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His Case.

Plunges Orange Free

State Into War.

Claims the Diamond Mines as

the Rightful Property of

His Republic.

Holds That Boers Had Wor Prescriptive Right to Absolute Rule Forever.

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Steyn's proclamation calling on the

Orange Free State Boers to support the

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The time which we had so much desired

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our honest desire to live in friendship notwithstanding injustice and wrong

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and have won for it civilization with heir blood and their tears, will lose their outrol over the interests of the coun-

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given that it is my inrtificate of Indefeasilands to Marion Hen tated by circumstances. This treaty de-mands of us that we assist her if she should be unjustly attacked, which we unfortunately for a long time have had too much reason to expect. We there-fore cannot passively look on while in-27th day of January, neantime a valid of le to me in writing an estate or interest irt thereof. justice is done her, and while also our own dearly bought freedom is endangered, but are called as men to resist, trusting the Almighty, firmly believing that He will nove promit injuries and S. Y. WOOTTON.

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and in order to encourage revolutionary disturbances and the cunning plans of those whose greed for gold is the cause their shameless undertakings. Those has have now reached their climax in the open violence to which the present lish government now resorts.

While we readily acknowledge the honorable character of thousands of Englishmen who loathe such deeds of robbery and wrong, we cannot but abhort the shameless breakings of treaties, the feigned pretexts for the transgression of law, the violation of international law, and of justice and the numerons right-rending deeds of the Birtish statesmen who will now force war upon the South African republics. On their heads be the guilt of the blood and may a just Providence reward all as they deserve.

"Burghars of the Orange Free States" Long Standing Hatred of British

New York, Nov. 6 -The consul-general banner, we auvance and for fatherland.

"M. T. STEYN, of the Grange T State in this city "State President."

EMPEROR'S NAVAL HOBBY. Transvaal. The proclamation reads as His Majesty Writes to Encourage Promoters of New Branch of the

League. The time which we had so much desired to avoid, the moment when we as a nation are compelled with arms to oppose injustice and shameless violence, is at hand. Our sister republic to the north of the Vaal river is about to be attacked by an unscrupulous enemy, who for many years has prepared himself and sought pretexts for the violence of which he is now guilty, whose purpose it is to destroy the existence of the Afrikander race. With our sister republic we are not only bound by ties of blood, of sympathy and of common interests, but also by formal treaty, which has been necessitated by circumstances. This treaty detailed to provide the formation of a branch of the Navy League, he would succeed in convincing the German people more and more of the necessity of a strong fleet, able to protect its interests, and saying that it gave him a special pleasure to learn that the agricultural population of East Prussia, though struggling with serious difficulties was ready to joyfully make a sacrific when the weal of the whole father-land was at stake."

> Ready for a Second Call.

hat He will never permit injustice and Canada Could Embark Regiment Within Ten Days of Acceptance of Offer.

Joe Martin's New Advent in Manitoba Politics Changes Ministers' Plans.

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ning power, will soon afterwards Ottawa, Nov. 6.-The government is still awaiting an answer from the Im-"Solemn treaties have not protected still awaiting an answer from the Impur sister republic against annexation, perial authorities in reference to a furagainst conspiracy, against the claim of an abolished suzerainty, against continuous oppression and interference, and tinuous oppression and interference, and now against a renewed attack which

Our own unfortunate experiences in pleted.

Montreal, Nov. 6 .- There is consider shown at the request of the British govalue able enthusiasm in Montreal militia circles over the prospect of a second Canada control of the British subjects who had for deleted under the laws of the republic data contingent being sent to South deleter lives and property, yet no feeling of shame has prevented the British government that gold mines of imfrom this city have already onered their ernment, now that gold mines of imense value have been discovered in the country, to make claims on the republic the consequence of which if allowed, will be given Lt.-Col. Gordon, D.O.C.

THE FIRE RECORD. Bobcaygeon, Ont., Nov. 6.- The Pres-

Making Plans

Buller's First Business Evidently Will Be to Drive Boers from Natal Railway.

War Office Intimates That Transports' Arrival Will Not Be Published.

ports should not arrive at the dates mentioned, which the war office says are "based in many cases on too sanguine

The evacuation of Colenso and Stormberg taken together with this admiralty announcement may indicate some change of plans necessitated by the bad position sorties. White.

It is believed the Orange Free State

ommanders now have 11,000 men concentrated against Kimberley and on the Free State southern frontier opposed to them are only 7,000 British troops. The

Among those invested at Ladysmith re Col. Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, ir John Willoughby and it is believed

All the Cape railways are now in the ands of the military authorities.

