is drawing righter.

Details from Mafeking, carrying doings

up to October 27th indicate that the

The reported departure of a Boer con-

tillery gunners moving southward is tak

pregressed very rapidly.

Gen. Cronje is accused of pouring

shells in the direction of the women's

reached Asyogelkop opposite Oosi, ten

Kaffir paths. He confirms the report

allow them to go under the muzzles for

vance. Censorship prevents particular-izing, but you may expect good news

A Capetown dispatch says Sir Alfred Miner visited the wounded on Sunday

the sense of smell and thate, but are otherwise quite well. Most of the wounds are in the hands and arms.

ire of going to the front.

The Dutch of Cape Colony maintain

FROM CAPT BLANCHARD.

Officer on Board the Transport.

A letter has been received from Capt

Blanchard, commanding the B. C. right

half of Company A, South African con-

tingent, dated River St. Lawrence, Oct.

30th, in which the writer states that he

was availing himself of the last oppor-

went ashore at Rimonski. He says:

"I was joined by Capt, Hodgins and

"Coming through the Territories

"At Arnprior, Ont., the ladies were out

for the boys, while at Fort Williams they

sent aboard about 50 baskets of grapes,

'When we got to Ottawa Col. Hodgins

Owing to the crowd and the difficulty in

another train an hour later and overtook

When we arrived at Quebec at

a.m., there was no one to meet us., I telephoned to the Citadel and they told

us to come up there, and as I happened

found we were not expected and no pre-

paration had been made. At least I

was told to put the men in the cells,

where they were at least out of the

not guilty to-day. The case is fuel or them for

me time, but at last, with Major Ar-

nold's assistance, got them something

norning, and then marched to the Es-

danade, where there was a lot of speech-

"When we left I never saw such

owds as occupied every part of van-

tage. We were accompanied down the

river by about six excursion steamers,

and the noise of their whistling was

"The arrangements on board for the

officers are fair, but the men are very

"Remember me to all the friends and

ifying, after which we marched to the

out of the canteen.

steamer and embarked.

neutrality, though doubtless many di Bechuanaland have joined the Boers. eutrality, though doubtless

The local volunteers have again a

They are all doing well.

immunity of the town from occupation effective steps to check the Boer ad-

miles north of Lobatsi, on

and was nearing Mafeking.

1 wat was a Notes of my

The Future of South Africa

Lord Salisbury Will Announce the Policy of the Government To-Night.

It Appears Certain There Will Be No European Intervention. T

laager.

"As dispatch from Kruman, British Bechuanaland, dated Monday, says Col. Plummer's column, marching from Port Tulis to the relief of Marcking, had Dispatch From General Buller --Kimberley and Mafekcode ing Safe.

Hon, Charles T. Ritclie president of the board of trade, speaking in Lough-ton paid a warm tribute to the "ready (Associated Press.) London, Nov. 9.-The absence of stirassistance and loyalty of the colonies displayed in a time of difficulty and danger," and to the trienals activate of the United States.

Her Majesty has written a letter of Gen. White who, since the reverse at condolence to the mother of the late Commander Egerton of the British crai- Nicholson's Nek, certainly appears to ser Powerful, who was fatally wounded have used his central position to strike by the explosion of a shell at the bolnbardment of Ladysmith on November successfully at different points in the 2nd. Bernard, proprietor of the railway fidence in his abouty to hold the Boers circle of investment, thus restoring conhotel at Ladysmith, has arrived at Dstcourt with a companion, having eluded in check, has permitted public atten-

that of South Africa and the conflict.

tion of my Empire."

the Boer outposts by night riding along tion to revert to the political features

Lord Salisbury's Speech. It is confidently predicted in some quarters that Lord Salisbury, at the Lord Mayor's banquet to-night, will outline the government's policy in regard to Censorship prevents particular the future government of the Transvaal and Orange Free State, and explain the references in the Queen's speech to the "military operations and the restoring of peace and good government to that por-

wounds are of an extraordinary nature.
The Mauser bullet makes a clean perforation of bone and muscle. Soldiers shot, through both cheek tone have tost It meant nothing more or less than that in the opinion of the government President Kruger, by making war on the Queen, had destroyed all claims to the independence granted by the convention of 1881 and 1884, and consequently the country had reverted to its previous status, and is theoretically part A Letter Written by Victoria's Popular of the Queen's dominions.

No Longer Nations.

