Rapidly Advancing

General Roberts' Next Despatch Will be From the Vaal River.

His Front Clear of the Enemy Who are Evacuating Positions.

Commandant Schutte Is Appointed to Conduct Johannesburg Defence.

London, May 26.—(3:30 a.m.)—The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters, at Vredefort station at 5:35 Thursday afternoon, was that the British were rapidly advancing. General Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts, and the country in front of them was clear of Boers to Vilejoens. The Boers were evacuating all their positions south of the Vaal river and 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank. Probably Gen. French's cavalry is already reconnoitering two fords of the Vaal.

War office observers expect that the next despatch from the Field Marshal will be dated in sight of the Transvaal frontier. Mr. Bennett Burleigh, wiring to the Daily Telegraph from Vredefort, Thursday evening, said, Lord Roberts would doubtless cross the Vaal Saturday or Sunday. The British outposts were then at Erste Gehuk, nine miles south of Vredefort, twenty-six miles south of Vaal river. The railway is much damaged.

While the British in overwhelming force, are thus approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers are enveloped in mystery. The last Pretoria newspaper reaching Lorenzo Marques was a week old. Every one seeming to cross the Portuguese border from the Transvaal is secured for newspapers and letter. Despatches and mail letters containing even harmless references to the war, are suppressed and the only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by word of mouth.

According to these oral reports yesterday, the Boers were quarrelling among themselves. Krouse and Klinke, the engineers who opposed the blowing up of the mines, have been dismissed. Commandant Schutte has been appointed to defend Johannesburg, and all the British subjects had been turned out.

London, May 25.—Major-Gen. Baden-Powell declines to act on the suggestion of his friends that he should return to England for rest. He is determined to retain his active command at the present. Advices from Mafeking, dated May 20, say: "The Boers are entrenching at Potfontein, 10 miles east of Mafeking. The Northern railway is now repaired to a point within four miles of the town. Ample supplies of plain food are coming in.

Col. Baden-Powell voluntarily gave up 53 Boers and 13 wounded to the Boer commandant, who thanked him for his kindness."

The Baratongs, stimulated by the British successes, attacked the rebel natives at Rietfontein May 19 and took much loot. They released Sani, the old chief who had rendered good service to the British in keeping Mafeking supplied with news of the Boer operations. The railway south of Mafeking is being rapidly repaired, and the bridge at Taungs can now be used. Refugees from Mafeking are passing through Toungs, bound for the Cape.

Two thousand Boers are near Ficksburg, besides small roving parties that come into contact with the British while reconnoitering. President Steyn was with these Boers last Monday, organizing and inspiring them and drafting recalcitrants into the service. The British are sweeping the country far and wide, seizing horses, cattle and grain. Yesterday President Steyn was reported to be at Bethlehem with a small field force, appealing to the Free Staters to defend their freedom and independence. Apparently he and all the Free Staters he can assemble will not join the Transvaalers, but will remain in the northeastern section of the Free State.

On Tuesday there was heavy cannonading at Mochienenz, near Bethlehem. The firing began at dusk. Why and with what result is not known at Maseru, Basutoland, where the news arrived yesterday.

Gen. Rundle's division was still at Tremmel Tuesday. There was a small Boer laager 12 miles to the north of him, and beyond this there was a larger one. The correspondent sending this news, which was wired from Winburg, says that these Boers were understood to be ready to surrender, and that in his opinion the war in the Free State was practically over.

ROSSLAND RIDING.

Mr. Mackintosh Is Having Gratifying Success.

Grand Forks, May 25.—Mr. C. H. Mackintosh is having a walk-over in the Boundary country. He addressed the miners at Phoenix to-night, and will appear at Eholt to-morrow night. The manner in which he floored Mr. Curtis at the Greenwood meeting on Wednesday night is the talk of the country. Mr. Curtis is beginning to realize that the mining vote has swung to his opponents.

IMPERIAL UNITY.

Sir Charles Tupper Speaks At a Queen's Birthday Picnic.

