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H. J. WICKHAM, oronto, 5th January, 1900.

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EMILY HOWARD-Suddenly, at B. C., on the 8th February, 1900, Howard Crease, third daughter late Capt. Henry Crease, R.N., nouth, England, and sister of Sir

ddenly, at "Swallowfield Farm, olme, V.I., on the 8th February, aged 60 years, Edward Stainton son of the late Henry Hall, of , Kirby, Kent, England, and of the late Henry Hall, of

At the family residence, Fair-load, on the 8th instant, Margaret, sloved wife of George Winter, a of Edinburgh, Sectiand; aged 54

DER-At the family residence, & Johnson street, on the 14th in-Hubert Wilfred, youngest son of tick and Louisa Alexander; aged ar and four months. the 9th February, T. A. Ellis

HALISTS IN LONDON.

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Feb. 13.-The socialists tried pro-Boer or peace meeting at London, last evening. A hosinval the hall, shouting od invalidation the hall, shouting with the Boers," and singing the anthem. Mr. Henry Hindman, leader, and others attempted



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FORTY SECOND YEAR.

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The Boers in Flight From Kimberley

French's Cavalry Comes Into Touch With the British Outposts and Proceeds North to Cut Off the Enemy's Retreat.

Burghers Also Deserting the Trenches at Magersfontein and Roberts' Forces bent Upon Capture of the Fugitives.

Shell Fire Punishes Boers Escaping From Jacobsdal—Infantry

Brigade in Hot Pursuit of Large Convoy Making
for Bloemfontein.

Tononto, Feb. 16.—The news of the relief of Kimberley was received here with the greatest enthusiasm. Flags were hoisted on all public buildings and on many private ones in the business quarters. Mayor McDonald, on behalf of the citizens, sent a cablegram of congratulations to Lord Lansdowne, Imperial secretary of state for war.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office publishes these messages from Lord Roberts: "Jacobsdal, Feb. 15.—French, with a French drove the Boers away and cross-

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Riet River, Orange Free State, Feb.

14.—General French, in command of the cavalry division and a strong force of horse artillery, left Modder River on Sunday morning for Rambam, 12 miles east of Enslin, where the whole division concentrated.

The next day he made a rapid march to trench the place.

DINED AT KIMBERLEY CLUB.

London, Feb. 17.—The Standard publishes the following despatch from Wedmai, dated. Thursday at midnight: "Official news has been received here that Gen. French arrived at Kimberley to-day and dined at the club this evening."

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JOY AT KIMBERLEY'S RELIEF. Toronto's Mayor Congratulates Lans downe-Volunteers for Africa Hear News at Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—"Kimberley is relieved" were the words which greeted the Toronto detachment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles as the special train containing them pulled into Bonaventure station this morning shortly after 9 o'clock. The announcement spread like wild-fire through the care, and a scene o'clock. The announcement spread like wild-fire through the cars, and a scene of indescribable enthusiasm followed. The detachment consisted of nine officers and 156 men and 162 horses. They left Toronto at 8 o'clock last night, and at 6 o'clock this morning arrived at Cornwall, where they had breakfast. At St. Henri the horse cars were detached from the special and taken to St. tached from the special and taken to St Kyd's stock yards at Point St. Charles The passenger coaches were subse The passenger coaches were subsequently brought into Bonaventure station, where the men were transferred to

INDIAN TROOPS FOR AFRICA.

Satisfactory.

Boers Moving off to Free State -- Flying Column Quiet ing Zululand.

Early this morning a large force of Boers from Colesberg, with ten guns, attacked a convoy of 200 wagons at the Riet River, shelling vigorously and doing damage, but strong reinforcements have been sent hence, and it is hoped they will bring in the whole convey in

BLIZZARD AT NEW YORK.

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Volunteers formed the advance guard, the South Wales Borderers were placed in the centre, and the North Staffords on the right flank. These latter were first in Jacobsdal. They cleared out the Boers main but mort to-day whirrled the snow about in thick blinding clouds. About ten north were sopposing them after a gullant charge with their bayonets.

"Meanwhile the 75th battery shelled outskirts of the town. The enemy retired towards Magersfontein, where Gen. Complete Magor Harlett were wounded and captured in the action on Tuesday and after the Boers executed Jacobsdal, we found these efficers and ten of the British, who had been wounded in a previous engagement.

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Columbian Fall Out on the March.

Associated Press Correspondence.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—The Star received the following cable to-day from its special correspondent, W. Richmond-Smith:

"Genéral French with his cavalry, at the capture of Jacobsdal, Feb. 15 (via Modder River, Feb. 16, delayed in transmission)—In operations which have resulted in the occupation of Jacobsdal by British troops, in the hasty retreat of General Cronigin from Magersfontein, and in the relief of Kimberley the Royal Canadian Regiment was given a share.

