Gen. Buller on Saturday faced the last

and strongest position of the Boers

who bar his way to Ladysmith. The

strenuous fighting indicates a fight be-

tween armies rather than rear guards,

protecting a retreat. On Thursday

and Friday he lost 43 officers killed

and wounded, representing probably a

advanced on Saturday upon the Boer

smith replied that the Boers were re-

selves by volunteering to take Grob-ler's Kloof, which they did. This gal-lant battalion, which began the war

STUBBORN FIGHTING. Winston Churchill, in a despatch

is among the Boers killed." Mr. Churchill then proceeds to describe

heavy fighting last Friday, in which he Inniskillings approached within 00 yards of the summit of a rocky

Boer position, and then gallantly charged in the face of a hail of bul-

BULLER CRITICIZED.

these by details, as revealed in the despatch from Mr. Winston Churchill. Mr. Wilkinson admits, however, that

Mr. Churchill's advices are too incom-

formed, since his despatch breaks off in the middle, leaving the battle un-

A HEAVY CASUALTY LIST.

London, Feb. 27.-General Buller, in

a despatch from Colenso, dated Sun-day, Feb. 25th, reports that the British casualties Feb. 20 were 12 killed, 99

wounded, among the Somersets and Dorsets, and that on Feb. 22 and 23

The War Office to-day issued an additional list of the casualties sustained by the Fifth Brigade under Gen. Buller, Feb. 23, and Feb. 24, which includes seven officers killed,

2) wounded and one missing. Gen. Buller's march on Ladysmith is

being marked by sharp fighting. A Pietermaritzburg despatch of to-day's date says he is still heavily engaged

in fighting.

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finished.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson's article in the Morning Post to-day is almost wholly devoted to criticism of Gen.
Buller's tactics in sending small forces
to take positions and then reinforce

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That Cronje has Surrendered to Him Unconditionally and is Now a Prisoner in the British Camp.

The Boer General by Holding out for Ten Days has Given the Transvaal Authorities Time to Concentrate a New Army of Defence

at Bloemfontein.

of Lord Roberts announcing the surrender of Gen. Cronj: reads as fol-

Paardeberg, Feb. 27th, 7 45 a.m.,-Gen. Cropje and all his followers capitulated unconditionally at daylight and he is now a prisoner. The strength of is force will be communicated later hope that Her Majesty's government vill consider this event satisfactory ocurning as it does on the adhiversary ROBERTS

London, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 4,20 m.-The Boers are assembling an army near Bloemfontein with which to dispute the invasion of Lord Roberts. This intelligence comes from Pretoria by way of Lorenzo Marques. The commandos are described as "has tening from all quarters of the two Republics." No estimate is made of their numbers, but the withdrawal of the Boers from most of the places where they have been in contact with the British except the district near Ladysmith may raise the resisting force to 30,000 men. This figure assumes that the Boers have between 60,000 and 70,000 men in the field. The erathering of this army across the path of Lord Roberts gives significance to Gen. Cronje's steadfast defence. He engaged the corps of Lord Roberts for ten days, and has given time for the dispersed factions to get together and to prepare positions to receive the British advance,

EVERY MAN TO THE FRONT. A despatch to the Daily News from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Friday, Feb. 23, says: It is reported here that 5,-000 burghers have left Ladysmith for the Free State. The Boers are concentrating their forces thirty miles outside of Bloemfontein, and the Free State government is moving to Wynberg. Reinforcements from all parts tre passing through Bloemfontein hourly. President Steyn has tele-graphed President Kruger that Lord Roberts is within a few hours of Bloemfontein, and urges that every male, irrespective of nationality, should be commanded. President male, irrespective of nationality, should be commandeered. President Steyn is said to favor peace. The Boer general, who was in command at Colenso, sent a message to President Kruger saying that he had been smashed up there, and recommending

London, Feb. 27.—The despatch | overtures for peace. The Burghers at Mafeking are also reported to have sent word to Kruger that they would rather defend their own farms than fight elsewhere. The Pretoria govern-ment is paying its debts with bar gold, the English professional coiner having refused to work. It is under stood continental shareholders are affected by the closing of the Robinson Bank. President Kruger allowed the institution to reopen

ROBERT'S FORBEARANCE. The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Paardeberg:—There were about 4,000 men in Gen. Cronje's camp, exclusive of the losses he has hitherto sustained. His wife is not with him, although there are women and children in the camp. The Boer position was almost exclusively confined to the river bed. The enemy were entirely at our mercy, but Lord Roberts treated them with great consideration, from motives of humanity.

