ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1900.

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IN FULL RETREAT.

Report from Cape Town that the Natal COL OTTER NOT PLEASED THAT NEWSPAPER MEN GET AHEAD Force Has Made a Move.

Are Being Hotly Pursued by a Big Force of Cavalry and Mounted Infantry.

Unless Kroonstad Has Been Strongly Fortified, Word of Its Occupation by Lord Roberts May be Expected Within Forty-eight Hours.

THE HEROES OF LADYSMITH. LONDON, May 7.-The annals of service demonstrations probably show nothing to parallel the enthusiasm with which the naval heroes of Ladysmith, the officers and crew of the British first class cruiser Powerful, were greated in London today. The soenes in the streets were remarkable and inspiring. The whole route was a floating mass of color, and the enthusiasm displayed was of the most frantic description. The flags of all nations, banners and mottos formed an almost continuous canopy for Captain Lambton and the contingent of the Powerful to pass under. Stands were erected at all the points of vantage, the houses were crowded with sightseers, and all sorts and conditions of men, women and children commingled in the streets below, vieing with one another in honoring the gallant sailors who saved Ladysmith. There was one continuous roar of greeting, waving handkerchiefs, flags and hats, as the naval brigede, with the khaki colored guns, marched from the depot to the Horse Guards' parade, where the Prince of Wales, in the uniform of an admiral of the fleet, accompanied by the first lord of the admiralty, George J. Goschen, and a number of high naval and military officers, inspected

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British navy. CANADIANS MISSING. MONTREAL, May 8 .- The Star's

special correspondent with the first Canadian contingent, telegraphs as follows: BLOEMFONTEIN, May 7 .- The fol-

lowing Canadians have been missing since April 30: 7.825, Private W. Cooper, 62nd Fusilièrs, St. John, N. B. 7,875, Private W. McIntosh, Royal

Canadian Artillery. Both members of 'F" company (Quebec.) 7,946, Private G. Keswick, 73rd Northumberland Batt., member of "G" company (New Brunswick.)

8,167, Private S. Lester, 2nd Regiment Canadian Artillery, belonging to "H" company (Nova Scotia.)

THE KEY TO THE TRANSVAAL and is the natural storehouse of supplies for the arm crossing the Vaal River by either line of railway, Possession of this stronghold is of greater impertance than the direct co-operation of Buller with Lord Roberts's army. It will enable Gen. Methuen and Gen. Hunter to co-operate with Lord Roberts from the west and will give direction to the turning movements in the level reaches of the Transvaal toward Johannesburg . and Pretoria. of Ladysmith, but whose reception of

the sailors in no way equalled the inmation of the

"Bobs" from his cable cart directs operations all along the line and pays out the wire which sends bulletins of victory to London. No details of today's engagement the town, decided to surrender. Gen. Botha then retired. It is impossible to say whether the Boers will dispute the passage of the

quarter. Poers will dispute the passage of the Zard river seriously, but it is known that Botha has ten guns in front of Hamilton, and that Gen. Delarey has six in front of the main advance." The Lourenzo Marquez correspond-

t of the Times, telegraphing Wedof 22nd Feb., that my reports by cable do not seem to reach their destination. "I learn that a strong party in the wolksraad is determined to secure the opening of peace negotiations."

> BOERS LOST HEAVILY. CAPE TOWN, May 9.-It is believ ed here that on the arrival of the Britich at the Vaal River, a proclamation was issued annexing the Orange Free State to the Dominion of the Queer

trating the of her majesty's forces to assert Brithe supremacy over the annexed terin imminent.

The Boer losses at Brandfort are now reported to have been much heavier than was at first understood. After the battle British patrols visited the farm houses in the surrounding district and all the men were taken prisoners, while the horses and guns were the Free State or not, the passage of

Lord Roberts is thus adopting a tested. sterner policy with a view of preventing guerilla fighting in the rear of the British. Horses are now commandeerhave reached Canada through the ed, and farm houses where guns are press correspondents, and while to found are destroyed, while the men are

> THE BOARDING OF THE SEA WITCH.