"When the order to make the forward movement was given the Canadians, whe were brigaded in the Ninth Division, moved out from Wegednaal, on the right flank of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of Jacobsdal, or the right flank of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the cocupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the company of the cocupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the cocupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupatio

flank of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of Jacobsdal, General French arrived at Wegedraal on the 15th. The Seventh Division advanced upon Jacobsdal from the east on the afternoon of the same day. After the junction of forces at Wegedraal and the decision to advance upon Jacobsdal, it was seen that a sharp fight was in store. The City of London of the fifteen days' delay.

Missing Companies of Wiltshire Regiment Were Asleep When Others Marched Out.

Arundel, Feb. 16.—The retirement of the British from Rensburg was most orderly. The railway had withdrawn the stores on the previous day, and the stores on the previous day, and the buggage wagons left before the evacuation took place.

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Affairs There—No Politics in His Move.

Arundel, Feb. 16.—The retirement of the despatches from Jacobsdal confirm this belief, saying Cronje has been obliged to "outspan," in other words from a laager or camp, in order to rest his oxen. This explains Gen. Kelly-Kenny's latest despatch referring to the shelling of the laager, which also brought the long-expected word of Kitchener's whereabouts. That the General who services in the defence of Kimberley. The other members of which were personal the pursuit of Gen. Cronje adds greatly to the configuration have at last started east, the long-expected word of Kitchener's whereabouts. That the General who services in the defence of Kimberley. The other members of which were personal the pursuit of Gen. Cronje adds greatly to the configuration have a complex the post duty, have since arrived. The other members of the two companies have probably been taken prisoners.

Jacobsdal

Townsfolk Agreeably Surprised to Find British Troops Not Looters.

Now Receiving Them as Friends -President Steyn Betrayed His People.

Boers From Magersfontein Re turn to Farms in Disorganized Masses.

Ry Associated Press. Jacobsdal, Feb. 17.-Lord Roberts troops to-day entered this town, which has been in the possession of the British since yesterday. The utmost order prevails. Military police patrol the streets, but not a stick of furniture, not even an obability of Objection to Their Use in apple from the trees, has been taken. A sentry is placed before each store, and

"Jacobsdal, Feb. 15.—French, with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley this evening, Thursday,"

"Jacobsdal, Feb. 16.—The following from General French was received this morning:

"I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley from Alexander's Fontein to Oliphant's Fontein, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured enemy's larger and store depots, supplies and supplies of all ranks, wounded.

"Kimberley cheerful and well."

"Jacobsdal, Feb. 16, 7.45 p.m.—Much gratified on arriving here to find admirable hospital arrangements made by Gen. French's division seized three drifts on the Modder river. At the third drift the Boers were fairly strongly enterended. Gen. French's bombarded from the boors way and cross-and the solders are allowed to enter and purchase what they require. London, Feb. 17.—It is more than probable that native Indian troops will eventually be used in South Africa. There is a strong element in the cabinet again ensued, French shelling the Boers were that strop of this step and it is likely it would have been taken. London, Feb. 17.—It is more than probable that native Indian troops will eventually be used in South Africa. There is a strong element in the cabinet would have been taken. London, Feb. 17.—It is more than probable that native Indian troops will be vested in South Africa. There is a strong element in the cabinet would have been taken long ago but for fear of the mo-conformist consciences and religio-political influences.

The rapidity of Gen. French's march and the overwhelming nature of his force fear of the mo-conformist consciences and religio-political influences.

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tion of the inhabitants, the Free State is tired of the war. It is openly said here that Steyn betrayed the people. When the latter became satisfied there was no truth in the stories of the looting proclivities of the British, the townspeople welcomed the British as friends.

Since the battle of Modder River the town has not been garrisoned, but has merely been used as a postal depot. When the Boers fired on the British Wednesday the townspeople protested. Although the British shelling yesterday considerably frightened the women, the shells were only directed at a ridge beyond the town, which was entrenched. The large hospital remains in beautiful order. It is clean and sanitary, and the wounded on both sides are equally well attended.

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A correspondent talked with a number of the Boer wounded, and they all acknowledged that the British movemen sole object was the capture of Jacobs-dal. When informed of the relief of Kimberley they were at first incredulous and then astounded. The landrost re-

mains in the town.

News has reached here that the Boers are leaving Magersfontein and are returning in disorganized masses to their

Archbishop Bruchesi on the Sad Cons quences of Present War.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Archbishop Bruchesi is preparing a letter asking all cures in his diocese to pray and have prayers said for the re-establishment of peace in the British Empire. His Grace will draw attention to his remarks on the South African war at New Year's, and will express profound regret at the and will express profound regret at the loss of life which has thrown into mourning thousands of English families.