Five hundred tons of food stuffs were had retired to Estcourt.

Twenty missionaries have arrived at Durban from Swasita after many narrow the landing may now be diverted to Dur-

most solemn promises and agreements of Great Britain, when she has at her helm a government prepared to trample on treaties, to look for feigned pretexts for every violation of good faith by her things, by the unjust and unlawful British convention, after we had overcome an armed and barbarous black tribe on our eastern frontier, as also by the forcible appropriation over part of our territory where the discovery of diamonds had caused the desire for this days.

Ileft for England for two months' holidays.

Stormberg was understood to be the deportment of the enemy's guns into silence. The British casualties were slight.

The Boers are now shelling the town. Their artillery is handled well, but town and the obvious explanation of their removal arises out of Boer advance from Bethulie and Aliwal North.

In view of the near approach of British reinforcements a Boer invasion of Canadian packers.

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there she sailed, followed and watched by the British cruiser Fearless.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Lumber for Use in U. S. Warship-Chinese Humor on the Cable-Victor Austin's Enterprise.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 7.-F. Victor Austin Japan, China and Korea May Forestall has written to a friend in Vancouver that he proposes organizing a choir of 250 be those and the voices to give recitals in British Co-

Cavalry Flank Boer Force Driven by British **Bayonets and Plain Strewn with** Bodies of the Slain.

General White Arrives Too Late to Save Colenso but

"Burghers of the Orange Free State, arise as one man against the oppression, the violator of rights. In the strife to which we are now driven, have care to commit no deeds unworthy of a Christian and of a burgher of the Orange Free State. Let us look forward with confidence to a fortunate end of this conflict trusting to that High Power without whose help human weapons are of no avail.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 7.—The newspapers publish a list of the transports due to arrive at Capetown from to-day, according to which some 20,000 men should reach the Cape by the end of next week, but the admiralty issued warnings last even-ing to the effect that no disappointment operating—Boer Treachery Meets Swift and Terrible Punishment.

London, Nov. 7.-To-night's welcome despatches from the front have rent the veil of gloom enveloping Ladysmith, and show that the British garrison has been not merely standing on the dogged defensive, but executing a series of brilliant

of affairs in Natal. It was expected that the army corps would land near Capetown for an invasion of the Transvaal through the Orange Free State but in the handiest position to be forwarded. Reports that Rosemede and Naauwport are also to be evacuated seem to corroborate the idea that Gen. Buller's first business is to relieve Sir George Stewart White.

Accounts from different sources agree that the official description of Thursday's engagement as "an effective shelling of the Boers' laager" was unduly modest. It appears that Gen. White sent a strong force of cavalry and infantry to attack the Boers at Tatham's Farm, about ten miles to the northwest, near Bester's, and apparently achieved a surprise, the Boers being caught in the open veldt and cut to pieces and their camp captured.

Encouraged by this success, Gen. White decided to risk an even more important engagement on the following day, which was justified by success.

portant engagement on the following day, which was justified by success. Ladysmith had been isolated and a Boer force had intercepted the railway between Ladysmith and Colenso. This force on Friday had descended upon Colenso, and as shown by the despatches from Estcourt, had compelled a hurried abandonment of Colenso and a retirement of the British to Estcourt. Gen. towns which lie open to their attack are White had ascertained that the Boers were attacking Colenso, but he was not Aliwal North, Burghersdorp, Steinburg, Barkly and Molteno.

A despatch from Pietermaritzburg dated Friday reports that railway communication with Ladysmith is severed, the Boers having effected a lodgment at Nelthorpe, scuth of Ladysmith about seven miles.

White had ascertained that the Boers were attacking Colenso, but he was not aware of the British retirement. He determined, therefore, to attack the Boers in the rear, thus hoping to achieve the double object of drawing off an attack upon the garrison of Colenso and possibly of re-opening communication southward.

The Boers had advanced southward until they had occupied the hills north of Tugela river and dominating Colenso on the other side of the stream. The hills

Tugela river and dominating Colenso on the other side of the stream. The hills siope to a plain that reaches to the banks of the Tugela.

Gen. White's division caught the Boers in the rear, and after they had been shelled the British infantry stormed the position. Meanwhile the British cavbr. Jameson as well as most of the press correspondents and probably the Earl of Ava, son of the Marquis of Dufferin with British bayonets behind them and the river in front, they were charged by the cavalry and seem to have perished almost to a man. The British then returned to Ladysmith without coming into touch with the Colenso garrison which

Seized on board the steamship Maria at Durban consigned to Delagoa Bay for the Transvaal.