LONDON, May 9 .- The admiralty has not yet received an official report in regard to the boarding of the Amwas reported as having taken place erican ship Sea Witch by a boat's at Watervaal drift, Velt River, on the crew from the British warship Wasp, while in Portuguere waters, in Delagoa Bay. But other government deyet I had no official confirmation of it spatches from Lourenzo Marquez in-from the medical authorities, and cidentally mention that the Sea Witch therefore did not say anything about was in trouble, which combined with it. The report turned out to be false, the fact that she signalled for a tug. as I though it likely to prove, yet it | leads the British authorities to believe was cabled by a press correspondent that the onus for the mistake in boarding chiefly lies with the Sea Witch.

LONDON, May 10.-Lord Roberts to answer from relatives of the men. I bas not hampered his advance with shall continue in the course I have more infantry than he needs. He hithertc pursued respecting important had two divisions, Tucker's and Polematter until instructed to the Carcw's, when he crossed the Zand contrary by you. I may also men- yesterday, and the only infantry tion that I understand Lieutenant within call was the Highland Brigade Colonel Ryerson has instructions at Winburg, and another brigade

war office as follows: "Cable Cart Headquarters

burg.

fend Johannesburg and Pretoria.

evening, as follows:

ACROSS THE ZAND RIVER.

I. N. FORD.

ing cable has been received from W Richmond Smith, the special correspondent of the Star with the British had been received at Fleet street at midnight and little news from any

BRANDFORT, May 9.-The forces under Gen. Ian Hamilton, consisting of mounted infantry, and Gen. Smith Dorien's brigade, including the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, at-

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Mateking was officially reported as being well April 27. Hunter's pro-gress and the line of direction are not tacked the enemy, which were located in force in the vicinity of Houtnek, near Thaba N'Chu, on May 1. The Boors occupied a strong position, their right flank holding Thaba N'Chu The situation in Natal was unchang-

No details have yet been received with regard to the battle on Zand River yesterday and it is not yet mountain and the left a range of low ridges. The British column attacked along, the whole front of the Boer position, a distance of fully 11 miles. known what measure of success has

attended the cavalry and horse artil- | The initial attack on the Boer position lery, who were sent by Lord Roberts in pursuit of the retreating Boers. Rather startling information comes, however, from Thaba N'Chu, to the was made by the foot infantry, while the mounted infantry endeavored to flank the enemy. An exciting feature effect that the federals, said to be attack made by the German legion on the Gordon Highlanders. They were repulsed in true Highland style with under command of Steyn, have been SIGHTED IN FORCE heavy loss. When darkness closed to the nertheast and that a big battle the enemy were still in possession of

the position The Standard's correspondent with At dawn on Wednesday the attack Lord Roberts sends some hints as to was resumed with renewed vigor on the probable future course of the the part of the British forces. The campaign. There may be another mounted infantry were successful in stand by the Boers, he considers, at turning the right flank of the enemy, Kreenstad, but whether there is a while the cavalry were equally sucpitched battle at the new capital of cessful in their operations against the Boers' left flank.

In the meantime the foot infantry the Vaal River will certainly be conadvanced towards the Thaba N'Chu Definite intelligence from* a corresplateau. The Royal Canadian Regipondent of the Express at Fourteen ment was held in reserve as the in Streams shows that Gen. Hunter's divfantry advanced. The enemy realizing ision does actually include both that both their fianks had been turn-Hart's and Barton's brigades. Hunter's ed, rushed to their horses, mounted progress seems to be still opposed. and fled in hot haste. They were The Boers have been located twelve promptly pursued, a portion of the miles north of Fourteen Streams, but cavalry being sent around the mounone commando has retired upon Vrytain to cut off their retreat.

The British artillery was meanwhile The Standard's 'telegram' confirms hurried ferward to the capitulated the rumors that the Boers intend to position and the fast retreating Boers retire ultimately to Lydenburg, leavwere subjected to a heavy shell fire. ing only foreign mercenaries to de-The British loss was very small, the casualties among the Canadians amounting to practically nothing. ' Nevertheless, they did splendid work and were complimented by the commanding officer.

