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WAR NEWS.

London, March 17, 4,20 a. m.-With the railway communication to the Cape inlact, Lord Roberts will, in a very few
days, be in a position to begin the advance
on Pretoria. His deep political intuition
combined with his bold strategy is having
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Mr. Steyn would have been compelled b surrender; but he pretended that he to surrender; but he pretended that he was going to visit one of the outposts and at midnight took a carriage which was waiting for him outside the town and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

Gen. Hector MacDonald's wound has

Lord Roberts comments upon the earlier operations of the war in London Gazette and his absolute silence respecting Lord Methuen's despatch are regarded as very

chaps more significant than words, esord Methuen no longer takes any

rominent part in the campaign. London, March 16.—The London Gazette ning publishes General Lord Mehis evening publishes General Lord Methods at Magersontein Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, dated from
he Modder River Feb. 15. After exdaining the difficulties of any attempt to
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low dealt at the Boer centre at Magersold West Methods and Methods and Methods at the Boer centre at Magerswaiting to know the terms of my procefore the day the last reinforcements and the decided to attack Magersfontein them."

The general then proceeds to describe the artillery bombardment of the position and how the Highland brigade was led to the point of assault after the ate Major General Andrew G. Wauchope had previously explained all he intended in the process of the point of assault after the ate Major General Andrew G. Wauchope had previously explained all he intended in the process of and the particular part each bat-

on was expected to play. Lord Meen then remarks:

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watched by the German consulate, has been immediately fulfilled."

London, March 16.—A private telegram received at Liverpool reads as follows:—

"By despatch rider to Kimberley-Mafe king, March 10: "Going strong."

Vanzyl, Thursday, March 15.—The bridge over the Orange River here has been to the bedate evident, shortly after midnight, the entire water leading the column.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:—
"The Boer prisoners, I learn, will be detained indefinitely on board the transports; and the Free Staters will perhaps

Mateking is now the only point for anxiety, and, as it is known that a force has left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass. The efficiency of the relieving column is heightened by the fact that it is partly composed of regulars.

he said:—

"Gen. Buller's extraordinary orders to Lord Methuen were to relieve Kimberley, to take all the people away and to fall back to Orange River. You people in England have such wonderful ideas about Buller's generalship: but such

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definitely located.

Further news reached the outside world from Mafeking, dated Friday 9, showing that though the garrison was in hard straits they were buoyed up by the knowledge that their plucky fight was appreciated at home.

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"Bloemfontein, Friday, March 16.—Gen. Clements crossed the Orange River yes-

"Repairs to the railway bridge at Nor-"Repairs to the railway bridge at Norval's Pont have commenced and it will shortly be ready for traffic.

"Gen. Pole-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein now is practically in rail communication with Cape Town.

"My preclamation is already having an

"My proclamation is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred Burghers have expressed the intention to surrender their arms and return to their oc-

lamation to surrender. They had refused to attend a council at Kroonstadt, to

It is believed that the Boers retired in

the direction of Dewetsdorp. The telethe flashes from a lantern gave the enemy timely notice of the march."

The report then proceeds to show Gen. Wauchope deployed his men too late and, undeanly the Boers poured in a heavy ire. Col. Hughes-Hallett immediately orlered the Seaforths to charge and the ther commanders followed suit. At this

"The state is de of the Orange River, with the Boers holding an advantageous hill in the afternoom the Scaforths was a sposed to a heavy cross-fire, the order to relieve was given and the greater part of the consultities then occurred. This was an infortunate retirement for Hailett. He received instructions to remain in his position until dusk and the enemy were then quitting the trenches in tensan twentes."

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Pretoria, Wednesday, March 14, via the head of his brigade, where this migh military reputation and attainments disarm all criticism. Every soldier in his division deplores his loss. He was a fine soldier and true comracte. "The attack failed. The Highlanders were ready enough to rally but the paucity of officers and non-commissioned officers made it difficult. I attach no blame to this splendid brigade."

The report then proceeds to pay a high tribute to the conduct of all the troops under conditions as hard as can be imagined and mentions specially a number of officers and ren for distinguished acts of courage already recorded in the newspaper despatches.