Parkhill, May 25.—Sir Charles Tupper addressed a picnic here yesterday at which large numbers were present from all over the north riding of Middlesex. His remarks were non-political. During the morning Wm. Boyce, Mayor of Parkhill, had sent a cablegram to the Queen congratulating her and during the picnic a reply to this was received, which Sir Charles Tupper read amid great enthusiasm, and referred to the Confederation of Canada and Australia, and trusted that the same thing would eventually be carried out in South Africa. In closing he said that the question now occupying all minds was the promotion of unity of the Empire. The sending of colonial contingents had done much to promote unity and it remained for statesmen to complete the task.

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DEADMAN'S ISLAND MILL.

Another Attempt to Erect Ludgate's Mill Will Begin Next Week.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 25.—The famous Deadman's Island dispute is to be revived. Under Premier Martin's patronage, 100 men are to start work on the island in Vancouver harbor next week, clearing the land and laying foundations for the Ludgate mill buildings. The question as to the validity of Ludgate's lease, in which American lumbermen are interested, has not yet been settled by the Dominion government. It is thought, however, that though the whole matter is pending in the courts, there will be no pronounced objection to the work going on. Force was used six months ago to stop work then at the instance of the Cotton government, who opposed the mill on the ground that the Province and not the Dominion had the right to lease the land, and that $500 was a ridiculously low annual rental. The present action is taken with the apparent idea of catching votes, as your correspondent's informant said that the work would probably be stopped after June 9, election day.

Meteorological Agent Jones was badly burned on Thursday while attempting to fire a salute with an old Hudson Bay cannon.

So scarce are freighting steamers that there is a local famine of hay and straw.

C. T. W. Piper's sawmill on the North Arm was burned last night. Loss $2,000. This afternoon a Chinaman named Hing Quong was arrested for incendiarism, and other Orientals will be taken in charge to-night. It is alleged that in revenge for the discharge of all the Chinese and taking on white men last Wednesday, the Orientals fired the buildings.

Natal is Clear of Enemy

Except at Laing's Nek, Where the Boers Have Entrenched. Themselves.

French is North of Rhenoster River and British Advance Continues.

London, May 24.—Gen. Buller's forces have crossed into the Transvaal near Ingogo, but are still held at bay at Laing's Nek, where the Boers are entrenching themselves. With the exception of this pass, Natal is clear of Boers. They have a big gun posted, but it is doubtful if they will be able to hold the position when threatened by a flanking movement from the force that crossed the Ingogo river.

A special despatch from Newcastle, Natal, says the Russian ambulance corps with the Boers are disgusted with their conduct, and have requested the Czar to recall them.

London, May 24.—Gen. French has reached Prospect station, about five miles north of Rhenoster river. The Boers are retreating straight on the Vaal.

A despatch from Rhenoster, dated Wednesday, May 23, 7:45 p.m., says: "The general opinion is that we will arrive at Pretoria as fast as we can march, though the Boers announced to all the countryside that they intended to fight to the death."

Gen. Ian Hamilton is co-operating in the advance on the right, thus Lord Roberts, who is presumably a few miles behind Gen. French, will reach the Vaal before the end of the week.

Native reports say that the Boers have buried two guns in the Rhenoster river.

Boer Camp, Volksrust, May 22.—The British crossed the Buffalo river and were within sight of our position yesterday. They are busy emplacing heavy cannon at Schuinshorgte, near the scene of the battle on the Ingogo river in 1881.

It is reported that fighting occurred at Botha yesterday.

Chris. Botha, brother of the commander-in-chief, has been appointed assistant to the commander-in-chief, and has given great satisfaction. He has revived the fighting spirit in many of the Federals.

In an ambush between Nqutu and Mount Prospect, eight British were killed and thirteen wounded.

London, May 24.—A despatch from Pretoria announces that the first train north entered Mafeking on May 22, and the first train south is expected next week. It is said that the relief of Mafeking was due to a blunder of one of the Federal officers, by which Gen. Delarey was foiled in his plan to cut off the relief force, after driving them away from the Molopo river. It is added that the Federals have resolved to make a determined defence of the city of Johannesburgh.