LONDON, May 10, 10.25 a. m.-Lord On the following Thursday the whole Roberts telegraphs to the war office column advanced in the direction of rom Welgelegen under date of May 9, Winburg. The enomy was encountered first between Welcome and Verk-"Pole-Carew's and Tucker's diviearoft drifts, where they held a high sions, Hamilton's column of heavy range of cliffs.

naval and Royal Garrison artillery Reinforcements for the enemy arguns, and four brigades of cavalry rived from Branwfort as the engagemarched here today. The enemy hold ment began, but the mounted infanthe opposite bank of the Zand river. try under Col. Broadwood got between Their strength will be ascertained tothe main body of the Boers and the morrow, when I hope to be able to reinforcements. This successful move force a passage of the river." . Lord Roberts also reports to the in the part of the British cavalry caused the whole Boer force to retire in haste.

On Sunday the whole force march-Front, May 10, 9.10 a. m.-We are row ed to Winburg, which was entered without opposition on the part of the Front, May 10, 9.10 a. m.-We are now still holding a strong position, but we Boers, are gradually pushing them back." Gen. Hamilton summoned the town to surrender in order to avoid bem-bardment. The landrost (mayor) con-ENEMY IN FULL RETREAT. LONDON, May 10, 4.52 p. m .- An sented, and when Gen. Botha, with official notice issued here announces 500 Beers, marched into the place and that the Boers are in full retreat from entered a strong protest against the decision of the mayor, the inhabitants LONDON, May 10, 4.55 p. m.-The refused to listen to him. war office has received the following The town then surrendered, and when the British troops' marched in they were warmly welcomed by the residents. As the British entered the place the Boers retired. The column under Gen. Hamilton is now eighteen miles east of Smaldeel, Lord Roberts's headquarters at the present time, and fifteen miles north of Winburg.

ada, and further that I know of no arrangement by which information of the description just referred to is to be communicated to you by another than by myself. While I may delay at times a few hours in order to obtain

definite and reliable information as to death or wounds, I never fail to report at the very earliest opportunity i dered by the people of London to the respecting the lists of casualties arising from the action. On the 18th February I sent the cable from Paardeberg to Kimberley for transmission by wire from there. My message seems to have been delayed through unforseea circumstances or by those.

OTTAWA, May 9.-Lieut. Col. Otter reports to the militia department as

I notice from Canadian newspape

either punctually or regularly and some, perhaps, not at all. In this con-nection I wish to say that I have nev-

er missed reporting by cable any

death, wound or important movemen

affecting the regiment that has occurred since its departure from Can

lately received and from letter No

over whom I had not the least control. Many reports by cable seem to them I invariably give the best infor- arrested. mation I have at the time, yet they are so eager to furnish their respective papers with the first news that they will not wait for reliable confirmation until I am in possession of it. For instance, the capture of six men 15th February, from a field hospital, and while I myself heard the report,

to Canada and, no doubt, caused infinite worry to relatives of the men concerned. It also caused me trouble, as I had no less than three cablegrams

The war office was silent yesterday to cable information respecting the re-! within supporting distance. He had