As the Associated Press pointed out at the time, the phraseology of the Queen's speech could not be otherwise explained than at the time of the speech the retunity of writing home before the pilot publics of South Africa had already ceased to exist as separate nations, but "We got to Kamloops about 2 p.m., if Lord Salisbury is prepared at this and as the people had been celebrating early stage of operations to definitely "The Britishers advanced in the dark- from about 8 p.m., both band and peo-ness on the Republic's force on the right ple were rather hoarse. We passed Cal- announce the policy of the future, when on the hill occupied by the Free Staters gary at 2 a.m. Here was another band apparently there are many problems commanded by Gen. Cronje. A stam and I believe about half a dozen bottles commanded by Gen. Cronje. A stam and I believe about half a dozen bottles which remain to be solved, both during argues that the Transvaal government, who burgher marksmen, met with a great thing for sain he solved. promptly taken charge of by Sergt. and after the war, he must have already public has been made aware of.

The Powers Will Not Interfere. The Premier's speech, therefore, is awaited with unusual interest, and it seems certain he will at least be able to announce that the talk of European in-"At Carberry about 5.000 cigars were

> Reinforcements For Joubert. Beyond a crop of ever recurring ruis little news from the front.

> trim on Sunday, and anticipated a recommencement of the bombardment on

imphant utterance of the British press, quietly, at the militia department, were while it is admitted there is some room were sent to Messrs. Sandtord & Co.. for congratulation, there is, it is added Hamilton; Messrs. Workmen & Co. also room for grave fear.

000 Boers with big guns had left Pre- the present. No orders were given for toria on their way to the southern bord-the militia in Canada. er is said to be merely a ruse to hide where The Emperor's Orders. the real destination of this force, which the real destination of this force, which Bellin 1929 2. As a new to instruca out throughout the t

FUSILIERS ENGAGE BOLES. -0-

They had a church parade at 11 clock, only a few fatigue men being After Losing Several Men the Burgher xcused. I very nearly missed it, as it Retreated-Return of Armored had been cancelled and afterwards put Train from Colenso. on again. It rained terribly and was 7-0-"We had a parade and inspection this

Estcourt, Natal, Nov. 5.- Details were received from the armored train, which returned from Colenso to-day; of a brilliant little performance.

The train, which carried two companies of the Dublin Fusiliers. under Capt. Rogers, sighted, near Colenso, the Boers in considerable force near the

The Fusifiers immediately began a brisk fire, to which the Boers replied ineffectively, and as they were suffering loss, they quickly retired out of sight; but as the train cautiously advanced the Boers were seen moving around on its

take the train in the rear. To avoid

intention of attacking, but were in full Immediately a strong detachment left

the train slowly advanced to the station. Several volleys at the long range were fired by the retreating enemy. The British also succeeded in entering Fort Wylie, near Colenso, and brought back four wagon loads of shells, provisions and stores.

time Owner I same on A DISPATCH FROM BULLIOR: to bemoral month of he endered Kimberley and Marcking Safe, An En gagement in Rhodesia Wounded. Removed From Ladysmitheren

or in that to negative at my 600,04. London, Nov. 9. The war office reseived the following dispatch from tieneral Buller this morning dated Capetown, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 11.50 p.m.: Colonel Kekewich telegraphs from Kimberley oh Nov 5th that all were well, and that there had been no serious attack yet. A slight bombattiment did no "Information from Mafeking shows the

place safe on Octo 27th other Colonel Plummer had a successful en-

gagement near Fort Tuli on Oct. 26th. "General White reports by pigeon post that the wounded and some civilians from Ladysmith have been removed four miles down the railway by an arrangement with General Joubett, to a neutral

place, to save them from bombardment. "Ninety-nine wounded from Dunder 'have been sent in under a flag of truce They are all doing well. They include the following officers: "Col. Beckitt. Major Hammersley Captain Ladam. Lieut, McLachlan, Major Boultbee, Capt. Dibley, Lieut. Pereau, Lieut. Wortham, Major Davidson and Lieut, Welldon."

The Investment of Kimberley.

Orange River, Cape Colony, Monday, Nov. 6.—The Boers investing Kimberley have been reinforced by 2,000 men. They succeeded in corralling about \$35,000 worth of stock belonging to Kimberley merchants, which were intended for the sustenance of the town.