Klimke, the state mining engineer, has been given six months leave of absence, presumably for protesting against the proposition to blow up the mines.

Pretoria, May 23.—An official bulletin issued here says:

"British cavalry came into collision on May 20th with eighty of the Swaziland commando at Scheeper's Nek. The fighting lasted an hour.

"The British lost twenty-seven killed, twenty-five wounded and eleven were taken prisoners. Twenty-five horses, two Maxims and a quantity of ammunition were also captured.

"The Federals lost one killed and one wounded. They assisted to remove the wounded and bury the dead.

"The advance guard at Heilbron retired on the main body at the northern border.

According to Free State advices, the British yesterday were at Greyling's Drift, on the Vaal river, 25 miles from Wolmarenstad, with a large force.

"On Sunday Kalbeen engaged the British between Heilbron and Lindley. The Federals had to retire before an overwhelming force, losing one killed and seven wounded."

CHINESE OBJECT.

Take Out Injunction Against 'Frisco Health Board.

San Francisco, May 24.—Judge Morrow to-day issued an order directing the board of health of this city to show why an injunction should not be granted restraining that body from interfering with the freedom and liberty of the Chinese of this city and those desiring to leave it.

French Officer In Disgrace

Capt. Frisch Divulged Letter Bearing on the Dreyfus Affair.

And the Minister of War Cashiered Him From the Army.

Paris, May 25.—The question of the alleged meddling of a detective of the Temps in the Dreyfus affair, which was warmly discussed at the re-opening of the chamber of deputies, was brought up in the senate this afternoon. The minister of war, the Marquis de Gallifet, on Tuesday denied the existence of the Temps letters at the ministry of war, but the interpellating Humbert (Radical) contradicted. The Marquis de Gallifet to-day expressed regret at the fact that he had misled the chamber, as he added he had since ascertained that Humbert's statement was correct. The letters, he asserted, existed at the ministry without his knowledge. The minister of war announced that the documents had fallen into the hands of politicians, who had used them during the debate of Tuesday by the crime of an officer of the war office, who had divulged them. This officer, the minister continued, had immediately cashiered.

"The officer," said the Marquis, in explanation, "made the unheard of remark that what I did was a political act, and he, an officer, dared to say this to the minister of war when it is the first duty of an officer to avoid politics."

M. De Chamaillard (Royalist) here exclaimed: "You are a military man, but that does not prevent you from taking part in politics."

"Yes," replied the Marquis, "but I am a member of the government. The condition of mind which led the guilty officer to commit such an inconceivable act is unfortunately not exampled. But it must come to an end."

This statement of the minister called forth loud Socialist cheers.

"As I declared before," continued the war minister, "the Dreyfus incident, now that the Rennes court-martial has taken place, is closed. All the army has been warned, and any soldier departing from this line of conduct knows what to expect."

The Marquis De Gallifet ended with asking if the questioning senator was satisfied.

"Perfectly," was the reply.

The premier, M. Waldeck Rousseau, followed and gave an explanation of the Temps affair, finally announcing that the incident was closed. The officer disgraced by the Marquis De Gallifet is Capt. Frisch, who is said to be an Alsacian.

FOR WAR SUFFERERS.

A Great Bazaar Opened in London—It Will Last Three Days.

London, May 24.—The Princess of Wales this afternoon opened the Great National bazaar in aid of the sufferers from the war.

The magnitude of the present undertaking which lasts three days, quite eclipses the similar affair held in June of last year in aid of the Charing Cross hospital.

From the Queen down the best people are co-operating in the work and the stalls are attended by titled personages and the elite of London society, Emperor William of Germany has shown his sympathy for the war sufferers by contributing to the bazaar in china and engravings, pictures painted by his majesty bearing the Imperial signature, and inscribed: "For the National Bazaar, 1900," by the Emperor himself. He also sent a number of his own photographs, signed, and bearing a brief sentence in German. The Princess of Wales, after making a tour of the bazaar, officiated as a saleswoman at the household cavalry stall.