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There are Many "Good-luck Box" Frauds--Boer Sympathizers are Talking Peace--An Organization of British Army Veterans in the Hub--Move to Reduce Taxes -- The Theatres.

a society for the prevention of crime and and good economist, is anxious to cut the fraud similar to the one in New York, tax rate down to \$9.00 on the thousand, to take all the people away and to fall back to Orange River. You people in England have such wonderful ideas about Buller's generalship; but such a retreat would have been monstrous."

Mr. Rhodes declared that there had only been 30,000 Boers in the field altogether and the party in opposition say this can hurst, who is making things lively just not be done if the city is to pay expenses. The real estate dealers are very much disclosure just made of fraudulent transaction on the part of one Henry Parker in the field altogether action on the part of one Henry Parker in the field altogether action on the part of one Henry Parker in the field altogether action on the part of one Henry Parker in the field altogether action on the part of one Henry Parker in the Linited States mail for the lift London has its Whitechapel, de-

quiry office. Others which have addresses on the envelopes will be sent to the writers. It is said he must have got away with \$75,000. The whole business is a sad commentary on poor weak human credulity and goes to prove how easy it is to fool some people out of their hardearned money. All the large cities of this country are full of sharpers of the class country

The new Boston Music Hall, a building strictly for concerts and oratorias, is show like Parker, many of whom are doing business that is scarcely inside the bounds of the law and who are too shrewd to be caught.

Since the tide of war has turned to British success we hear less of the loud mouthed pro-Boer sympathiser. At the bulletin board of the paper he was especially noticeable, but now he is dumb as an oyster. The enemies of England now are all talking peace and intervention and the president is condemned because he will not move in the matter. The Boston Evening Record, whose editor is a sort of disgruntled politician, and especially down on the McKinley administration, was very spiteful in his denunciation of Britain at the commencement of the war and had in every issue of his paper a scurrillous paragraph on her waning prestige, and nothing but words of praise for the farmers of the Transvaal. Now, after British success, his tune has changed to a British success, his tune has changed to a intervention in fact anything to save the

one under Cambridge street and another from a section of Washington street to Haymarket square. There is some wrangling, however, over the conditions on the part of the "L" road and the city.

INVESTIGATING THE BRIDGE CHARGES.

ire. Col. Hughes-Hallett immediately ordered the Seaforths to charge and the other commanders followed suit. At this moment some one gave the word to retire and part of the Black Watch rushed back through the ranks of the Seaforths. Col. Hughes-Hallett ordered the latter to lie down and not retire and, after a while, the colonel again tried to reach the irenches four hundred yards off, but the officers and half the men fell before the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after for some moved. Ten minutes later the heavy fire which opened immediately after the some for the minute later the resolution of the Boers during the last days of the occupation, saying he could not be allowed to bring papers telling bout the price of steel roofs and would for the form

Boston, March 14.-Boston should have Mayor Hart, a thorough business man

Arthur Beebe, a young Boston physician shot himself in his house on Common-wealth avenue last Sunday morning. He is act is at present unknown and the family are trying to keep the affair as secret as

3,586 pounds. Mr. Wetmore stated he believed this bridge was built by the Record Foundry Company, but he was not sure.

The Grand Mannn bridge in Charlotte was hext taken up. This bridge is of a slightly different character. The two trusses are of different character. The two trusses are of different character. Mr. Wetmore's estimate on this bridge was 9,489 pounds and the actual weight 9,618 pounds at 6 cents.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson stated that it was customary for the department to pay Mr. Haines.

Plans of the Saunder's Brook bridge were next called for. This was a simple bridge of four rolled beams 23 feet 4 inches in length, the total weight of which was 3,556 pounds. The plans of Saunder's bridge were followed by those of Dingee bridge in Queens county. This was 63 feet long and a similar structure to the Mill Cove bridge, of which evidence was given yesterday. The weight of this as per Mr. Wetmore's estimate was 13,080. The actual weight according to Mr. Haihes' returns was 12,586 pounds, showing a weight below that estimated and consequently a sawing of 494 pounds. This bridge was built by the Record Foundry Uompany under the supervision of Mr. Haihes, and the material for this, as in Lefebvre and other bridges, such as plates, channels and eye beams were of American manufacture. The angle irons were rolled in Nova Scotia. He believed the material obtained in Europe was of about the same quality.

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Plans and specifications for Blackville bridge in Northumberland county, which were next produced, showed length of centre span to be 200 feet, with two spans of 80 feet each, weight of centre span being 118,972 pounds, and end of span being 59,228 pounds. What Mr. Wetmore had said regarding the erection and inspection of other bridges he stated also applied to this one.