at least three di giment, and while there can be no obreported renewal of activity in Natal. jection to his doing so, yet as he can i con munications, but prepared the ad-or of the rumors that a secret expedi-not be so familiar with what concerns values toward Kroonstad with two, Wales and others, the parade formed tion consisting entirely of mounted it as I am, or receive the official docu- Tather than five, divisions, and in this a square, with the officers in the cenhow his reports can be reliable unless port system. He had rour cavalry in advance of Hunter's column. Lord Salisbury made yesterday a obtained from mine or through me. I brigades and a large body of mounted most uncompromising speech in Albert regret to say that fever is still prev- infantry and heavy naval guns and hall before the Primrose League, con- alent in the regiment, though not on Royal Garrison Artillery, in addition demning Gladstone's home rule policy the increase. In the hospitals in Bloem- to a great force of horse artillery. The both in South Africa and Ireland. He fontein there are some 70 cases of contrast between this reconstructed fever, typhoid or enteric, and of these army and the army corps which went took the grace out of the recent visit I regret to announce the death on the to South Africa with Gen. Buller is of the Queen to Ireland by the vehem-31st ultime at Bloemfontein of No. 78, striking. A large mounted force with Pte. H. Forrest (cabled 2nd April.) guns of long range has been substi-Many of the officers and men are also tuted for an infantry force with guns WITH WHICH HE WARNED Irishmen that recent events in South. suffering from less serious diseases, of inferior range and a few cavalry Africa proved that there could not be practical independence anywhere in while a very large number are tem- supports. Lord Roberts has convertthe empire, with opportunities for arporarily incepacitated from marching ed the British army into a mobile raying hestile forces against the imthrough want of proper boots, a con- force admirably adapted for operaperial government. It was a trenchtingency, however, which will be of tions against the Boers. The march, ant but acrid speech and was not well short duration, as I learn of the arri- from Bloemfontein via the Thaba val of a fresh issue at Bloemfontein. N'Chu line to Ventersburg has been Barton made another logical speech at MORE CANADIANS MISSING. the dinner of the Imperial South African . Association in defence of the MONTREAL, May 9.-By cable from Australian commonwealth bill and its W. Richmond Smith, the Star's spe-, the army reached the Zand Wedneshigh court appeal for Australian ques- cial correspondent with the British day night and forced the passage of tions. There was nothing in his speech forces in South Africa. to indicate that Chamberlain had suc-BRANDFORT, May 8 .- The followforces in South Africa:

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tense enthusiasm displayed in the streets. After the inspection by the Prince of tre, and the first lord of the admiralty and the Prince of Wales spoke briefly in terms of admiration of the work and valor of the seamen and officers, and then Mr. Goschen individually introduced them to the Prince of Wales, who shook hands with them and said a few words to each. The Prince of Wales introduced Capt. Lambton to the Princess of

the bluejackets. They were surround-

ed by-thousands of privileged guests,

who warmly applauded the defenders

Wales, and the brigade was afterwards entertained at luncheon, preparatory to marching through the city. After the men sat down to luncheon the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, Mr. Goschen and others traversed the rooms and were heartily termed. oheered.

The march of the naval brigade of the Powerful from the admiralty to the Mansion House was marked by more numerous crowds of people than London has seen for many a day. From all parts of the country men and women had come, and they were determined to get a glimpse of Capwhat has become a burning question tain Lambton; his tiny midshipmen and the trusty tars, and so they struggled to get on lamp posts and in imperial politics. Colonel Denison delivered a stirring Ont.

address on behalf of Canada, laying window ledges, and forced their way into private offices. Captain Lambton, stress upon the necessity for an independent British cable system around riding, wearing a cocked hat and lookthe world, safeguards for Britain's ing brown and bored, was followed by food supply and the summoning of and one hundred mounted policemen, who imperial council after the close of the gives the name of Blant. had to prepare the route, and the band of the Coldstream Guards. Behind war to decide the issues of peace to Captain Lambton was a blue-clad the empire. From Boer scurces It is announced band, after which came the bluejackets. Amid chunderous cheers and the that there was a skirmish outside waving of flags from several hundred Mafeking last Saturday. On that day

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thousand people they entered the Baden-Powell was still holding his Royal Exchange and sat down to tea. own. This finished, they marched back to The Cape Town, correspondent of the station and returned to Ports- the Mail learns that the town will be mouth this evening, after receiving relieved in about a week. one of the greatest ovations ever ten-I. N. FORD.

Four Sizes.

ceeded in arranging a compromise of ing are missing in addition to those wired yesterday: 223, Private E. B. Allen of Windsor,

226, C. D. Odelisle, 48th Battalion. Toronto.