QUITE USELESS.

Even Mr. Stead Concedes That the Boer Cause is Hopeless.

London, May 24.—At a stop-the-war meeting in London, Mr. Wm. Stead stated that the Boer delegates now in the United States told him they were prepared to accept peace on any terms compatible with independence and asked if it was any good attempting to see Lord Salisbury, to which Mr. Stead said he replied that it was useless to do so, unless they would be prepared to surrender their independence. The delegates then proceeded to the United States where they have met with coldness in officialdom.

UNHAPPY INDIA.

Famine Stricken Districts Still Waiting For a Longed For Change.

London, May 24.—In the House of Commons to-day the Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, replying to a question said, he regretted that no material change for the better had yet taken place in the famine stricken districts. The showers he added, had done some good in parts, but the monsoon was still awaited.

CHINESE MINISTERS.

They Are Given an Additional Term at London and Washington.

Pekin, May 24.—The Chinese ministers at Washington and London have been ordered to return to their posts for some time longer on the recommendation of Li Hung Chang, who pointed out the undesirability of changing the representatives of China at the points mentioned while many unsettled questions remain.

THE DAY AT OTTAWA.

Dominion Capital Rejoices Over Her Majesty's Birthday.

Ottawa, May 24.—The Queen's Birthday was observed with more enthusiasm in Ottawa than possibly in any previous year. The display of flags and bunting was very lavish. Ideal summer weather prevailed and thousands visited nearby resorts. The electric railway extension to Britannia was opened for traffic and 75,000 people made the journey to the shores of lake Deschenes. At night every street was lively with the discharge of fireworks.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. . . .

Repairing the Railways

That Is the Way Buller's Men Celebrated the Queen's Birthday.

A Rumor on the Stock Exchange That Johannesburg Has Been Taken.

London, May 25.—(3:35 a.m.)—Lord Roberts' infantry advance is delayed at the Rhenoster river for a day or two by the depth of the stream which is not fordable. The banks, which are precipitous are forty feet high. A pontoon and temorary bridge construction are under way.

The railway has not been damaged to any great extent between Kroonstad and the Rhenoster. The Transvaalers have offended the Free Staters by destroying their splendid bridges when retiring to Kroonstad. They refrained from doing this on retreat to the Rhenoster, but now they are destroying the railroad.

A temporary bridge has been finished at Washbank. Trains now go to Dundee. General Buller said the best way to celebrate the Queen's birthday was to repair railway to Newcastle and every man was put to work.

London, May 24.—A wild rumor on the stock exchange to-day to the effect that the Mafeking relief force had marched to Johannesburg, surprised the Boers and captured the town, sufficed to cause a sharp spurt in Kaffirs.

Captetown, May 24.—Bar gold to the value of $705,000 has been sent by rail from Pretoria to Lorenzo Marques. Secretary Reitz travelled on the same train.

NEARING THE END.

Kruger Has Transferred His Property Fearing Confiscation.

London, May 23.—The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Times, says he has it on unquestioned authority that within the last six weeks, President Kruger has transferred the bulk of his property in the Transvaal to personal friends in order to avoid its confiscation by Great Britain.

"The German liner Bundesrath has been detained here all day for a special train from Pretoria bringing the families of prominent Boers. The utmost secrecy regarding their identity is maintained, but it is believed that among them are Mrs. Steyn and Mrs. Bertz.

One of the morning papers suggests that the men of England should present a sword to Lady Sarah Wilson, the Daily Mail's correspondent at Mafeking during the siege.

The British who are in the hands of the Boers at Pretoria by some extraordinary means, learn of the British victories as soon as the Transvaal authorities and they build bonfires and sing "God save the Queen." The Pretoria people are apprehensive of the prisoners and are agitating for a transfer of the whole number to a point inside the British lines saying that a few thousand more or less make no difference.

A TOTAL LOSS.