The last bridge taken up at the morning session was Trueman's Pond bridge, This was the bridge which was built with the material saved by the department from the Mill Cove bridge, as shown at yesterday's session of the committee. It was a steel trestle bridge of one span, 117 feet 6 inches in length. It was built by J. M. Ruddock, of Chatham, N. B.

Dr. Stockton asked that Mr. Wetmore produce any correspondence he had with A. F.

permission from the house to hold sessions during the hours the house was in session.

The investigation adjourned until this evening, at 8 o'clock.

When the committee resumed the examination of Mr. Wetmore was continued. A

Mr. Purdy stated that he had since the adjournment been endeavoring to get additional information regarding the bridges under consideration, as this would facilitate the work of the committee. Mr. Wetmore produced estimates of True-man's Pond, Petiteodiac and Port Elgin bridges, and also gave additional informa-tion regarding the Mill Cove bridge, on which evidence had been given yesterday. No new points were brought out.

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Mr. Wetmore continuing his evidence, stated he had often been consulted by the department regarding the price of bridges. He had also submitted estimates of the probable costs to the government, but could not swear whether it was a guide to the government or not. In cases where he made such estimates he would base the value on what he thought it would be done for, as he felt he, as an engineer, was competent to do. There was a good deal of similarity in bridges in this and other provinces so far as he knew. The weight allowed in bridges varied according to their length. He did not remember whether tenders were issued for the Grand Manan, Dingee and Letebvre bridges.

Dr. Stockton has about finished with Mr.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

Fredericton, March 16.-Hon. Mr. Emmerson introduced a bill further amending the law relating to election to the

general assembly. Hon. Mr. Dunn committed a bill authorzing the school trustees of district No.
2, Lancaster, St. John county, to issue
debentures; Mr. O'Brien (Northumberland) chairman. Progress was reported

with leave to sit again.

Mr. Gagnon recommitted a bill dividing the parish of St. Francis, Madawaska ounty, into two separate parishes; Mr. Burchill, chairman. Agreed to with amendments and an amended title.

Hon. Mr. McKeown committed a bill to confirm an agreement made between the city of St. John and the Imperial

Dry Dock Company of St. John; Mr. Lawson chairman. During consideration of the bill Mr. McKeown read the correspondence which Mayor Sears had sent to Premier Emmeson with respect to this bill, which has aleady been published.

The bill was agreed to with amend-

Hon. Mr. McKeown committed a bill relating to the building of an abattoir in the city or city and county of St. John; Mr. Lawson chairman.

Hon. Mr. McKeown explained that the compulsory feature of the bill, which was objectionable to many, had been with-

Mr. Shaw thought the bill should not give the common council control of the abattoir in case it was erected outside the city of St. John. If the city had the right to have these establishments built in the county of St. John the properties of gentlemen living in the county might be injured thereby without their having the right to say a word against it. He thought if the abattoir be built in the county the control should be in the municipal countrol should be in the municipal countrol. cil. This view was agreed in by Hon. Messrs Emmerson and Dunn. Mr. Purdy thought there would be no danger of the property of any one in the county being injured. He understood a site near Courtenay Bay (in the city) had been de-

(who is attending the meeting of the investigating committee) recommitted a bill relating to the town of Newcastle; Mr. Robinson chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Johnston gave notice of inquiry:
"Has the government considered the advisability of appointing an inspector of schools knowing the English and French languages and is it the intention of the government to appoint an inspector of schools, knowing such languages, for the districts where the population is wholly, or the majority French?"

After recess Mr. Burchill committed a bill relating to the J. B. Snowball company limited; Mr. Laforest chairman.

Hon. Mf. White was opposed to the

Hon. Mr. White was opposed to the principle of the bill because if all that is alleged is true the only amendment neceshouse ought to go if it is only intended and only desired to make valid what was done under the letters patent.

The bill was further discussed by Messrs Emmerson, Tweedie, Carvell, and Pugley and progress was reported with leave to sit again.

PRINCESS OPEN A SALE

London, March 16 .- The Prince and Princess of Wales opened the sale organ-ized by the Irish Industries Association at the Mansion House this afternoon. Enormous crowds lined the streets and nesses received an ovation. Lord Mayor Newton and the sheriffs received the royal pen, expressed the deep interest which he and the Princess took in the welfare

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