## CANADIANS MAY HELP.

Part of Our Artillery Was at Bulawayo Two Weeks Ago and Has Probably Joined the Relief Column.

General Buller is Pushing Straight Ahead Apparently for Laing's letter from Col. Otter, thanking the society on behalf of the Royal Canadian Regiment for the many useful articles and comforts shipped to South Africa. These

The Boers Now Expected to Make Their Great Stand on the Hills Near Johannesburg Unofficially Stated that Lord Kitchener is in Command of the Mounted Column Going to the Relief of Mafeking.

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LONDON, May 17 .- The Daily Express publishes this morning a threecolumn New York special, signed by Patrick O'Connor, who crossed the Atlantic with the Boer delegates on the Mausdani, under pretence of being an Irish-American and a Boer sympathizer. As a matter of fact, Mr. C'Connor understands the Dutch

Sir Alfred Milner was sent to South Africa to prepare for the spoilation of the Boer republics, by force, if necessary. The franchise ruse was all humbug. President Kruger ceded so much at the Bloemfontein conference that Milner was in mortal fear lest all his requests should be granted and lest he should thereby lose the chance of annexing the Transvaal."

Mr. Wolmarans said to Mr. Fischer in Dutch: "Do you think we had better tell him how Kruger broke off the conference?"

Mr. Choate feeling, Mr. Choate remark-def:

"Forget your wars and internal common-tions and look quietly in the faces of the diplomatic representatives of the world, who are bringing you only messages of peace."

That applause that greeted this apparent commonplace could only be appreciated by those who knew that the principal topic of conversation had been the cordial reception of the Boer delegates in New York.

Mr. Choate facelously referred to the end-the discussed, would not make them enemthed:

All the members of the U. S. embassy were present and Mr. Choate's reception through-

the conference? Mr. Fischer-"No."

Mr. Wolmarans (in Dutch)-"Our position just now is precisely that of Jameson at the time of the raid. He expected Johannesburg to rise to his assistance. We expected the same of Cape Colony and Natal. We are bitterly disappointed. Tell him how Schreiner deceived us."

Mr. Fischer-"He knows well, as well Resuming English, Mr. Fischer said: "We are going to win the war if it

takes years." Addressing Mr. Wessels and using Dutch, Mr. Fischer then said: "We had better not say too much. We are getting badly beaten now. We are going to America in the hope of obtaining the friendly help of the

United States in the cause of peace. That is what we will say to the public. As a matter of fact we have no hope whatever. We have no cut and dried programme. Mr. Fischer went on to say that the brother of Mr. Wessels, who happened

to be in the United States and who was acting in conjunction with Montague White, believed that some sort of peace preliminaries would be arranged; but if the delegates failed in the United States the Boers, Mr. Fischer declared, would still not give

Mr. O'Connor says: "The delegates were much astonished at their reception on their arrival in New York. When land was sighted Mr. Wolmarans exclaimed: 'What shall we do when we get there.'

A GLORIOUS DAWN.

LONDON. May 16 .- The chancellor of the

exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, speaking at Bristol this evening, congratulated the audience on the fact that the cloud of war was fairly lifting and that there were streaks of light penetrating a glorious dawn. Continuing, he said:

"We are contending with a foe whose courage and skilled tenacity we have learned to respect. But, we are entitled to hope that the beginning of the end is coming."

Sir Michael added that the thanks of the nation would be due to Lord Roberts and those under him. If the government, he declared, was not entitled to credit for the success, it was not blamable for the reverses. It had shrunk at nothing to supply men and means: reported as saying to Mr. Wolmarans is "It had shrunk at nothing to supply men and means."

"I think we should be careful of what we say to this man, as he may be a spy. Are you sure he is an American?"

Mr. Fischer—"There is no doubt of it. I can tell by his aucant."

Mr. Wessels—"It would never, do, of course, for the British to know that or him to the supplementation of the supplement

May 24, annexing the Free State.