Twenty missionaries have arrived at the restoration of communication with Ladysmith.

While the British troops are thus engaged in successful endeavors to wipe out It is reported from a Boer source that the big gun with which Gen. Cronje had hoped to demolish Mareking is not a success. It is believed to be a Schneider-Canet gun weighing with the carriage the lading may now be directed to D. the Nicholson's Nek disaster, the situation inside Ladysmith, as shown by official

The Boers Driven With Great Slaughter.

Estcourt, Natal, Sunday Evening, Nov. 5.—It is now possible to furnish official details of Friday's fighting around Ladysmith.

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Durban, Natal, Sunday evening, Nov. 5-The Boers have invaded Ingwawuma Zululand, and looted and burned the public buildings and stores. The magistrate, police and other inhabitants fled toward Eshow.

TO CHECK RUSSIA.

Completion of the Siberian

San Francisco, Nov. 6.—The Associat

makes Japan morbidly sensitive to news of any fresh encroachment of the Rus-sians, especially in Korea.

"Little doubt now exists that som sort of an understanding has been arrived at between Japan, China and Korea. This is indicated by the extraordinarily curt reply of the latter gov-ernment to Russia's demand for the Masampho site, a demand which was

While Other Goes in by

office of two new provincial ministers were held to-day. Mr. Stratton, whose Eight Hundred majority last election was a thousand, was returned by acclamation in West Peterboro, but in South Renfrew there will be a contest, Thomas A. McGarry being nominated in the Conservative interest to oppose Hon. F. R. Latchford. Mr. Latchford is a young barrister of Ottawa, hitherto prominent only in connection with the various Roman Catholic organizations at the Capital. He has not been in public life, or a candidate for political or municipal honors, and his choice as the Catholic representative in the Ross cabinet is no doubt due to the difficulty of deciding between the claims of rival politicians. Mr. Latchford had to look away from home for a constituency, and Campbell, the member for South Renfrew, resigned to make way for him. The constituency was supposed to be safe, as Campbell polled nearly five hundred votes more than the combined total of two candidates who opposed him, but the opposition have thought it well to make a test, and have secured a good candidate in McGarry.

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Three Years' Imprisonment as a Swindler Awaits Esterhazy's Return to France.

Paris, Nov. 6.—Major Count Ester-hazy, the reputed author of the border-eau which brought about the conviction of Capt. Dreyfus on the charge of trea-son, was sentenced to-day, by default, on his cousin Christian's charge of swindling to these years' inversement son, was scattered to the second of the course of swindling, to three years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 50 francs. He was also ordered to refund the 35,000 francs claimed by Christian.

Shelled After Evacuation.

Range Guns Made British Position Untenable.

By Associated Press. Estcourt, Natal, Friday, Nov. 3.—Colenso is now in the hands of the Boers.

Before the evacuation was decided upon the enemy dicided to cut off our lenso is now in the hands of the Boers.
Before the evacuation was decided upon the enemy dicided to cut off our outposts. The Durban Light Infantry under Lieut. Molyneux and a force of Dublin Fusiliers were sent to the relief of the outposts and a brisk fight en

that the long range guns of the Boers had made the position untenable. No orders were received for retirement.

While the retirement was in progress While the retirement was in progress the Natal Volunteers of Fort Wylie had great difficulty in getting away their nine-pounder in the dark. They were advised to spike the gun, but were exceedingly unwilling to do this, resolving to a determined effort to take it with while the name time the Britisher has had little to stimulate him within the last attitude of the Ladysmith garrison and its slight successes last Thursday and while the National At the same time the Britisher has had little to stimulate him within the last attitude of the Ladysmith garrison and its slight successes last Thursday and while the Natal Volunteers of Fort Wylie had great difficulty in getting away their nine-pounder in the dark. They were advised to spike the gun, but were exceed in the same time the Britisher has had little to stimulate him within the last attitude of the Ladysmith garrison and its slight successes last Thursday and while the Natal Volunteers of Fort Wylie had great difficulty in getting away their nine-pounder in the dark. They were advised to spike the gun, but were exceedingly unwilling to do this, resolving to them. While they were running the gun on its carriage down a hill the ropes broke and the gun and carriage ran on, the latter being smashed at the bottom of the incline. Nothing daunted, the

plucky fellows undertook to carry the weapon itself which had not been damaged and they got it here safely.