418, A. H. Moorehouse, 74th Battalion, Ais, A. H. Moorehouse, 41n Battanon, New Brunswick, and 429, J. P. Blant. | tish line was the longer, two columns The roster for neither contingent having gone from Smaldcel and Win-The roster for neither contingent, burg, and having widened out the 4. 1.2 front in order to turn the position at BULLER ADVANCING. each end. Skirmishing began soon

after the dry bed of the Zand had CAPE TOWN, May 9.-It is reported been crossed and was continued all that Gen. Buller is advancing on the along the line from eight o'clock until Biggarsberg and that the Boers are half past twelve, when the Boers were withdrawing. in full retreat northward. The Dutch

FROM THE LONDON PAPERS. ' position was so long that the en-LONDON, May 10.-A despatch to gagement was not a rear guard action, the Daily Telegraph from Smaldeel, but a deliberate if feeble attempt to dated Tuesday, May 8, says: "Stores are being accumulated here.

Convoys are proceeding regularly to was because full use was made of the the north, and also to Winburg. British superiority in artillery. The the north, and also to Winburg. "Gen. Hutton's brigade, while skir- Boers being outnumbered, outmanoeumishing yesterday, took sixty prison-

A despatch to the Morning Post from alry and mounted infantry along the Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, says: , railway of Ventersburg road to Kroon-"Gen. Buller has issued a proclama- stad and the Senekal road northward. tion to both Dutch rebels and burghers who are willing to surrender, noti- Ventersburg district, about thirty-five fying them that he will recommend all miles south of Kroonstad. While Robwho now surrender voluntarily for erts does not describe it as a battle greater leniency than those who con- with frental attack and serious losses tinue fighting after this warning."

A despatch to the Times from, seems to have been decisive. They Smaldeel, dated Tuesday, May 8, says: . were gradually enveloped with mount-"Lord Roberts has halted here to ed troups and complete the railway and to allow time for the cavalry now returning positions of great natural strength. from Thaba N'Chu to take the place. The country beyond the Ventersburg designed for them in the original; hills is open and less favorable for descheme of advance.

"Gen. Hamilton last week was con-strongly fortified and the Boer forces tinually in touch with Gen. Botha's are heavily massed behind Valsch, its rear guard. The enemy manoeuvred field guns skillfully to check Gen. Hamilton's advance. On one occasion they masked their position so well as will be almost as important as the to jectardize the British convoy, which capture of Bloemfontein. was saved by the timely arrival of the

Highland Brigade with naval guns. I last fortnight's operations are the The advance on Winburg was, so mobility of the British columns and rapid that Hamilton's advance scouts the efficiency of the transport service. were overlapping the town before The bulk of the work fails to the Botha's transport was clear, but owing mounted force, and it is no longer a to difficulties at the drifts, the guns slow moving infantry campaign. Six slow moving infantry campaign. arrived too late to effect the convoy's

While the British Captain Balfour was negotiating with the landrost for the surrender of Winburg, Gen. Botha

the Zand river.

despatch from Lord Roberts: "Oable Cart, Zand River, May 10, 2.55 p. m .- The enemy are in full retreat. They occupied a position twenty miles in length; ours was necessarily longer. With the widely scattered force it will made with remarkable celerity and ferent roads."

take some time to learn the casualties. but I am hopeful we have not suffered much. The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the Boers by three difevery halt has been brief.

Lord Roberts's bulleting state that, WILL KEEP THEM ON THE RUN. LONDON, May 10 .- Lord Roberts's the river early yesterday, gradually flight of the Boers from the Zand aver DRIVING BACK THE ENEMY naturally caused considerable gratification at the war office, where it is from a strong position on the hills now believed that he will not allow ; south of Ventersburg. As this posithe federals enough breathing space tion was 20 miles in length, it extends across the railway from the west It is just possible that Lord Roberts's eastward toward the road leading transport may be in such condition from Senekal to Kroonstad. The Brithat he will be able to keep his troops , moving so rapidly as to drive the, Boers right through Kroonstad, with-