Transport at Capetown. The British transport Roslyn Castle, with General Hilliard and staff and the Yorkshire regiment aboard, has arrived of the British forces at Glencoe, was at Capetown. Four other transports they had seized. Accompanied by his sailed from England on the same day, stoff he was worteling the action from October 19th The Roslyn Castle was the shelter of a clump of trees a tar immediately ordered to proceed for Dur-

Paris, Nov. 9.—The morning papers Symons ordered the Dublin Ensiliers have long accounts of an interview with and the King's, Royal Rifles to advance Dr. Leyds, special representative in Eu- on the main position of the Boers. The rope of the Transvaal government, who burgher marksmen, met with a galthing to gain by remaining independent, officers railied the men and again they and that her mining laws are the most liberal in the world; and prevent capitalists from obtaining monopolies. In the course of his remarks Dr. Leyds repeats were shot. Once more the undaunted President Kruger's assertion that if the Republics must eventually belong to Engand, the latter will pay a price for them and there mer aropped on the way, and which will astound the world.

The war to which the Transvaal was orced, Dr. Leyds asserts, has demonstrated to the world the courage and chivalry of this little people, which even their enemies do not hesitate to recog-

Breakdown of a Transport. St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, Nov. -The British transport Persia, with mors, mostly without foundation, there a squadron of the Inniskilling Dragoons, hospital detechment and munitions of war on board, has been towed here with The official dispatch from Gen. Buller her thrust shaft broken and other damshows Ladysmith was still in fighting age done: She was picked up by a tug close to some rocks, and was towed 22 miles. Preparations Called Off.

(Special to the Times) Ottawa Nov. 9 Preparations for Nothing apparently justifies the tri- second contingent, which were going on Montreal, and others telling them not to hurry with their contracts as the uni-The announcement yesterday that 2, forms, etc., would not be required for anything which will not be required by Mrs. Jones.

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great value for all affections of the nervous system. It also contains glycerine.

a most valuable, soothing and healing agent. Then there is the cod-liver oil, acknowledged by all physicians as the best remedy for poor. blood and loss in weight.

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has been issued to commanders of triers in which this trajecty expr the wish that in Paussian office granted leave t go to South Africa order adds that everything is to be to prevent former Prussian officers taking part in the conflict in South A rica, his purpose being to avoid everance of violation, on the part the train and entered the town, while Germany, of theysprict neutrality which the Emperor says should be observed.

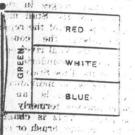
German Neutrality.

Paris, Nov. 9.—The Eclair to-day ex presses the belief that the Anglo-German agreement regarding Samoa is importa and says: "If a part of the concess is made by England for the benevo neutrality of Germany in the Transvas

after the present war England forced to attack Abyssinia. Boer Sharpshooters London, Non Br Gir W. Steeven wibing for the Mail sthe affair Sicholson's New Bays: "The Boers magnificently, aThe ment a Bri raised his bead to see, where the were he instantis fell back with let in it. On the other hand engagement, the Poers actes greatest kindness to the unwounded. They spent in singing doleful fymis and feason to be doleful, for t many mell's sound the s

The Transvaul Flag.

Probably not one Briton in a thousand ould recognise the national flag of the Transvaal if he saw it-and this h scarcely, likely, to do outside South Airica. It is a very simple affair—the root white and blue flag of Holland tacked on to a green strip, placed vertically,



The national name for it is the "Vierly leur"-i.e., the four-color-and the Boers are immensely proud of it. They say it is the oningcolored flag in South Africa exceptine that of the Orange Free State, which is a square of vivid yellow HOW GENERAL SYMONS DIED. He Started to Frid the Men but Was Shot on the Way to the Front.

London, Nov. 7.—The true story of how Sir General William Penn Symons got his mortal wound at the battle of Glencoe is known at the war office her but has not setubeen told in the English press. gaied o

It is an open secret in official circles. The extreme ragueness of the accounts published plainly suggested that full information was being kept back, and it was finally secured to-day.

General Symons, who was in command get such as the Boer sharpshooters de light in, but their bullets fell short.

