## Weeping Like Boys

How the Boers Received the News of Cronje's Surrender.

Pretoria Women Will do Work While Men are Fighting.

British Prisoners Will Be First to Feel Effects of Embargo on Beef.

London, May 14.—The Daily News correspondent, A. G. Hales, who was taken prisoner by the Boers and returned by them to Gen. Gatacre, sends his paper an account of how the Boers received the news of Cronje's surrender.

"Some who had escaped from Cronje's laager brought in the fateful news. The stolid looking fighting men broke down and wept like boys. Great rugged, bearded men dashed their rifles on the ground and spurned them with their option of speaking to empty benches or London, May 14.—The Daily News

stolid looking fighting men broke down and wept like boys. Great rugged, bearded men dashed their rifles on the ground and spurned them with their boots, whilst down their sun and wind tanned faces the tears poured. Others stood leaning upon their rifles with hands hard gripped until one would think the tightened muscles would leave the impress of the straining fingers upon the cold steel. Others again crowded to gether and looked dumbly from face to face, like cattle foregathered to the shambles. If Cronje had loved his country half as well as his country loved him, he would have marched right on to the point of a British bayonet on that morning so disastrous to the Boer arms, and have yielded up his life in order that the memory of his name might have remained as a watchword on the lips and in the hearts of his gallant yeoman soldiery. Cronje had been to the Boers as a god fashioned out of marble. They found him at last to be soly a man made out of mud, and when he fell the Cape Dutch cause and the Grange Free State fell with him. When he laid down his arms he launched a thunderbolt into the Boer camp which wrecked it forever."

Pretoria, May 12—(via Lorenzo Marques).—A war bulletin has been issued here announcing that the British are advancing against the Federals at Helpmakaar and Londer's Nek.

The burghers this morning attacked Mafeking.

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DELTA CANDIDATE CHOSEN. John Oliver Selected to Support the Go ernment-Martin's Stock Warning.

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Vancouver, May 14.—At the convention held at Cloverdale fo-day in Martin's interests, John Oliver, farmer, was chosen to stand in Mr. Martin's interest for the riding of Delta at the forthcoming election. Other candidates for Delta are J. W. Barry, Conservative, and Thos. Forster, Provincial Party. The Martin party will hold a convention in a few days at Richmond to choose a candidate. Chas. Wilson and W. J. Bowser returned from a campaigning tour through the Fraser Valley on Saturday, Mr. Wilson returning on Sunday to Delta to be present to-day when a Martin candidate will be chosen for that riding at a convention to be held for the purpose. Mr. Bowser said that he would judge from what he heard and saw that the hurrah for Martin had subsided and the people through the Fraser Valley were taking the right measure of the man.

At the Whetham meeting at Agassiz on Thursday Mr. Whetham was followed by Mr. McBride, and at the conclusion of Mr. McBride, and at the conclusion of Mr. McBride's speech some one shouted three cheers for McBride, which were given, and immediately after the audience with the exception of twelve left Is Wresting British Territory Back Again From the Boer Forces.

Roberts Is Concentrating His Forces at Kroonstad for an Advance.

**Bold Move** 

Buller's

Free Staters Propose to Make President Steyn Himself a Prisoner.

London, May 15 .- (3:45 a. m.)-Gen Buller's turning of the Biggarsberg position was effected by a bold movement The Boers had evacuated Helpmakaar, but were making a stand Monday evening at Bleskoplagt, seven miles from spot regarded this as a rear guard action atended to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time Gen. Hildyard took Indoba, and it is reported that the

took Indoba, and it is reported that the Boers withdrew in disorder.

Gen. Buller, who seems to be employing his full strength, is expected to push on. His first marches were 45 miles in three days. He is thus breaking into British territory which had been administered for six months by the Transvalers as though it were part of their republic, they holding courts and levying taxes. His success, therefore, has political as well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infantry are concentrating at Kroonstad, where they will rest for a day or two, his horsemen have penetrated 18 miles northward. Two hundred Boers who had hidden in the river jungles near Kroonstad to escape service, have surrendered to the British and taken the oath of allegiance. According to a despatch from Bennett-burg to the Daily Telegraph, dated May 10, Paul Botha and William McDonald, members of the Free State volksraad demanded that the chairman should call a meeting to sue for peace, as further registrates was suicidal and proposed to Boers withdrew in disorder.

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WEST HURON ELECTION. nent Refuse to Inquire Into Over Twenty Thousand Men Exclusiv

Ottawa, May 15 .-- The government today fiatly refused to grant an inquiry in the Brockville West Huron election cases, which must now be judged by the country. Sir Louis Davies made a lame defence of the government's action, and then Mr. Powell produced evidence of crooked work in Brockville, reading the affidavit of Protchett, the government organizer, who taught the deputies how to slip ballots. Had the election been an honest one, Peter White would be now a member of the Commons. The debate will be resumed to-morrow.

A consignment of ova of Pacific rainbow salmon has arrived safely at Lord Strathcona's place in the Highlands, Mr. Fisher announced that the difficulties about cold storage accommodation day flatly refused to grant an inquiry in office last evening issued an abstract of

The Dominion of the County of

America Or Russia

The Boer Envoys Place Both General Synman Attempted to Countries in the Same Category.