Steamship Carinthia Cannot Be Got Off Rocks.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 22.—The British cruiser Prosperine and the government steamer Ready, which went to the relief of the Cunard line steamer Carinthia, ashore at Point Gravers, on the south coast of Hayti, with 1,450 mules on board, returned this evening from the scene of the wreck. It is understood the Carinthia is fast on the rocks and that the vessels sent to her aid could not remove her. It is considered the vessel will become a total loss. The prosperine and Ready will return, after coaling here, with water for the mules.

MANITOBA REJOICES.

Queen's Birthday Celebrated With Great Enthusiasm.

Winnipeg, May 24.—The eighty-first anniversary of Her Majesty's Birthday was right loyally celebrated in Winnipeg and throughout Manitoba to-day, at Portage la Prairie and Brandon, where elaborate sporting programmes were put on. The chief sporting event in the city was lacrosse the match between the Winnipegs and Victorians. The Winnipegers won, 4 to 1. The weather was perfect.

The body of Neil McKillop, a city carpenter was found in the river Assiniboine to-day. He had evidently been in the water for several days. Whether the drowning was acidental or not is a mystery.

The Manitoba Christian Endeavor Convention opened here to-night.

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TOO IMPETUOUS.

Capt. Goff Lost His Life and Caused an Unfortunate Mishap.

London, May 25.—A despatch to the Times from Clocolan, dated May 21, says: "The eighth division has in its front commandoes headed for the Transvaal, which, while not willing to surrender, do not know where to go. Their joint strength is estimated at from 1,000 to 2,000 men."

The Times has the following from Newcastle, dated Thursday: "The Boers are fortifying every large semi-circular position extending from Majuba to Pongwan. Large numbers are busy entrenching, and six guns are visible."

Gen. Buller has communicated to the colonial government Gen. Bethune's report of the loss of a squadron of Bethune's Horse in ambush at Vryheid. The report says: "This regretable affair was due to the impetuosity of Capt. Goff, who was killed."

Lieut. Roberts, a nephew of Lord Roberts, was accidentally shot through the right knee by a servant at Modder River camp on Wednesday. His condition is not dangerous.

TAYLOR WILL BE ELECTED

Martinite Candidate and Craig Have Withdrawn in Revelstoke Riding.

Revelstoke, May 25. — (Special.) — Lawrence, the Martin candidate, and Craig, Independent, have withdrawn. Taylor will go in by acclamation.

THE BOER ENVOYS.

Do Not Intend to Stay Long in the United States.

Washington, May 25.—The following statement was issued to-day by the Boer envoys, Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans, who are representing the South African republics in this country, who have received many pressing invitations from large cities in the United States to visit them, but owing to the short time they have spent in this country it will not be possible to accept all the invitations received. It is their intention to return as soon as possible to their own country, staying in Europe for some time to carry out their instructions, but before leaving they have concluded to yield to the great demand on the part of some American people to spend a few more days in America, and they have concluded to visit Baltimore, Philadelphia, Providence and Boston during next week. After visiting these cities, they are in hopes of being able to spare the time to extend their visit to several other cities in the middle states, timely notification of which will be given to the committees honored with invitations. The common councils and mayors of a number of cities, it is alleged, are urging them by resolution to make them a visit, and it may be possible that their stay in the country may be prolonged a few days in order to meet their wishes. The envoys regret exceedingly that they cannot meet the great numbers of people who are so anxious to greet them as they would like to do. They express themselves as very grateful for the many expressions of sympathy heard upon all sides for the cause that is so dear to them, and they trust the fact that they cannot visit all who wish them to do so will in no way interfere with the full and free expression of sympathy and good will on their part.

CUTTING UP UGLY.

An Attempt to Bulldose Sir Charles Tupper Utterly Fails.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 25.—Mr. Tarte has only been able to secure the closing on Sundays of the Canadian building.

Mr. Birmingham, late Conservative organizer, of Toronto, is cutting up ugly and has threatened Sir Charles Tupper to make certain revelations unless his terms are met. Sir Charles challenges him to come on. All the correspondence is published in Conservative papers.

Chancellor Boyd will be appointed chairman of the Election Frauds Commission.