One of President Steyn's brothers, who is a prisoner of Gen. Brabant,

annexation. Those who took up arms the second time, he explains, had to do so under threats of instant death if

Five hundred rifles have been sur-

rendered at Kronstad in excess of the

number of Boers who have taken the oath of allegiance. Lord Roberts has directed the British commanders to receive all comers in a good spirit and

to issue to them passes to go to their

Gen. Hunter's movements in the

western Transvaal are rather puzzling

He has returned to Fourteen Streams

with one brigade, leaving another

Michael Davitt, according to a de-

in the United States they might fee

At Johannesburg the women are

ease every man for fighting purposes

Dr. Archer, who was at Dundee dur-

ing the Boer occupation, asserts that

there are several hundred Englishmen

serving in the Boer forces who would

desert, if assured of pardon from the

are not fighting but hold their resid-

ence in the Transvaal by special per-

mission. They are bank clerks, engi-

Durban reports the receipt of a tele-

gram from Lourenzo Marquez saying

that a Boer plot to blow up the Brit-

ish cruiser Forte was discovered, and

that in consequence the warship steams out seven miles nightly.

President Steyn saw the fight at the

Zand river. The impression he got

there was that his burghers could not

face Lord Roberts in a pitched battle,

and this resulted, according to advices

from Lourenzo Marquez, in his de-

cision to evacuate the Kroonstad

"From pro-Boer sources we learn

that the first great stand by the fed-

erals will be on the ridges near Jo-hannesburg. This position has been

strongly entrenched, and the burghers

believe they can hold it for some time.

transfer the seat of government to the Lydenburg district and endeavor to make a final stand there. The Rand is reported to have endorsed the pro-

The Times also says that a number

DANGER.

his future home.

ceived until Monday.

neers and shopkeepers.

works without a battle.

The Standard says:

"pretty sure of intervention."

at the front.

sheep, cattle and horses."

says that the Free Staters will acco

they refused.

Mr. Wessels—"It would never do, of course, for the British to know that we are really in the last extremity, or for him to know that we are thinking of staying in America."

Then resuming the English language, Mr. Fischer began by blaming Cecil Rhodes for brirging on the war. He said:

"I haven't a shadow of a doubt that Sir Alfred Milner was sent to South Sir Alfred Milner was sent to S

out the evening was enthusiastic.

Major General Alfred Edward Turner,
Great Britain was not able to support
army adequate to her defence, and he sa
"There is a danger nearer home and mo
immediate than we think."

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, May 18, 3.30 a. m.-England still waits with intense and almost breathless interest for news of the relief of Mafeking. A crowd lingered around the war office, even after midnight, hoping for some an nouncement. Only reluctantly did the people disperse when the lobbies of the war office were finally cleared with the word that nothing had been

received. One thing seems clear. The town still holds out. Were it otherwise, the Boer wires laid to the camp of the beleaguerers would have flashed the

Skeleton messages from Lourenzo Marquez, based upon information that leaked out at the Pretoria war office, show that the Boers stormers Saturday fell into a trap. Col. Baden-Powell permitted them to seize one fort; and he then surrounded and overbore them before the large forces near at hand perceived the strategem. It was that Sarel Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, and part of his commando were taken and fifty Boers killed.

The Canadian artillery contingent o the Rhodesian force is now reported to have reached Eulawayo May 2. The distance from Bulawayo to Mafe king is 490 miles. As the railway is open all the way to Pitsani, 28 miles from Mafeking, where Col. Plumer is, the Canadians may yet take part in the relief.

Gen. French, scouting northward,

lace has received the following VERNMENT HOUSE, Ottawa, May 17.

ARTHUR P. SLADEN, Private Secy.

ed. Owing to the present poor railway service, some consignments have not es reached the men. In giving an ac-

BIGGARSEERG ABANDONED. VOLKS RUST, South African Republic, Wednesday, May 16—The federals have abandoned the Biggarsberg and it is believed they also abandone cording to one despatch, has gone to Newcastle this morning, though their Pretoria. Another says he is a fugi- mounted men are still on the other tive at Lindley. The Free Staters are side of the border, keeping the British surrendering on all sides. A despatch at bay.