As the action grew hot and the British force was suffering badly. General rushed forward in face of a withering hail of bullets. But again the lines wa vered. Three of their gallant leaders officers got their men to attack. On they went, pressingo turdily forward. Here once more "the gallant fellows were so seriously checked that rout seemed impending

Gen. Symons say everything. He instantly ordered his staff to remain where they were, by the clump of trees, and alone galloped out into the open toward his hard-pressed men, to lead them only half a mile when he reeled in his saddle and fell wounded from his horse. Major Sterston, of his staff, galloped up and had just reached the body of his commander when he himself was shot dead General Symons, mortally wounded, was borne from the battlefield. He re ceived the glid tidings that the attacking infantry battations had once more railied and carried the Boer position by storm, though with a terrible loss. This is how the brave old Indian fighter met his death NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouverd Nov. 9 Dr. O. Mered th Jones arrived in Vancouver to-day on hi once to Victoria. He was met here George Powell and Peter S. Lampman are passengers to the Capital this at ternoon. 2001, 200 and 100 and 1

Andrew Marphy: who fell out of an dupper swindow mother Hotel Hillserial te dently, died today from his injuries. MANAGER GAMBLE DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Nov. 9.-R, D. Gamble, gener al manager of the Dominion bank, who sailed from London on the Oceanic week ago, died on the ship last Suntray. It will be remembered his precarous condition carred much anxiety her last week. Fears were their entertained that he would not be able to reach here

PRINCE OF WALES'S BIRTHDAY London, Nov. 9. The birthday of the Prince of Wales was celebrated to way as usual. St. Paul's, Westminster and other chimes were pealed. Public buildings floated the Royal standard, salutes were fired set: Windsor, the Horse Guards parade and at the Towers of Londos

COLLISION ON GRAND TRUNK. (Associated Press.) Belleville, Nov. 9.-In a rear end col-

sion on the Grand Trunk near here yesterday, between ballast and freight trains, three employees were injured, one

British territory; and advanced toward ing their guns, which are not sufficiently to the south to assist in the investment the fort at Ingavumuna with a white flag. When they were one hundred fort, which, however, had been evacuat-

Lebonbo and thoroughly ransacked against any Boer force such as General The reported departure of a Pomersdorp, which they burned to the grounds of will amount a gaited.

THE SAME SAME TO SERVE AND SERVE BOER PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

Advised to Seize Railways in Natal, But To Act On the Defensive in the

Rosei State. 2d 1/91 no. Burn the still demention and pine London, Nov. 8. The Standard's neorrespondent at Luxembourg gives further general tof European genutation, He "Says: 1 margasta to percelar of a self"

"Dr. Leyds obtained from several generals in Germany and Belgium, as well manshipped the cavalry Thom Gordon as, in Holland, a series of highly inter. Highlanders suffered severely in the esting plans, although there is no reason to believe that the general whose plan garding the Grobiers of affair on Friwas selected ever imagined that it would he but into execution, the of the later

"The Natal portion included the seizure of the coast railway, north of Durban Boers ware killed on the hill top by the by an attack through Zululand or by the way of Greytown and Umboti.

"Thus throughout Natal offensive stactics were suggested, but in the Orange British troops missed a grand opportun the women and children be permitted to Free State the plan proposed a defenthe reason the disconcerted Boers, The sive policy, based on the strategical ad- latter appear to have believed that the fire of his guns. vantage given by the position of the a ruse and were lying in ambush to suring from Queenstown. Oaper Colony, dat-Orange Free State in the flank of the prise them if they advanced, hence the ed Sunday night. "Gen, Buller has taken railway north of De Aar junction, and trusting to the Orange river and the obstruction of railway bridges to induce the British to advance for celerity through Kimberley to Bloomfontein, or through Mafeking and Pretoria.

The Boers are advised in the scheme not to oppose either of these movements in their earlier stages, but to operate on the line of continunications, namely one hundred and fifty miles from De Aar to Kimberley, and two hundred and fifty

miles from Kimberley to Mafeking. "Dr. Leyds has been assured that if The Boers can hold out 12 months, the European powers will intervene. It is perfectly clear, therefore, that the only way to disconcert their plans is at all cost to obtain the right to despatch a third army to Delagoa Bay."

Second Contingent Not Required. Offawa Nov. 8 Information has been received by the Dominon government second contingent will be necessary, and here. It is as follows: therefore the offer of a second contingent

has not been accepted. Railway Bridge Destroyed. Queeenstown, Cape Colony, Nov. 5 .-

up the Stormsbergspruit bridge, as a terrific explosion was heard in the direction Scene at a Banquet,

Van Ryswick, the burgomaster, took oc- the British concealed batteries. easion to express sympathy for the Boer race and thereupon all the Englishmen present protested energetically, and then withdrew from the hall

London, Nov. 9 .- Notwithstanding the good news from Natal there is a certain amount of anxiety less General White should make some misstep involving a repetition of the Nicholson Nek disaster. Her Majesty does not share this anxiety, written to Lady White expressing sympathy with her husband in the trials and assuring Lady White of her own undiminished confidence in his generalship. The support of this letter has been

cabled to General White by the Marquis of Lansdowne. A dispatch has been received from

Estcourt announcing the Departure of a Strong Force of mounted corps and artillery for a destination not given by advices.

