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LONDON, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1900.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

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SATURDAY,

March 24, 1900,

J. W. JONES, ESQ.,

Plumer Must Be at Mafeking

On March 6 He Was Only 32 Miles Away.

Indications That Little of the Railway Had Been Destroyed Between His Position and the Beleaguered Town-News From Lady Wilson.

Nothing New From Lord Roberts-Lord Methuen's Move ments-Gen. White Gone to East London-The Can adians Have Joined Roberts' Main Army Near Bloem-

fontein-Another Canadian Dead.

mer's force reached here this morning. It is believed that only a single bridge southward has been destroyed," and otherwise the railroad is intact within five miles of Mafeking.

Cape Town, March 14.-Col. Plumer occupied Lobatsi without oposition on March 5. The Boers had retired the previous day. The railroad is damaged, but can be repaired easily.

PUSHING ON.

Col. Plumer has already dispersed several Boer police outposts in the neighborhood and is actively pushing his advance southward.

London, March 13 .- A number of cablegrams have been received from Mafeking today, including one to a Birmingham firm, asking it to ship goods immediately, thus indicating belief of the speedy relief of the place.

FROM LADY WILSON. Lady Georgina Curzon also received the following dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson at Mafeking: "Delighted to receive your cable of Feb. 20; all well, March 1. The latter message was dispatched from Mafeking, March 4, by way of Col. Plumer's camp. The indications are that Col. Plumer was at Lobatsi, March 9, and as it is only 57 miles thence to Mafeking, definite news should be speedily forthcoming.

It is believed that relief is near Mafeking. Col. Peakman was sent by Lord Roberts from Kimberley with a strong mounted force to succor Baden-Powell, as soon as French entered Kimberiey. This fact was not permitted by the censor to get out until two days since, when he allowed it to be cable, on the assurance that the column is so near Mafeking knowledge of its advance need no longer be held back. Midnight - In the lobbies of

House of Commons rumors that Mafe-king had been relieved were in circulation this evening, but they still lack confirmation. FURIOUS BOMBARDMENT. London, March 14.-Lady Sarah Wilson wires the Daily Mail from Mafe-king, under date of March 6 (by native runner to Lobatsi, March 9), as follows: "On Saturday, March 3, the Boers fur-

lously bombarded the brick fields and trenches about a mile from the town, for three hours, killing one and wounding two colonials. On Monday, March 5, they made a determined attack. Owing to a misunderstanding, the colonials evacuated the foremost trench. This the Boers occupied, but reserves were called up and the trench was recaptured with a rush. WE HAD NO CASUALTIES.

The Boers continue very active, and it taxes Col. Baden-Powell and the garrison very heavily to prevent them from encroaching on our lines. Since Commandant Snyman returned from the north the siege has been prosecuted with renewed vigor. Distant explosions were heard during the last two days of February. The Boers have been blowing up sections of the Northern Railway, showing that they fear the approach of Col. Plumer's column. The new 5-inch gun made here has proved very satisfactory and accurate. "Col. Baden-Powell warned Com-mandant Snyman that unless he disbanded and disarmed the native levees filling the Boer forward trenches March 3, he (Baden-Powell) would no longer be responsible for restraining Chief Linchwe in the Sequani district

A SSIGNEE'S SALE_THERE WILL BE A sold by public auction, at rooms of J. W. Jones, London, on Tuesday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m., the stock and blant of Irwin & Calcott, London, consisting of:

Parcel 1. Two lathes and one milling machine, valued at \$1,105, upon which is a lein for \$451 90.

Parcel 2. Lathes, machinery, tools, belting and pulleys, patterns, foundry outfit, sundry stocks, castings and office furniture, values at \$3,309. Terms—One-third cash, balance in 2 and 4 months. Inventory can be seen upon applica-tion. Purdom & Purdom, assignee's solicitors. Aif. Robinson, assignee. 30 zxv

Assignee's Sale.

THERE WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC auction, at rooms of J. W. Jones, London, on Friday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m., the stock in trade of W. Mann & Co., London, consisting of Bicycle sundries.....

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Lobatsi, Tuesday, March 6.-Col. Plu- | Commandant Snyman declines to dis-

BRABANT'S FORCE. Aliwal North, Cape Colony, by courier to Burghersdorp, via Stormberg Junction, Tuesday, March 13.—Gen. Brabant's forces arrived here Sunday. The Boers had retired the previous night, taking up a position four miles beyond the Orange River, where Gen. Brabant attacked and drove them back, securing the position after a sharp engagement.

Hereschel, Cape Colony, March 13.— The Cape Mounted Police have reoccupied Barkley East. Durban, Monday, March 12.—General Sir George Stewart White has arrived here, and embarked upon a transport

The Canadians.

for East London.

JOIN THE MAIN ARMY. Venter's Vlei, twelve miles from Bloemfontein, South Africa, March 13. -The ninth division of Lord Roberts' army, of which the Canadian regiment forms a part of the nineteenth bri-gade, arrived at Venter's Vlei yester-Venter's Vlei is about twelve miles distant from Bloemfontein. All the divisions of the main army have now joined the general advance. Lord Roberts established his headquarters last evening at Gregorowski's farm. Gregorowski is the judge before whom 'reform prisoners" were tried. The Canadians, being attached to the headquarters staff, are also quartered at the Gregorowski farm. Asvogel yesterday morning, and preceded by the cavalry marched to this point, fifteen miles distant, where we arrived at an early hour last evening. The army followed the Kaal Spruit on the march, bringing us to a point a trifle to the south of Bloemfontein. By this maneuver we obviated the necessity of an attack on the Boers entrenched at the Modder at the points where they evidently expected British advance would pass. Nearly all the Boer farms that we passed along the route were deserted, and were flying the white flag from the buildings. Everything of value had been hurriedly removed by the owners. No serious opposition is expected to the British occupation of Bloemfontein. The Canadian troops are well and cheerful. There have been no further casualties. and the health of the regiment has

distinctly improved during the past week or so. ANOTHER DEATH.

