches. One thousand three fundered guests, including most of those who attended the official banquets, were present this evening at the Duchess of Devonshire's reception. The guests of the secretary of state for the

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.—For the first time on record the Czar invited the members of the British embassy to dinner on the cccasion of the Queen's birthday last week. This innovation is regarded as one of great political significance.

NEW INVENTIONS.

Below will be found a list of patents granted to inventors by the Canadian government through the agency of Marion & Marion, patent attorneys. New York Life building, Montreal, who will send the "Inventor's Help" to any address upon receipt of 10 cents.

67,153-Joseph Francois Guay, Plessisville, P. Q., acetylene gas generator. 67,187-Joseph O. Hebert, Montreal, 67,233-Samuel W. Butterfield, Three Rivers, P. Q., saw mill set work.

67,239-Samuel W. Butterfield, Three Rivers, P. Q., slab barking machine. 67,267-Samuel W. Butterfield, Three Rivers, P. Q., re-sawing machine. 67,245-Arthur Demers, Coleraine, P. Q., saw frame.

67,765-Joseph Moreau, Quebec, P. Q., barking machine. 67,296-John F. O'Neill, Westboro, Ont., clothes tongs. 67,320-Elijah Langille, Bridgeville,

OTTAWA.

Sir Charles Tupper Will Not Be Blackmailed.

The Conservative Chieftains Sturdy Answer to Robert Buckingham's Demand for Money.

You May Take Your Story to Sir Wilfrid Laurier or His Lieutenants, and Make All You Can Out of It.

OTTAWA, May 25.-Under the headng "Putting the Pistol to Sir Charles Tupper's Head," the Toronto World

today publishes the following: "There is something that all conservatives should know at the present moment, and that is that Robert ganizer, wrote a letter this week to Sir Charles Tupper to the effect that if certain claims of his were not conceded he (Mr. Birmingham) would move to have the conduct of the conservatives in the elections of 1832 and 1887 investigated at the same time that 'the machine' of the liberals is inquired into by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposed commission. Sir Charles was very indignant." The Cttawa Free Press tonight re-

crints the above paragraph with this statement: "In an interview with a Free Press representative this morning Mr. Birmingham said it was true that he had submitted to Sir Charles Tupper a copy of certain correspondence.

If Sir Charles replied favorably that correspondence would not be published. If not the correspondence would either be I laced before a commission or published. Mr. Birmingham would not state the nature of the correspondence nor his dwn the matter tunight, and to newspaper

Cowan spoke in the house and charged Mr. Birmingham with having given certain instructions to Mr. Freeborn, he (Sir Charles) sent the following: telegram to Mr. Birmingham: "Did you give any memorandum or-

circular of instructions to one Freeborn for use in Manitoon as to destruction of ballots or any other practices of any kind in polling booths for election in any way? (Signed) Charles Tupper."

Late the next afternoon, May 19th, Sir Charles received the following telegrain from Mr. Birmingham: "Justi returned from Cardwell convention. See my letter in Toronto Mail, off March 5th? (6th) this year."

The same day Mr. Birmirgham wrote-Sir Charles to the following effect, the letter being received on Monday, the 21st:

"I got your telegram this afternoon on my return from the Cardwell nomination meeting and wired you that my reply to the statements made in the Ontario house, and evidently repeated in your house, would be found in the Toronto Mail of March 5th, 1900, so that you may be able to make an explicit denial for Monday in railfament. And now that the people of Canada are realizing to what an extent the rascality and corruption of the liberal party has been carried on, all right thinking liberals are hanging their heads in sliame and disgust at the performances of their trusted agents

and organizers." "Mr. Birmingham mentions." Sir Charles, "some things in his letter, in connection with his salary and expenses which he claims, but I heard nothing more of the matter until I received the following telegram on the 22nd, and," adding laughingly, "I supposed it came as part of the congratulations which were pouring in on me that day."

May 22nd and reads: "Unless payment of my account, submitted to you yesterday, and the terms of future engagements as handed to Dr. Montague last night, are accepted by you, I shall wire the

Mr. Birmingham's telegram is dated

tions to include from 1882 to 1889." "I was in a great hurry," continued Sir Charles, "to get away to keep my engagements in Toronto and Parkhill but on my return I immediately sent the following reply to Mr. Birming-

"OTTAWA, May 25th.-Your mes sage of May 22nd received. You will never receive another dollar from any fund which I can control. (Sgd.) "CHARLES TUPPER."

'Mr. Birmingham," proceeded the Opposition leader, "sent his message and he has got his answer. As for any correspondence that he can disclose I know nothing of it more than the man in the moon. He is now quite at liberty to go to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or to any one else, and disclose what-ever information he has got, or what has transpired between himself and myself in relation to election frauds.

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