Another message announces the arrival at Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg withing the last few days of reinforcements ing the list lev days to destering Colcuso when the opportunity arives.

The latter dispatch throws light on the former and the force which left Estcourt on Monday last doubtless reoccupied Colerso, and possibly is new advancing eautiously toward Ladysmith. General White's sortie of Friday, almost to the blood is the feeder of the banks of the Tugela river, encouraging its commander in the hoper of joining hands with himpage General Jorbert the latest advices in dicate, drew in his horns after Friday's engagement, and has since withdrawn the southern Boer contingent,

Leaving Only Outposts. on the line from Ladysmith to Colenso The Boers who occupied Colenso about the middle of last week retired without damaging the Bulwer bridge over the Tugela river or the railway as far north southe village of Nelthorpe, seven miles south of Ladysmith. Evidently they nurse a hope of utilizing both in their

descent upon Pietermaritzburg. The British are able to use both, as they have already done in running up an armored train which may at the present moment be covering the advance of the Estcourt force. Advices from Durban gives details

which though rather indefinite seem to show that the Natal volunteers are movmobile for field service from Estcourt of Kimberley, around which the cordon

yards Hstant they fired a volley into the to assist the defence of the latter in the up to October 27th indicates that the Boer firing was easing off and the garri-Rietermaritzburg the defensive works son was in high spirits. Evidently the have been greatly strengthened within the last few days and they are now be for the capture of Kimberley and their

Joubert would at the present juncture tingent from Preteria with German ar risk sending. Both are likely to be strengthened been to mean co-operation in the invasion of the northern portions of Cape Colony. force and even by the first detachment An undertaking which thus far has not of General Buller's army corps.

FRIDAY'S ENGAGEMENT. Many Boers Killed by Gordon High-landers—Ladysmith Crowded with Prisoners. Value 1

m Durban, Natal Nov. 5 The state ment of native witnesses. respecting the severity of the fighting on both Friday details of the Boer plan of campaign, and Saturday at Ladysmith, are confirmwhich was drawn up, he asserts by a ed. The natives assert that the Boers were so cut up that they howled for mercy on the field and covered their thodies Marksmith is prowded with Boer prisoners and wounded, the latter presenting horrible evidence of the swords

> London: Nove S .- Reports received re day, when a force sent by General White from Ladysmith surprised in the rear the Boers operating against Colenso, confirm the statements of British success. A Kaffin declares that fully a hundred 'men women," which w would a indicate that the Gordon Highlanders were there Apparently when the Colenso agarrison evacuated that place on Friday the that when Gen. White requested ity of carrying out an effective attack on depart. Gen. Joubert replied he would

by the burghers. Narrow Escape of Cavalry. Estcourt. Natal, Nov. 5. Details regarding General Brocklehurst's" operations on Friday towards Dewdrop show that the British force consisted of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Hussars cavalry with a battery, mounted infan-

try, the Fifth Dragoons, Roston's Light Horse and two batteries. mid-day General Brocklehurst drove the Boers from all their positions, shelled three of their guns into silence, and headed off 1,000 Boers from the Pietermaritzburg road.

The Light Horse pressed too far into a gully and were extricated by the Dragoons, all getting safely away. Lieut, Pomeroy of the Fifth Dragoon Guards pluckily rescued a dismounter trooper under a heavy fire. The British casualties were slight. The

moral effect is excellent BATTLE OF NICHOLSON'S NEK. Boers Described the Fighting-British Fire Prevented the Use of Guns.

Capetown, Nov. 5 .- Part of a dispatch giving the Boer description of the battle from the Imperial authorities that no of Nicholson's Nek has been received

"Gen. Joubert was in supreme com-

"The British batteries were observed Northcott for distribution, as require in a long line on the plains in the direction of the Boens' centre along Table six men at Medicine Hat, and found him with several of the powers than the Berlin, Nov. 8.—An Antwerp telegram Hill, from where our artillery opened on a first rate fellow. At Winnipeg the to the Tageblatt states that a political the English batteries coming into posi- people were down in a growd to meet incident marked yesterday's banquet at tion from Lombard's kop with a Cruesot. us, Capts. Williams and Pearse taking the Zoological gardens in honor of the The second shell fell in their midst. It us all on cars up to the barracks, where Relgian South Polar expedition. Mr. was followed by shot after shot, drawing we were we'l looked after.