Colonel Otter cables that he has recovered from his wounds and has rejoined his regiment.

The bill to enable Canada to issue inscribed stock in England was read a second time to-day.

MORE TROOPS.

Eleven Thousand Additional Will Be Sent to South Africa.

London, May 25.—The secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, discussing military matters in the House of Lords to-day, announced that 11,000 additional troops would be sent to South Africa next month. In the course of his speech Lord Lansdowne said: "It is a formidable problem how recruiting is to be kept up when the excitement of the present campaign has worn off. I do not think that an increase of pay would tend to make the army popular to the extent that some suppose; but the war office is devoting itself to the subject, and I believe the changes contemplated will tend to render the army more acceptable to every class in the country."

FOR CRONJE.

Russians Will Help Furnish the Free House Given By Great Britain.

Moscow, May 25.—The subscription list for the silver plate to be presented to General Cronje, the Boer commander now in St. Helena, includes 29,000 names, representing 7,000 rubles. The testimonial will take the form of a punch bowl with twelve ladles. It will not be presented until after the war is over.

ROYAL DRAWING ROOM.

Princess of Wales Presides at a Brilliant Affair.

London, May 25.—The last drawing room of the season was held this afternoon at Buckingham Palace by the Princess of Wales, in behalf of the Queen. The fine, bright weather which prevailed attracted great crowds to witness the arrivals. Presentations were numerous.

KIDNAPPED.

Three Little Japanese Supposed to Have Been Smuggled Through Vancouver.

New York, May 24.—Three Japanese children, a girl and two boys were taken into custody to-day by the Gerry Society upon the belief that they were kidnapped or bought in Japan and sent to this country. A notice of their arrival was sent to the treasury department from Vancouver, and the Gerry agents found the children in the possession of several Japanese men who were training them as acrobats. Two of the men were held in heavy bail.

Conciliation Act Advocated

Mr. Clute Has Recommended This Method of Settling Labor Disputes.

Sir Louis Davies at Last Consents to Establish New Hatcheries.

Ottawa, May 23.—(Delayed in transmition)—Mr. Clute, commissioner to inquire into the labor troubles in the Slocan, recommends the passage of a conciliation act for the settlement of labor disputes.

Col. Prior asked to-day in the House whether the large map of the Dominion, lately sent to the Paris exposition as an official map of Canada, showed the boundary between Canada and Alaska according to United States contention.

Mr. Fisher answered that the map gave the Alaskan boundary with the lines claimed by both the States and Canada.

Col. Prior asked what were the names and rank of the officers formerly in the 1st Prince of Wales Rifles, who were transferred to the 1st Prince of Wales Fusiliers and to whom the government paid compensation for the expense caused by change in the uniform. Evidence accumulates that the officers of the 6th Regiment were very unfairly dealt with compared with the Montreal officers. Some of the latter got as high as $264 for the change of uniform, the average allowance being $150. Dr. Borden declined to give Col. Prior further details.

Sir Louis Davies announced to-night that the government intended to establish two new hatcheries in British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Mills referring to Mr. Joseph Martin's statement in regard to free trade in liquor prevailed in British Columbia said the province alone was to blame as the legislature well know the views of the home government respecting restrictive measures against Japanese.

DYNAMITER TRIAL.

It Is Fixed to Open Next Week.

Welland, May 23.—The grand jury, at the assize court to-day, brought in a true bill against the canal dynamiters. On the indictment being read to the prisoners, each pleaded not guilty, counsel agreeing that the trial be fixed to commence Thursday, May 31.

PLUCKY LOHMAN.

He Makes Light of the Wounds He Received in Battle.

Westminster, May 25.—Napoleon Vachon died here, to-day, of consumption. He was 42 years old and a native of Quebec.

Westminster friends received a letter today from Lohman, of the first contingent. He says he is all right again. One of the four bullets that hit him went through his lip, removed six teeth, went through his tongue and tonsil and grazed the jugular vein. His food, consisting of champagne, brandy, milk and eggs, went direct to the stomach through a hose. Lohman says it was a pity he didn't taste any of it.