WARREN FOR PARLIAMENT.

London, Feb. 17.—The parliamentary bye-election yesterday in the Newark division of Nottinghamshire to replace Charles William Sydney, Viscount Newark (Conservative), who had succeeded to the peerage, resulted as follows: Sir Charles Warren, Unionist, 5,162; Henry Stanger, Liberal, 2,871. At the last election Viscount Newark was uncomposed count Newark was unopposed.

HOW THE BOERS TELL IT. True the British Relieved Kimberley but the Burghers Captured

Pretoria, Feb. 16.—(1 p. m.)—It appears from further reports of yesterday's fighting at Jacobsdal that 2,000 British troops got through the Federal position at Modder River and relieved Kimberley.

Shelling Cronje In His Retreat

Free State.
"The Sixth Division crossed the Rei

"The Seventh Division crossed the Riet

the struggle which has been going on since October.

No matter how the struggle ends, it will raise the biggest international problems of this century in Europe.

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Sion, is able to effect the projected junction with the forces of Kelly-Kenny, while the Ninth division, under Gen. Colville, is rapidly coming up from the rear, so that the hero of Khartoum should have a sufficient force to decisively engage Cronje and prevent him from reaching Bloemfontein with an effective force.

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Over the whole Modder River district there is such tremendous military activity that it is hard to realize the area covered or grasp the full meaning of the

covered or grasp the full meaning of the movement.

Gen. Macdonald has again occupied Koodoosberg. What precautions Roberts has adopted against a counter attack are not yet known, but the war office and public are thoroughly convinced that he is fully able to cope with all contingencies, and if it is within human possibilities he will inflict the defeat on Cronje that is so much more important than the relief of Kimberley, brilliant as was the latter achievement.

While Gen. Kelly-Kenny's, or rather Kitchener's, despatch referred to the Boer rear guard as being Cronje's, it is still doubtful if the General is personally with it, and possibly he may be employing more than one line of retreat.

Despatches from Capetown announce Despatches from Capetown announce that enthusiastic demonstrations followed the announcement of the relief of Kimberley. Government House was surrounded by huge crowds, and the British high commissioner and governor

eived an ovation. The house which Lord Roberts occupied on his arrival at Capetown was similarly feted. There were parades through the city, cheering for "Bobs," flags flying, and hostile demonstrations were made outside newspaper offices sympathetic to the Boers, and before the ministers supposed to be in sympathy with the burghers.

The relief was similarly celebrated in

JAMESON RAID AGAIN. Chamberlain to Produce Evidence Dis-

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Ottawa, Feb. 16.-A Buffalo deputa

"The Seventh Division crossed the Riet River east of Koffyfontein and drove the Commons and further adjourned.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Mr. Sifton leaves for England in three weeks to be absent for a considerable period. He is about to undergo treatment for deafness, which has been growing worse.

Imports last month increased \$3,750, 000; exports increased \$3,750, 000; exports increased \$7,500,000.

Private David Moore, of London, a member of the first course at Kingston to have commenced on the first of February collapsed owing to the absence of an instruction will occur, if it has not already been fought.

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Roberts' Plan to Encircle and Capture the Whole Free State Force.

hough Cronje Escaped His Army is Crippled by Loss of Stores Abandoned

Problem Now to Clear Railway Line of Boers Threaten. ing Communications.

London, Feb. 17 .- Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, the military expert, reviewing the British high commissioner and governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner, reat midnight, said:

"Lord Roberts has begun his campaign by striking at the principal Boer force in the western theatre of war, that of Commandant Cronje, covering the siege of Kimberley.

"In a little over three weeks Lord Roberts has completed the organization of his forces. He then quietly massed some 50,000 men, four infantry divisions and a cavalry division, near the selected point, reaching Modder River station on Priday, February 9. He must have put his troops in motion with the least possible delay, for ou Monday the action of the man attempt to turn the

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doubt be pursued.

"There is no doubt Kimberley is relieved, and that the railway will soon be re-opened. This is a success, but the more valuable result—the destruction of a part of the Boer army—has not been secured. It cannot be said under the circumstances that this is attributable to weakness in British generalship, which seems to have been excellent.

"There are disquieting features in the news. The capture by Boers, said to have come from Colesberg, of a large British convoy, may diminish the mobility of the British force, and is a proof of the energy of the Boer leaders. The vigorous attack on the British at Rens-

Col. Ofter cables that the authorities at Capetown have arranged to notify the colonial government of any colonial casualties.

It is stated that Mr. Tarte will leave for Paris about the middle of March. He does not want to resign his portfolio, although Brodeur is slated for the position.

The debate on the appropriation to pay the contingents was continued in the

nd the police were compelled to e and to clear the streets in the chood of the hall.