COMMUNICATION IS BAD. LONDON, May 17.-Replying to proon the parliamentary secretary of the war office, George Wyndham, said he regretted that he was not able to give any information in regard to Mareking. He reminded the house that even if the desired relief of Mafeicing had occurred intelligence of the event could not arrive in England be-dore two, and possibly five days. The latter part of Mr. Wyndham's reply is cenerally accepted as an intimation that the government expected the re-lief of Col. Baden-Powell and his garrison would occur at about the pres

Gen. Buller is pushing straight ahead without opposition. He has only lost five wounded during the movement. He is apparently aiming at Laing's Nek, which is the direct road to the Transvasi, although he may diverge to Botha's Pass.

Gen. Hunter's movements in the DEBEERS MINING CO. CONTRI BUTE TO THE FIRE FUND. KIMBERLEY, May 17 .- Dr. Jame son the leader of the Jameson raid has been chosen a director of the De Beers Mining company.

The company today voted £500 as a subscription to the fund for the relief of the Ottawa fire.

Gen. Barton's, at Christiana. Lord WELCOME TO THE PEACE DELEGATES. Methuen is said to be advancing along the south bank of the Vaal. Cou Kekevich is with him. The loop rall-way line across the Vaal is fast near-Gen. Rundle has captured ten thousand bags of corn. He is marching slowly through a district which is de-

ing them.

As the delegates reached the City Hall, a large crowd pressed around the carriages and cheered, and the delegates raised their hats in acknowledgment.

When the delegates entered the mayor's office, Kilian Van Rensselaer, chairman of the reception committee, introduced each of the delegates to the mayor, who said:

"I am delighted to welcome you to the scribed as "literally teeming with spatch from Lourenzo Marquez, is said to have advised the Boers while

he was in Pretoria that if they could hold out until the presidential election "I am delighted to welcome you to the city of New York and to assure you that in America you will receive a cordial welcome from the liberty loving people of this counforming a police corps, so as to re-

from the liberty loving people of this country."

Delegate Fischer said: "This is to us an occasion of pleasure and of pride. We believe that no people can understand what it is to struggle for freedom except a people which has gained its freedom by such a struggle. The reception that has been given to us come from all classes of people. We carnot think that the mission to seek peace for our country-peace with honor-will be unsuccessful. We think we will come well cut of the struggle. We have been told that 90 per cent. of the people of America sympathize with us. We want to convert the other 10 per cent by simply telling the truth. We hope that a free people will not have appealed to a free people in vain."

Alderman Kennedy then read an address prepared on behalf of the municipal assembly, welcoming the delegates. Then Delegate we have here come to tell the free people of British. The Pretoria official list of foreigners shows 160 Englishmen who

Wessels said:

"We have come to tell the free people of America that we mean to win and to retain our freedom: if not today, tomorrow; if not tomorrow, we will keep on fighting for it for the next one handred years. We did not want to fight, but we had to. We do not ask you to fight for us, but we ask you to say to England, "Stop," and we think that if America said the word the war would be stopped. We are doing our own fighting, but you can hardly call it a war. It is like a little boy trying to defend himself when attacked."

attacked. The beginning who spoke in Dutch, gave a history of the Transvaal trouble from the beginning. He said: "We never sought the war. It was thrust upon us. We have tried to have all our disputes arbitrated. This has been refused by Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner. We are gratified at the way America has subscribed for the widows and orphans of the Boers. We want to prevent the making of more widows and orphans by Jum-dum bullets or otherwise."

believe they can hold it for some time. If driven from that point part of the force will be thrown into Pretoria to withstand a siege, while the main body will retreat to Lydenburg district, the intention of keeping up a guerilla warfare from the mountains. They believe they can indefinitely postpone a pacification of the country."

This view is partly supported by a despatch to the Times from Lourenzo Marquez, which says:

"There is general talk in Pretoria of President Kruger contemplating an immediate departure from the capital. There seems no longer any doubt of the intention of the Transyaal to transfer the seat of government to the

erica.

The delegates then were escorted to their carriages. It took several minutes to extricate the carriages from th crowd, which pressed around and shook hands with the delegates.