The Boers shelled Colenso camp at dawn to-day, being apparently unaware situation in South Africa the Field Marof evacuation. They looted the stores but did not harm the bridges, saying they would want the railway themselves.

The women and children here are crowding the trains bound for Pietermarcrowding the trains bound for Pietermar-

SENSATIONAL SPECULATION. London, Nov. 6.—The British retirement out of Colenso has given the Boers an opportunity to make a bid for the active support of the disaffected Dutch in Natal by proclaiming the annexation of the Upper Tugela section. Thus far the Dutch colonists seem to have con-fined their sympathies with the invading Boers to a platonic emotion, except for surreptitious assistance, and there is no evidence that they have yet joined the Boers in any supreciable number.

Boers in any appreciable number.
All advices point to a critical situation in Natal and the Northern portions of dares to think of capitulation. Rather than that, he is expected in the last resort, if Ladysmith becomes untenable, to make a desperate effort to cut his way through the Boers back into lower Natal and join hands with the garrisons there, which is now almost certain to be reinforced by the first arrivals of the army corps from England, to be pressed forward to renew touch with him. It is generally assumed, however, that Gen. White, with the aid of the naval guns, will be able to cope with any bombard ment, and the idea that the Boers could take Ladysmith by assault is scouted as absurd.

The defence, then, depends on the uncertainty of the Chiltern Hundreds, as a preliminary to his appointment as governor of Bombay. The result was the return of the Conservative and Unionist candidate, Sir Edgar Vincent, by a majority of 650 votes over his Liberal and Radical opponent, Allau Bright of Liverpool. The polling was as follows: Sir Edgar Vincent, 4,030; Allau Bright, 3,371; Conservative majority, 659.

The Conservative majority at the last general election when Sir Henry Stafsort, if Ladysmith becomes untenable, to cote as steward and builiff of the Chil-

The defence, then, depends on the uninterrupted working of the naval guns. Right here arises the important question upon which the despatches have thrown little light, whether the naval guns, which themselves only arrived at the last moment, have with them sufficient ammunition to reply to a bombardment lasting possibly several weeks. If not, The defence, then, depends on the un-

New Minister Must Fight for Seat Boers Lose Heavily. Toronto, Nov. 7 .- (Special)-Nomina

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Killed and Wounded the Story of

Ladysmith.

A reliable messenger from Ladysmith who passed the Boer lines during the night reports that heavy fighting occurred on Thursday around Ladysmith. The engagement was on Geo, Tatham's farm on the Orange Free State side of Bester's. The British drove the Boers back to their camp. The enemy suffered great loss and thirty mounted Boers were cap-

The fighting was resumed Friday, the Boers firing from Nosdwathshama Hill near Pepworth' Farm. Again they were driven back with loss upon their camp. A large force under John Wessels with artillery has taken up a position on the left of Beacon, locating on the Woodhouse, Picciones and Langsvacht farms facing Bester's and a small command is now encamped on the south side of Pie Colenso Garrison Slipped Out in the Night Unknown to the Enemy.

Brisk Fighting Before Long

Page Guns Made British

No encamped on the south side of Pieter's station commanding the railway. The Boers have torn up the culvers of the railway near Pieter's station and have burned the wooden partitions. No damage has yet been done at Colenso. The houses, stores, railway and iron bridges remain intact.

The messenger says he heard that the Boers would be in Colenso to-day (Saturday) and that the volunteers were leaving.

Much regret is felt at the unnecessar,

alarm being created at Pietermaritzburg when there is no need for it. The Natal naval corps with guns will return to Pietermaritzburg to-day to reassure the inhabitants

ALARMIST RUMORS DENIED. of the outposts and a brisk fight ensued. The Boers were repulsed, leaving 12 dead. Twenty Boer horses were killed and the others stampeded.

The chief motive of withdrawal was

Friday. LORD WOLSELEY'S VIEWS

London, Nov. 6.-Gen. Lord Wolseley. commander-in-chief, who was the guest of the Authors' Club last evening, said that the short service system in the British army had at last been acknowledged as the right one even by its most

"In my various commands I have as a people are the most ignorant with which I have ever been thrown. Their aspiration is to rule the whole of South-Africa. This is a point the English people must keep before them. There are ups and downs in warfare, and the disappointments we have suffered are lisappointments we have suffered

English people closer together. EXETER ELECTION

Government Majority There Increased in Choice of Successor to Sir

Cape Colony, likely to grow more acute until Gen. White is either relieved or decisively defeats the Boers. Nobody Rather