HARD WORK AHEAD. A Cape Town despatch, dated Sun-ay, February 24, says:—The Boers are concentrating to defend Bloem-fontein. The movement on the veldt, away from the railway, is becoming increasingly difficult for large bodies of troops, as the grass is burned up. Gen. French has no water for his horses, and even the infantry finds the long marches harder than before as forage for the transport animals must be carried. This requires the must be carried. This requires the formation of garrisoned depots. The ordinary camp has to be closely watched, and the sickly season for both men and animals has set in. The technical writers take these things consideration in forecasting events.

TREASON IN THE AIR. The Daily Chronicle says it learns from private letters that British rifles

from private letters that British rifles and ammunition have been landed on the southern coast of Cape Colony, presumably for the Dutch colonists.

The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail says: — "As a result of special inquiries in Boer circles, I am able to corroborate fully the reported danger from the intrigues of the Afrikander Bund."

**TANKINGS PETALIATE*

NATIVES RETALIATE. Lorenzo Marques, Monday, Feb. 27.— despatch from Gaberones, dated A despatch from Gaberones, dated Thursday, February 22, says:—Chief Linchwe has reported that he made reprisals from the Boers near Sequani, killing a few men and capturing sev-

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I eral horses and wagons. There were several casualties on both sides. The Boers at Crocodile Pools notified Col. Plumer that fearing the natives would attack the wounded, they had placed their hospital within the laager. Col. Plumer replied that the ambulance would of course be respected, but the Boers, he said, could not expect to be saved from the natives while they were invading the territory of the

Says the Poor Durchmen Have Been Humbugged

By Their Leaders Into This Unfortunate War -- An Unprincipled Gang.

Kimberley, Tuesday, Feb. 27.—Cecil Rhodes, presiding at the meeting of the De Beers Co. to-day, delivered a remarkable speech, which was receivd with enthusiasm. After announce ing that the year's profits of the De Beers Co. amounted to \$10,000,000, he spoke of the Chartered Co.'s transactions with De Beers, and said that the shareholders were divided into two classes-imaginative and unimagina The latter, he said, passed their lives filling money bags that are dis-sipated by their offspring on wine and women and horses. To the latter class he stated that the transactions with the Chartered Co. had closed satisfac torily, as the De Beers Co. owned all the diamonds wherever its charter exsted. To the imaginative he drew ar

eloquent picture of these mines 100 years, hence as mirroring European civilization in the far south.

"The latter," he said, "feel a glow of satisfaction at the thought that the immensa riches taken form the latter." mmense riches taken from the have not been merely devoted to the decoration of the fair sex."

Speaking of the war he considered it a puzzle why it had arisen. The Trans and and the Freee State were not re publics, he declared, but olicurchies, and had been long consuiring to seize British South Africa. Each govern-British South Africa. Each covernment was simply a small political gang who humbugged the poor Dutchmen, appealing to their patriotism, and dividing the spoils among their coteries. The Afrikanders had been working 20 years for independence. He said that expPresident Raitz of the Orange years for independence.

en President Reitz, of the Orange Free
State had years ago avowed that his
only ambition in life was to drive Eng-

and out of Africa.

After showing how Kimberley had been defended by its citizens, of whom 120 had been killed or wounded, and thanking Gen. French for his gallant ride, Mr. Rhodes closed brilliantly, as-serting "We have done our duty in preserving and protecting the greatest commercial asset in the world—her majesty's flag."

WAR NOTES. Canadian transport Pomeranian, from Halifax, Jan. 27, with another contingent of Capadian troops on board has arrived at Capetown. total of from 400 to 500. Gen. White positions, and a heliogram from Lady-

names of three lieutenant-colonels— Thackeray, of the First Royal Innis-killing Fusiliers; Sitwell, of the Second

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and Thorold, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The Famous Gloebler's Kloof Storm-

ed-Boers Last Strong Position.

Lord Roberts has recently received 72 additional pieces of artillery. Whether all have been sent to Paarde berg is not known. Probably the 8th division will leave England next Mon-The Militia Department has received

smith replied that the Boers were re-treating and that larger rations were being issued in view of the fact that relief seemed at hand.