London, March 13 .- Private A. Thierault, of the 9th Voltigeur de Quebec, has died from the wounds received in the fighting between Kimberley and Paardeberg. SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

A Cape Town dispatch, dated March 14, says the Canadians from Victoria West proceeded to the Prieska district. A Kimberley farmer, who has just returned from a trip to Barkly West, reports that the country is almost deserted. He covered a distance of 75

miles. Boers are said to be massing a

strong force on the Vaal River in the neighborhood of Klip Dam. London, March 13 .- In the House of Commons yesterday, Joseph Powel Williams, financial secretary to the war office, stated that the British colonies had furnished 29,000 soldiers during the present war in South

LORD ROBERTS. London, Wednesday, March 14-4.30 a.m.—Nothing can be said of the advance on Bloemfontein beyond Lord Roberts' own dispatches. Nothing more has been permitted to come through. Doubtless Lord Roberts himself is fully occupied with important military opera-

Mr. Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: Lord Roberts is probably waiting in front of Bloemfontein for the infantry divisions. None of them could well be expected to arrive before today (Wednesday). Three divisions would probably be so directed that while the leading one would follow the cavalry and turn the Boer defenses, the other two would come up echelon to the original Boer front, so that in case resistance the Boers could be enveloped and compelled to retreat under difficulties and with heavy loss. Lord Roberts is not the man to forget, in his determination to reach a strategical point, any measures likely to contribute towards crushing a part enemy's forces. There are abundant signs of the demoralization of the Boers. The first is the bad strategy of their resistance to Lord Roberts. Then comes the message of the presidents to Lord Salisbury. Kruger and Steyn, it can be seen, have not yet quite realized their position, but Lord Salisbury's reply, being precisely what the British nation expected him to send, may open their eyes.

BOERS ARE CRUEL. Winston Churchill also wires prothen become precarious. I have visited the dam which the Boers began on Klip River, below Ladysmith. If it had been

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BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD.

Cape Town, March 13 .- Addressing a public meeting here today, Sir Alfred Milner, after referring to the "dark days which we now hope are drawing to a close," eulogized the "marvelous courage, patience and confidence shown by the Cape loyalists during a season of great trial and their seif-sacrifice, generosity and co-operation." The war shadowed "better days that are surely coming when the temporary bitterness of the struggle around us has subsided." The National Anthem was sung, and Sir Alfred Milner was

enthusiastically cheered. IN ZULULAND. Lobombo, Monday, March 5, via Lorenzo Marquez, March 12.—Trouble is expected between Chief Ogelequana and Chief Umbogaz in British Zululand. The Boers are anxious that the chiefs should quarrel, and they are prepared to support the former, as is also the Swazi queen. The Zulu king, however, upholds Umbogaz.

The women at Piet Rief laager are

lamenting over the heavy Boer loss around Ladysmith.

BOER REPORTS. Pretoria, Saturday, March 10, via Lorenzo Marquez, March 12.-Gen. Joubert has arrived here to consult with the government. Rumors of peace over tures are in the air. All attention is directed toward the

British advance upon Bloemfontein, but the federals are still confident of being able to check it. According to a dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Tuesday, Mr. Fischer, the Orange Free State secretary; Mr. Wessels, chairman of the Orange Free State Raad, and Mr. Wolmerans, executive counsel, were to leave for Eu-

rope that day by a German steamer. The Situation.

OCCUPATION OF BLOEMFONTEIN

PROBABLE TODAY. London, March 14. - A few hours should bring important dispatches from Lord Roberts. No word has come from Bloemfontein today, although sharp fighting is believed to have occurred since the commander-in-chief was last heard of. London confidently expects that the occupation of the Orange Free State capital will occur today. In the meanwhile attention turns to Mafeking. The news of Col. Plumer's approach has given substance to the rumors of its relief, but those best informed are inclined to think the relief is more likely to be accomplished Col. Peakman's column from Kimberley. Private advices have set forth that Col. Plumer had almost given up hope of accomplishing anything more than harassing the Boers, though since these were written it is possible that the diminished numbers of the invest-

ing forces may have rendered Plumer's task more feasible.

IN NATAL. Judging from the lack of news ev-erything is quiet in Natal, while from Herschel comes the statement that the total collapse of the insurgent colonists is imminent.

Natal dispatches recount that the greatest satisfaction is felt there at Lord Salisbury's reply to the Boer presidents' peace overtures. A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, published in the second edition of the Times, says: "The reply, especially that paragraph relating to indepen-

dence, has been received in Natal with a feeling of great relief and is dis-

pelling all doubts." NOTES. Gen. Cronje, according to the Cape Town special, sails for St. Helena March 15, accompanied by all the Paardeberg prisoners. Cecil Rhodes is suffering from

catarrh of the stomach, and is unable

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