LONDON, May 17.—The best news for the English side from Mafesing is of the Transvaal officials are preparing for flight, and that State Secretary of a negative kind. No time would be Reitz has selected South America as lost in Pretoria in proclaiming the capture of the town if there had been It is unofficially asserted that Lord a victory. The official Boer account Kitchener is in command of the Mafedoes not claim a victory as a result king relief column and that news of of the fighting on Saturday and Sunthe relief of the town cannot be re- day, and this is clear evidence that the British forces held their ground. The only detail added to the previous report is that the Boers stormed and CLARKE WALLACE'S SON OUT OF captured some of Baden-Fowell's positions Saturday, and were surrounded OTTAWA, May 17.-Hon. N. Clarke during the night

state that the Boers were repulsed in a determined attack upon the town, a determined attack upon the town, and that they lost heavily, Commandant Eloff and 90 prisoners being taken. Similar despatches were bulletined in Fleet street last night. There is an additional rumor from Pretoria that the advance guard of the relief force from the south was repulsed on Tuesday and that the garrison had not been attacked since Sunday. These bulletins from Boer sources confirm the theory that a general the theory that a general

ASSAULT WAS ORDERED in consequence of the approach of the

in consequence of the approach of the relief column, which started above Kimberiey about April 19, reached Taungs toward the end of the month, and was within 35 miles of Mareking several days ego. This force is a picked body of rough riders, recruited from the Imperial Light Horse, Roberts's Horse, Marchall's Horse, and the Imperial Light Horse, and the Imperial Light Horse, and the Imperial Light Horse, Roberts's Carrington's force from Beira and Gen. Hunter's advance upon Fourteen Streams, but while the column es-caped observation in the first detour towards Taungs, its approach through Vryburg has been no secret to the Public interest in the final stage of the relief column is intense. Wyndham frankly told the comment

yesterday that the war office WAS WITHOUT INFORMATION.

and that news of the relief of the gar rison might not come for several days Men in clese touch with that office as sert that the plan of relief has been known for weeks to leading officials, and that news of the arrival of the column at Mafeking is expected confidently by the end of this week.

A series of despatches from Robert shows that while the central column still halts at Kroonstad, great activity prevalls on the east flank. Gen Buller has not halted at Dundee, but is following the Boers toward the battle fields of the first war of independence. Gen. Clery's division

HAS REACHED DANHAUSER

and cavalry patrols are near New-Gen. Hildyard's division is farther back on the railway, and the fourth division, made up from White's army, is marching from Ladysmith to Newcastle by the northern road, over Biggarsberg. Buller evidently intends to make Newcastle the headquarters for the shortest possible turning movement by which Laing's Nek and the railway tunnel can be secured and the road opened for a direct advance toward Standerton.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The principal event in connection with the visit to this city of the Boer delegates, Messrs. Wessels, Wolmarans and Fischer, occurred this afternoon, Klorksdorp, and Methuen is on the Klorksdorp, and Methuen is on the God and performeth them. Wherefore

BETWEEN WINBURG AND FICK-

and Bethlehem being his goal. Lord Roberts evidently expects Rundle to

overrun that section and hunt down wavering Free Staters. The campaign is most active in

every quarter except Kroonstad, and the advance of Roberts cannot be deferred many hours. The American embassy has no in-

formation respecting the sale of the Phillippine r-roperty belonging to the Dominican Friars to an English syndicate. No rumors regarding any transaction of the kind have reached it, and it attaches no importance to the

Arrangements have been made for the presentation of the American loving cup to Sir Thos. Lipton on the Queen's birthday at Hotel Cecil. Mr. Lipton clearly regards this as one of the greatest honors ever bestowed upon him, and expresses with enthusiasm his appreciation of the compli-

PAID HIM BY AMERICANS in subscribing for this gold loving cup. American sympathy and good feeling

will make him the happiest and proudest man in the United Kingdom on the Queen's birth lay. There is no definite news this morning with regard to the situation in and around Mafeking. Gen. Hunter has returned to Fourteen Streams with

the bulk of his force. He has established one brigade at Christiana, says an Express telegram, which does not ook like a prolonged movement up the north bank of the Vaal. The Chronicle's telegram states that Gen. French has been busy scouting

THE BOERS IN FORCE

at Rhenoster Spruit, about 38 miles north of Kronstad. The position is held by Botha, Delarey and Olivier with several guns. The concentration of Lord Roberts's army at Kroonstad is proceeding, and the Telegraph correspondent remarks that good progress is being made with the railroad construction.