The Times has the following from Pietermaritzburg:—"The Dublin Fusi-liers have again distinguished them-relyes by volunteering to take Grobfrom Col. Otter a cable announcing the death of Capt. H. M. Arnold, of Winnipeg, and Pte. McCreary, of Sussex, N. B. Pte. McCreary, who was at first reported killed, died on Feb. 19, the day after the fight, and Major Arnold, who was reported wounded, 850 strong, to-day can be said to mus-ter only between 100 and 200 of its original members." died on Friday last.

The Governor of New South Wales cables to Lord Minto as follows:—Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 26.—The Premier, on behalf of New South Wales, desires to express deep symmetric control of the co to the Morning Post from Frere Camp, dated Sunday, says:—"The idea that the Boers are raising the siege of pathy with the people of Canada in the loss of so many of her valuable the Boers are raising the siege of Ladysmith is premature. The advance is being pursued in the face of the most stubborn opposition and of heavy losses. President Kruger's grandson and gallant sons. (Signed) Fred. M. Darleu.

The special correspondents at the front unite in echoing the general praise for the Canadians at Paardepraise for the tanadans at raide-berg on Sunday, Feb. 18, praising their gallant behavior under the hottest fire. The Daily News' special corres-pondent says:—"They were heavily en-gaged in Sunday's fight, when they gallantly attempted to take the en-emy's position by assault."

charged in the face of a hail of bullets. He says:—"After repeated attacks and having lost heavily, they recognized that they were unable to prevail. Nevertheless, they refused to retreat, but lay down on the slope behind a shelter of wall. The Connaughts and the Dublin Fusiliers were sent to their support, but the light faded and the night closed in before the main attack had developed." BILLEER CRITICIZED.

Citizens Turned out Last Night en Masse

To Celebrate the Relief of Ladysmith by General Buller-Announcements furned Out Incorrect.

ondon, Ont., February 27 asm over the report last night of the relief of Ladysmith. Bells were rung, fireworks sent up and the whole population that could be wakened from the quiet of a winter evening fireside turned out to cheer. The City Hall bell was rung for hours continuously. Then the chimes of St. Paul's joined in, and church bells in different parts of the city were peeled. The most in-tense excitement prevailed. Election day enthusiasm never surpassed the day enthusiasm never surpassed the scenes that prevailed; perhaps never equalled them. The spirit of rejoicing seized upon everyone. The cheering was deafening, and practically continuous, so fast did outburst follow upon outburst. The streets were lighted up in all directions with red and white calcium fire. Giant firecrackers were thrown into the street and exploded. Sky rockets were set off all over the city. The excitement continued until after midnight. It was indeed a wild night in London.

The report which gave so much joy came over the Great North-western Telegraph Company wire at 9.10 p.m. The despatch was brevity itself. It read as follows:—
"London, Feb. 26.—It is officially an-

nounced that Ladysmith has been re

A telegraph messenger aroused the city to the scenes of enthusism which followed. He shouted as he ran along the streets. The fact spread like wild-fire. The messenger had no sooner de-livered the despatch than he ran to the City Hall, and, exerting might and main, started the fire-belf ringing. He had not long to wait for assistance.
The news speed with mazing rapidity. The crowds grew and grew.
Half an hour after the receipt of the news, two thousand people had gathered. An hour, and the numbers had doubled. People were in a frenzy of delight. The report plainly upset many an ordinarily sober mind. Despite the bitter cold, the crowd surged up and down the main streets, demonstrating in every possible manner the enthusi-asm that with them knew no bounds. upon every tongue. Several efforts were made to get a brass band out, and finally about eleven o'clock the Salvationists turned out and played several patriotic airs. When they came to Rule Britannia" the immense came to Rule Britannia" the immense crowds, seemingly almost to a man, joined in the singing. Flags were car-ried by many. The Christopher Colombo Society, carrying the flag of Italy, joined most heartily in the cele-bration. Ven. Archdeacon Davis, rec-tor of St. James Church, learned the tidioses at an early hour, and without tidings at an early hour, and without delay went to the church and rang the bell until assistance came, doing much to arouse South London. People hur-ried to the city from a distance of two

miles about.

Then the C. P. R. which gets the official associated press reports, announced that they had no knowledge of the G. N. W. despatch nor had the cable company. And so the enthusiasm of the people was cooled.

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