FOILED BURGLARS.

The Ledger Keeper Was Wide Awake and Saved the Bank.

Dundas, May 25.—Early this morning burglars entered the Canadian Bank of Commerce here and attempted to open the safe. Ledger-keeper White, who was sleeping over the bank, was awakened by the noise, and fired at the men through a hole in the floor. The men ran into the street, where they opened fire on the bank. Police were quickly on the scene and found nothing except the tools the men left behind them.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH.

Jersey Men Quit Butter Making and Take to Fighting.

London, May 25.—Serious trouble is threatening between the British and French residents of St. Heliers, Island of Jersey, owing to the pro-Boer attitude of the French. There have been several collisions and this morning the troops were forced to charge with fixed bayonets to prevent the demonstrators from invading the French quarters. Thirty arrests were made.

The French consul has represented the situation to the British foreign office, with the result that the latter has wired to the Governor, Lieut.-General Edward Hopton, holding him personally responsible for the maintenance of order.

Free Staters Concentrating

Reported That They Intend to Join Forces at Laings's Nek.

Pretoria Fears That Carrington Will Swoop Down From the North.

London, May 26—(5 a. m.)—The Daily Mail in its second edition publishes the following despatch, dated Friday, from Newcastle:

"President Steyn is reported to be at Velde, where the Free Staters are concentrating preparatory to moving to join the commandos now at Laing's Nek. Little opposition is expected this side of Volksrust. Occasional rifle shots are exchanged with the Laing's Nek outposts.

The Transvaalers fear that the British will blow up the bridge at Komatipoort, thus cutting off their supplies from Delagoa Bay, and a commando of 500 is guarding the bridge against any such attempt by the British raiders.

It is re-asserted that President Kruger will retire to Lydenburg when fighting is imminent at Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Concern is expressed at Pretoria with reference to the possibility that Gen. Carrington may come down from Rhodesia with 5,000 men to co-operate with as many more entering the Transvaal by way of Mafeking. Horse sickness is said to have broken out among Gen. Carrington's animals.

London, May 25.—A despatch dated Vredefort, May 24, states the British columns, after an unopposed march, reached Vredefort road at noon to-day and are now only two marches from the Vaal river.

London, May 25.—Another advance along the railroad towards Pretoria has brought Roberts' troops to Vredefort road, a few miles north of Prospect, where they arrived at noon on Thursday.

In the meanwhile General Methuen is progressing along the southern bank of the Vaal river with the object possibly of making a dash at Klerksdorp when he arrives at the railway terminus.

Gen. Hutton's column is apparently in the neighborhood of Vredefort, 15 miles west of the railroad, whence it threatens the federal's right flank.

The next couple of days ought to settle whether Lord Roberts will encounter serious opposition south of the Vaal, but the best opinion believes the next big engagement will be fought just south of Johannesburg, and that the fight here, and possibly one at Laing's Nek, will prove the last pitched battles of the war.

Latest indications almost point to the latter being the most stubborn of the two.

It is hoped here that Buller will delay until Lord Roberts is able to detach a force to seize Heidelberg and sever railroad communication between Johannesburg and Laing's Nek.

Warrenton, May 24.—Operations have been pushed forward 80 miles. One of Gen. Hunter's brigades occupied Vryburg last night.

Considering the difficulties of the road this is a remarkable achievement for a mixed force, short of rations, making forced marches. Water is scarce. Some portions of the brigade covered 18 miles without a break.

Gen. Hunter goes to Vryburg to-day by train.

BOLD BOXERS.

Massacre Chinese Villagers and Defeat the Troops.

London, May 25.—A special despatch from Shanghai says that advices from Szuchuen, province of Hupe, report that the Boxers, have destroyed two villages and massacred many of the converts of the French missionary stations. The general commanding at Shi Nan Fu, sent a regiment to the scene of the disturbances. The soldiers were ambushed by the Malcontents and lost 26 killed.