> "From six to twelve the hill was a think there must have been at least a veritable inferno of hissing, whistling dozen bands at various stations on the fragments of shells. "At first the British shells failed to reach the hill where the Boer fire told put aboard and some whiskey.

heavily. "Eventually the British reached the in force, and had coffee and sandwiches Boers and showered shells on our gunners. The Boers could only occasion fire their guns. While a wounded gunpeaches, etc. ner bandaged himself another fought, of the G. G. F. G. and a number of other officers were there with the mayor, oblivious of the fragments of shells at however, and it is asserted that she has his back. Dr. Holds was killed while who made a speech to which I replied

bandaging the wounded. "In the meanwhile the burghers got much on the same lines as at Victoria, their howitzers further forward and into The ladies handed aboard a lot of cake. difficulties he is now experiencing, and play and the extreme end of Meyer's batgetting back to the train we lost Capt. Hodgins and Gr. Carter, but they caught tery got in deadly work." The remainder of the dispatch has not been received. "

> Boers Are Withdrawing From Mafeking -The Invasion of Cape Colony. London, Nov. 9.-The Boers are apparto have one of the boys who knew the ently disheartened at the unexpected resistance offered at Mafeking and a large body of their force has been detached town, he piloted us. We were met by the band about half way. On arrival I

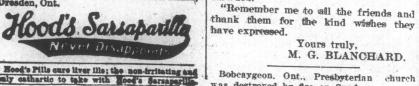
INVESTMENT OF KIMBERLEY.

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my stomach, a form of neuralgis. My
mother urged me to take Rood's Sarsaparilla and it made me well and strong. I
have also given it to my baby with satisfactory results. I am gisd to recommend
Hood's Sarsaparilla to others." Mrs.
JOHN LA PASE, 240 Church St., Toronto, Ont. Complete Exhaustion—"After treatment in hospital, I was weak, hardly able to walk. My blood was thin. I took Hood's Sársaparilla until well and gained 20 lbs. It also benefited my wife." ABTHUR MILLS,



have expressed. Yours truly, M. G. BLANCHARD.

Bobcaygeon, Ont., Presbyterian church was destroyed by fire on Sunday. flank, their presumed object being to Allies

Something Free State

Rich in Farmin -- Valuable

Near Ja There are two in South Africa. is one. The Tran former is bounde Orange river, which Colony, a British On the north it sister republic, divide it from N the west it is b West, which is Diamond Fields,

of the prakensber British possession The Orange F of about 50,000 s elevated table la sen level, and is mues wide, runni The Prese

of the country is ernment at about 140.000 natives of long tribes. Bloen miles north of north of Port Eliz of East London, only mountain m Free State are th the eastern portion the Drakensberg gradually to the orn and western b ern part of the Fre detached kopjes, erwise the interiprairie or prairies, coarse grass. T south to a scrubby is excellent grazing grass supplanting grasses in places. State is not a virtually treeless. now found on th moist valleys of scrub of mimosa the willow and the a species of wild a The principal la

Pastoral though there is a of soil on the Basu ered to be second for grain-producing suits of the peop stock-raising and strip noted above rigation or fertilizing for nearly 40 conse to 80 bushels to th strip of land is know erritory. It was t tos about 1864 T is the granary of th and of the Transvi country, 30 miles long rare grown maize, and Kaffir harge herds of ca peaches and grapes to a large extent. of supplies, and th face British South ed upon with Boer strategy to hold the the homes of the same blood.

Diamonds Are E on the fields of Jage famous 900 carat sior was found, on Koffyfontein, in th smith, which is i part, of the republic. these mines can b known that the dias Jagersfontein field t 189 carats, valued that of Koffyfontein was 1,500 carats, v This is part of the prize in the present The inhabitants of State are a peaceful, governed people. The into pineteen districts is presided over by a trate. Each of the or more wards, acco importance. Each of a member of the vol In addition to this, e a member to the legislature."

delegate the governm The president, who head of the executive vised by an executive high court, which is justice and two puis The government of 000 annually from state, to meet its revenue is mainly de lowing sources Qui the rate of 48 cents f or 200 acres: transfer fixed property, at the a 2 per cent. rate of all goods sold by aucitulation tax of \$2.50 From the custom ceived about \$600.00 obtained from a 12 p levy on all over-sea border. These dues treaty with the Co ment, levied at the po They are also levied by Orange Free Stat ance with the provis

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Customs existing between the and the Free State.