A long account of the operations re

BURRILL OF DIGBY

Denounces His Old Time Liberal

(Cor. Halifax Herald.)

YARMOUTH, N. S., May 12.—Israel Burrill, who for years has been one of the liberal leaders of Digby county, ing. He does not expect to return very soon, and before leaving he left a message for his late political asso-ciates. He said: "The liberals are the people before election. Nothing would please me better than to hear of their crushing defeat throughout the country. I believe they will be badly beaten in Noav Scotia, and I think they will have the same experience in the other provinces." eral of the ministers were the subjects of severe strictures on Mr. Burrill's

Anyone acquainted with Digby county knows that Mr. Burrill was formerly a power in the liberal party of that county.

## LETTERS FOUND

One from King Agrippa to Christ-The Other Our Saviour's Reply.

NEW YORK, May 2.-The Merald and the Journal and Advertiser print today special cables from London and Rome respectively, which say that two letters, one from King Agrippa to Christ, and the other from the Saviour to the king in reply-letters referred to by Eusebius in the fourth centuryhave been discovered after being lost

for 1,803 years. The letter from King Agrippa to Christ reads: "I have heard of thee and the cures wrought by thee without herb or medicine, for it is reported that thou restoreth sight to the blind and maketh the lame to walk, cleaneth the leper, raiseth the dead, chaseth out devils and unclean spirits and healeth those that are tormented of disease of a long continuance. Hearing all this of thee, I was fully persuaded that thou are the very God come down from heaven to do such vancing from Christiania towards miracles, or that thou are the Son of ing thee to come hither and cure my diseases; besides, hearing that the tinue to do thee mischief, I invite thee to my city, which is but a little one, but is beautiful and sufficient to entertian us both."

> Christ's reply to the above reads: "Blessed art thou for believing me, whom thou hast not seen, for it is written of me that they that have seen me shall not believe and they that have not seen me shall believe and be saved. But, concerning the matter thou hast written about, this is to acquaint thee that all things for which I was sent hither must be fulfilled, and then I shall be taken up and returned to Him that, sent me. But after my ascension I will send one of my disciples, that shall cure thee of thy distemper and give life to all them that are with thee." The Journal and Advertiser says:

The special cable from Rome purports to prove the truth of a tradition that is almost as ancient as Christianity. Of course, the Journal cannot vouch for the truth of the statements which were made yesterday, April 30, by Prof. Bohrmann of Vienna University to the Archaeological Congress in Rome, but they are of intense interest." The cable message continues: Prof. Bohrmann announced that letters had been discovered carved in stone over the gateway of the old palace of the kings of Ephesus, and that they were undoubtedly the letters referred to by Euseoius and other early writers, according to whom they were written in Syro-Chaldaic characters and originally discovered under a stone eighty-four miles from the city of Iconium in the year 97, and then lost. Fragments purporting to be of the original were declared spurious by Pope Leo HI. Prof. Behrnann says the discovery proves that such letters were written and supplies the full text." A special from London is also print-

ed, in which Frof. Robert Milne Murray, keepen of the department of botany and natural history in the British Museum, is quoted as saying that the inscription was genuine. Prof. Murray had been shown a fac-simile. CANADA'S CHARMS.

Canada's character of the operations resulting in the recapture of Dundee and Glencoe by the British is furnished by the Standard correspondent with Gen. Buller's forces, who attributes the the rapidity of Boer retreat to the admirable work done by the cavalry.

According to the Lourenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times there is no longer any doubt that the intentention of the Transvaal authorities is to transfer the seat of government to Lydenburg.

I. N. FORD.

LORD ROBERTS'S THOUGHTFULNESS.

One of the charming traits of Lord Roberts's character is that he never forgets an old comrade. In the Afghan campaign of 1880 a brother officer was selzed with paralysis, and has since lived the life of a recluse in London. Lord Roberts always makes a point of going to cheer his solitude whenever he comes to town; and used to him some of the proof sheets of Forty-one Years in India before they were published. Amid the busile of departure and his own bereavement, Lord Roberts did not forget to pay a hurried visit to clasp the hand of his life-long chum. Canada's charms are not too well known he grandeur of her lake and mountain

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