Washington, D.C., May 25.—The United States government has taken in hand the suppression of the Boxers, the famous Chinese secret society which is engaged in the massacre of native Christians in China and to which is attributed numberless outrages upon the foreign missionaries. United States Minister Conger has been instructed by the state department to inform the Chinese government that the government of the United States expects it to promptly and thoroughly stamp out this society and to provide proper guarantees for the maintenance of the peace and order and the protection of life and property of Americans in China, now threatened by the operations of the Boxers.

The private bank of J. L. Ross, of Aurora, Ontario, was entered Tuesday night, the safe blown open and $500 taken. The post office was also entered, the safe cracked and $60 in cash and $160 worth of stamps taken.

Trouble in the Stomach

Which Doctors Failed to Remove, Cured by Less Than Two Boxes of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

The experience of Mr. Blackwell is similar to that of many sufferers with chronic indigestion. Stomach medicines will seldom really cure indigestion. The kidneys and liver must be set right, and the bowels made regular and active.

Mr. Joseph Blackwell, Holmesville, Ont., says:—"I derived more benefit from the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills than from any other medicine I ever took, and can highly recommend them for stomach troubles. I was in a terrible state and could hardly work at my trade. I tried most every kind of medicine and doctors, until I was tired of doctoring, and before I used one box of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills I could see that they were helping me, and after taking a box and a half, found that I was cured."

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The Danube Is F

Came Off the Rock She Was Held L Night.

The Victoria's Officer She Lost the O Race.

Steamer Danube has bee this morning proceeds to marine ways in tow of repairs. She slipped off which she has been hung hours about 10 o'clock hours before the tide was she struck on Tuesday have been swinging out Wednesday night when its best and half of her a great effort was made the steamers Princess Rithet and Maude and She, however, did not bu the tide began to run out then resumed. Yesterday placed to hold her in became more buoyant, trifugal pump of diver gether with a small pu water down in her hold. divers went down and st holes they could find in waste, making her compa tight, so much so that the once began to suck and carded. The small pump time on sufficient to kee dry as could be expected could make no examinati juries and their nature wil until the steamer lies in the marine railway to-da expected though, that iously injured, for the roc she was held was a fairly f one. Some small pinnacle have cut through her iron her plates have undoubted by the strain caused to he ing of the water. The cargo damaged by water as might be expected, fo board in her lower hold a la coal for the White Pass way and considerable lu which does not suffer to tent from immersion. S than fifty tons of her groc dries, of which the princi her cargo of over six hund sisted, were damaged by th rose in the vessel's hold goodly portion will not suf tinned goods and such groce ing more than their lab What rolled oats and feed, in the swim though were cargo that remained in floated was discharged as sl er, Beeton & Co.'s wharf was towed last night. Louise took north a large disabled steamer's freight due to-morrow, will take when she leaves for the n

OVERCROWDING ST

Trouble Feared on the deen, Bound From Seat

The rumor of muntiny Aberdeen undoubtedly ori belief that it was possibl to the news received from letters put ashore at steamer was greatly over men and women left her stories they tell of the con steamer are not pleasant old license the Aberdeen carry 25 first-class and senger. She had 250 o Aberdeen sailed from S day, and over a hundred gers were without Forty men and women sleep about the decks. Townsend it was decided to discharge some of the the master, fearing acti orities, decided not to g call was, however, made where some of the pass ashore. This was too allow of the authoritie steamer. The returning it was feared that the p mutiny.

VANCOUVER P

Conservative Candidat Meeting at the

From Our Own Corresp

Vancouver, May 25.— crowded to-night when the party line Conserva Mr. Charles Wilson w the planks of the platfo that in lieu of useless isolation they should en tenant-Governor-in-coun clauses in contracts wh out on works authorize He said he had never Coast Kootenay line but believed there were in the way at present Mr. Ryder were sent to he unable to raise the that they should hav made, ascertain the country and then the w be on a sound basis for capital. He was in ciple of an eight-hou sarily "the" eight-hour Capt. Taylor and Ma briefly, but made no ticular interest. W. J amusing description o tics of Messrs. McQu son.

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