Mr Fischer's Speech When Welcomed in New York Yesterday Afternoon.

He Thinks That Despotism and Fate of the Town in Doubt but a Republic Are the

New York, May 15.-The peace envoys from South Africa to the United will last until about June 1" is the lat-States, Messrs. Abraham Fischer, J. M. est official word from Col. Baden-Powell, rived here on the steamship Maasdam to Lord Roberts under date of May 7. London, May 16 .- (4:30 a.m.) - The war

dam down the bay, former Judge Van Hossen delivered an address of welcome to the envoys.

Mr. Fischer responded as follows: "I thank you most heartily for this welcome which you have just extended to us. The warmth of a welcome does not lie in the length of the words you say, but in deeds. We believe the American people will also extend to us a hearty welcome. For ours is a cause that is dear to their hearts. We are fighting for our country. As soon as they come to understand our case they will, I believe, echo the welcome you have just given us."

The envoys were eager to hear the latest news from the war. When told

## Storming Mafeking.

Rush the Works on 8aturday Week.

Kaffir Location Was Seized and Fighting Was at Close Quarters.

Relief Column is Near.

London, May 16. (4:30 a.m.)-"Food A. Wolmarans and C. H. Wessels, ar- the British commander at Mafeking, sent to-day. They were met by a committee Five days later, the Boers attempted to which went down the bay to greet them, storm the town and it is possible that they and later they were greeted by a body succeeded, although nothing is known of of Boer sympathizers. The Mayor of the attack or of its results except through Hoboken extended a welcome to them. Pretoria sources, which have no coun-When the committee boarded the Maas- tenance here. The British relief column dam down the bay, former Judge Van is due there now. Ten days ago General

The Relief Of Ladysn

One of Royal Engineers of Difficult Tasks Bul Had.

Bridge Builders Constantly ed by the Boers W Few Loses.

Mr. W. P. Allen, city gaoler, ceived an interesting letter from John, serving with the Royal of Gen. Buller's army in Nata dated Ladysmith, April 14, an to the relief of that town. follows:

Dear Father: I now take the of giving you a few details of mence in South Africa. Having received orders for

we left the Old Country on N Calling at Capetown for 4. Calling at Capetown for I had the pleasure of meeting m William, and found him looking healthy. That was our first me over six years.

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Proceeding, we arrived, after enjoyable passage, at Durban ember 28th, and thence to the N of operations at Pietmafitzburg.

After fitting ourselves out wand oxen we went on to Esteoning there December 10, and ing General Buller's command. been attached to his headquarging.

On December 15 we expe Our reverse at Colenso was one, though whatever may have opinions of people at home, we knew that Buller's task had been the processible to accomplish knew that Buller's task had bee most impossible to accomplish. The Boer position was ner it was entrenched and being it was entrenched, and being in front by the Tugela, a river it the rate of about six miles an varying from 300 to 500 feet in Our attack had to be made open plain about three miles, ar der our losses were not heavier Such was my first experience and it was anything but inspection and it was anything but inspection assure you.

We retired after the battle where we encamped and awai

where we encamped and awai forcements. Our next move Springfield, across the Little Trichardes Drift. We succorossing the river on January very little opposition. Our troever, found the Boers in strent two miles north of the river, resting on an almost inaccess known as Spion Kop, and occrange of hills stretching to the rear for several miles. Warr sion turned the Boer right, trashire Brigade took Spion Kof fast as our men took one posfound the Boers in another. days' heavy fighting, our infant to get support from our heavy Spion Kop, and water supply too plentiful on the hills, the wition was abandoned, our troof most successfully to the south the river.

The next move was to Drift and Val Kraantiz, a pien miles west of Colenso. To was commenced by our nays. On the morning of Februar ceived orders to construct about one mile east of Kraant to something I cannot under cevering party was not as streposed to be, and we were sub heavy rifle fire the whole tim at work. A report got in among the troops that we wpieces, but like the proverbial we turned up all right, amids lations and praise for our were sub lations and praise for our

we turned up all right, amid lations and praise for our sides. Our casualties were ing only three wounded, and the camp as the antipathy toward the pon-shelling it on all possible occ-except doing some slight dam boats, which we quickly repair boats, which we quickly repa escaped unhurt from shell fi 'Our retirement from Potg fortunately through the ba discovering that the Boers had a death-trap awaiting us; the tramped back again to Chi was most disheartening, I call those retirements; still, greatest confidence in Bulle he would pull through if it to be done at all.

On February 14 commence ing which culminated in the relief of Ladysmith. Colens relief of Ladysmith. Colens
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The Ladysmith garrison corded the best possible pulluck and determination ing the attacks made on the along period. The Boer passes it as the second of the Boer passes are camped about north of Ladysmith, waitin

next move. I am pleased have enjoyed the best of he so far, and up to this through without a scratch. sent you a short account ences out here, but hope have the pleasure of givi details of the whole camp Your

During a recent session says the Boston Transcript, who is a tireless talker, in who is a tireless taker, in the phrase "ad infinitium" quency, pronouncing the it the accent on the second is, one of his associates correc "Give it the long I, Senator overheard this, and remarkator is probably making the time of the senate."