out giving them time to organize resistance in the formidable entrenchments so carefully prepared at the Valsch river. The fact that Gen. French and the cavalry have been brought up to supplement Gen. Hutton's mounted infantry leads to the hope in British official circles that the

pursuit announced by Lord Roberts may prevent all the Boer guns and convoy from escaping. The action of the customs authorities block the progress of Lord Roberts': army. If the casualties were light it at Lourenzo Marques in more closely scrutinizing consignments for the Transvaal is liable to be a serious matter for the Boers, and indirectly vred and outclassed, fell back upon for the British prisoners, who are Kroonstad, hotly pursued by the cavliable to be the first to feel the effects of any shortage of foodstuffs.

> OTTAWA, May 10.-The governor general received the following cablegram this morning from Sir Alfred Milmer:

"CAPE TOWN, May 8 .- I regret to report that 219, Farrier Sergt. D. Mc-Culloch, 2nd Canadian :nounted infantry, wounded, and privates 223, E. Allan; 226, C. O. Delisle; 429, J. P. Nilant; 418, A. H. Morehouse, 2nd Canadian mounted infantry, missing, 5th of May.

"(Signed) MILNER."

(Two of the men who are reported as can be stated that the U. S. consul missing belong to B Squadron, Canadian mounted rifles. J. Nilant is on the official list as belonging to the 62nd Batt, his next of kin being given as J. Nilant, Boston, U. S. A. A. H. Morehouse of the 74th Batt. gives his residence as Bristol, Eng., where his father resides.) The most remarkable feature of the

Carpenter of this city yesterday re-ceived a cable from his son, Capt. Carcelved a caple from his son, capt. Car penter, announcing his safe arival at Winburg, Orange Free State. Capt. A M Carpenter left Canada in charge of a detachment to fill vacancies in the until Six first contingent. supply trains were at Vet on Tuesday and the railway will probably be in THE THABA N'CHU ENGAGE-

MINES WILL BE PROTECTED. CAPE TOWN, May 10 .- The Cape

Argus publishes a report from Johannesburg, said to have been supanmouncement this evening of the pressed in the cross-examination of Acting Mining Engineer Munnick, that in the recent mysterious Dempsey case Munnick testified that preparations had been made to explode twenty-five mines, and that on the authority of to re-form southward of Kroonstad, State Secretary Reitz, he (Munnick) had already bored shafts in eight.

"Well informed foreigners in Pretoria," says the correspondent of the Cape Argus, "now consider the mines safe. The Transvaal officials have issued appeals to the people to protect property, and although preparations were made to destroy the principal mines, wiser counsels now prevail.

"State Engineer Klinke declined to resume his duties unless the dynamite was removed, and the government agreed to his demands.'

GERMANT'S POSITION.

BERLIN, May 10 .- The semi-official Post this evening denies that Germany has participated in the collective note, which, according to a despatch cred-ited to a semi-official source in Pretoria, the powers have delivered to President Kruger, informing him that they will hold him personally responsible for the safety of the mines, and will support Great Britain in enforc-

ing compensation in the event of their destruction.

HOW THE UNITED STATES FEELS WASHINGTON, May 10.-Respecting the statement telegraphed from Pre-toria to the effect that the foreign representatives in that capital have jointly notified President Kruger that he would be held personally respon-sible by their governments for the safety of the Johannesburg mines, it

the representations, if any such were made. While citizens of the United HAMILTON, Ont., May 10,-A. E. interests, it will adhere to its uniform

SEALED HIS WIFE UP.

A Major Hook of the East India company service in London was entitled by the will of a relative to an annihy of E400 a year until his wife was buried. To fuifill the terms of this important document after death, he caused her body to be embalmed, sealed up in a glass case and placed in the upper chamber of his house, where it re-mained for thirty years, but no person was over permitted to enter that room where is lev

on either side, the defeat of the Boers FORCED TO ABANDON

A fresh Boer defeat occurred in

occupation may be expected within 48 hours. As Steyn's second capital and the key to the Transvaal, its seizure

