# Mafeking Cheerful

### Two Hundredth Day of the Siege Celebrated by the Defenders

### Colonel Baden-Powell Sends a Hopeful Message to General Roberts

### Men and Women Are Showing the Greatest Courage and Devotion.

London, May 8.—The besieged at Mafeking celebrated the two hundredth day of the siege with horse dinners. Col. Baden-Powell sent a message to Lord Roberts saying:

"After two hundred days of siege I desire to bring to your lordship's notice the exceptionally good spirit of loyalty which pervades all classes of the garrison and the patience of everybody. Mafeking is making the best of things under the long strain of anxiety, hardship and privation, which is beyond all praise, and is a revelation to me.

"The men, half of whom are not accustomed to the use of arms, have adapted themselves to their duties with the greatest zeal and readiness. The pluck and devotion of the women have been remarkable. With such spirits our organization runs like clockwork. I have every hope it will pull us through."

A despatch from Capetown dated today says: "Lord Roberts' phenomenal advance is not only utterly demoralizing the Boer, but is striking terror into the rebellionists. The relief of Mafeking is expected at any moment. With the exception of a little rifle fire at the outlying trenches, everything is quiet. The slight epidemic of typhoid fever is abating as a result of the medical precaution.

"The enemy's artillery, with the exception of two five-pounders, has apparently been withdrawn.

"It was learned on April 25 that the enemy intended to attack and the entire garrison stood to its arms. When day broke Col. Baden-Powell took up a position on the lookout and the heavy rattle of musketry and the boom of four guns convinced us that an attack was about to open, but it became apparent that the Boer officers could not persuade their men to advance. Through glasses we saw officers urging the infantry forward. The enemy reformed and retired. Our men fired a shot in the hope of inducing the enemy to come to close quarters. The native distress has been alleviated, many of them slipping through Boer lines.

"The men of the garrison forego their sugar ration for the benefit of the women and children.

"After the bombardment on April 24 all was comparatively quiet."

Lorenzo Marques, May 5.—A despatch received here from Col. Plumer's camp, bearing the date of April 26, states that the Boers around Mafeking have been gradually reinforced, and that their strength is estimated at 3,000.

Col. Plumer has succeeded in communicating with Mafeking by means of carrier pigeons, and is endeavoring to communicate with the southern relief column.

### KEKEWICH PRAISED.

General Roberts Pays a Tribute to the Defender of Kimberley.

London, May 8.—The Gazette this evening contains a despatch from Lord Roberts enclosing Col. Kekewich's report on the operations at Kimberley. Lord Roberts pays his tribute to the tact, judgment and resolution of Colonel Kekewich and his forces and adds that Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the mayor and other citizens, rendered the most valuable assistance in helping to maintain order among the civil inhabitants, encouraging them to hold out, attending to the sick and wounded and generally co-operating with the military commander. He also says by the active part which he took in raising the Kimberley Light Horse and providing horses for all the mounted troops at Kimberley, Mr. Rhodes, in particular contributed materially to the successful defence of the place.

### REPORTED MISSING.

Several Members of the Canadian First Contingent Not Accounted For.

London, May 8.—It is reported to the war office that private W. Cooper of the 62nd Fusiliers, Pte. W. McIntosh, Royal Canadian Artillery, of A. Company Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, Pte. Geo. Keswick, 73rd Northumberland Battalion, G. Company, and Pte. S. Tester, Second Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery, both of D. Company, have been missing from Bloemfontein since April 30.

### FRENCH ELECTIONS.

Municipal Results Have Strengthened the Republicans.

Paris, May 8.—At a cabinet meeting today presided over by President Loubet the ministers discussed the result of the recent municipal elections. A semi-official note afterwards issued says: "Telegraphic reports from the prefects unanimously indicate the strengthening of the Republican forces in all the important communities where the results are known. The Republicans have captured over 40 municipalities.

### BADGER CAPTURED.

He Is Charged with Stealing Carloads of Wheat.

Winnipeg, May 8.—The apprehension of John C. Badger, of Roland, Manitoba, on a charge of theft has been effected at Spokane, Wash., and Chief Elliott, of the provincial police, left this afternoon to bring him back. Badger is charged with having sold five cars of wheat belonging to a Roland farmer named Parkinson, pocketing the proceeds and decamping.

### PLAGUE AT KONGKONG.

Washington, D.C., May 8.—The United States Consul-General at Hongkong cabled the Secretary of State to-day that the plague has broken out at that port.

### WHERE IS ANDREE?

Hopes Remain that Traces May Be Found of His Party.

St. John's, Nfld., May 8.—The Consul of Sweden and Norway here offers a reward to any and all persons who may find articles connected with the Polar expedition of Herr Andree. The reward is especially directed to whalers bound from this port for Davis strait, which connects Baffins bay with the Atlantic ocean, and to fishermen proceeding to the coast of northern territories next month. The impression is that Andree may possibly have reached some region touched by Newfoundland whalers or fishermen, from which relief might be obtained from the Esquimaux.

### GERMAN CABLE.

Emden, Germany, May 8.—The steamer Britannia has laid 14 miles of new German cable to connect Emden with Fayal, Azores. The steamer Anglia, with the remaining part of the cable on board, will take up the work May 12 and will proceed to lay the deep sea section towards Fayal, where she is expected to arrive at about the end of May.

# Newspaper Not Free

### The Move to Put It on the Free List Was Killed Yesterday.

### Government Bungling Over Cold Storage Contracts Causes More Expense.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 8.—The aspirations of certain newspaper men to get newspaper temporarily on the free list was killed by one of their own number. A meeting held among the government members adopted a resolution to this effect, owing to the destruction of the Eddy and Laurentides mills. The subject came up in the house this afternoon, Sir Charles Tupper and other members urging relief by the abolition of newspaper postage. Sir Wilfrid said that both requests were under consideration.

Mr. MacLean read a telegram stating that the Laurentides mill would be in operation in a week, and this practically killed the request, to which MacLean was a party. The subject then dropped.

The house was engaged all day discussing cold storage arrangements with steamship companies.

Hon. Sidney Fisher was greatly condemned for his bungling incapacity. The contract expired last year and the government neglected to renew and now have to pay an increase of fifty per cent.

### OF COURSE.

Yankees Claim They Have Discovered a Wonderful Shell.

Washington, May 8.—Some facts most startling in their importance were laid before the senate to-day in secret session at the conclusion of the regular open session. They related, it is understood, to the invention of a shell by a prominent officer of the United States navy, a shell superior in every essential quality to any now in use either by this or any other government. The quality of penetration possessed by the shell is said to be so great that no armor now manufactured in the United States or abroad has sufficient resistance to withstand it.

### HAVE TROUBLES, TOO.

Legislature of P. E. I. Has a Crisis on Hand.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., May 8.—The legislature met this afternoon. On motion for the production of the writ made after preliminary business the vote stood for government 13, against 14, including the vote of Mr. Wise, who had resigned during recess.

Mr. Speaker refused to count Wise's vote. The opposition insisted his resignation had not been properly accepted and the vote could not be counted. After much talk the house was cleared and discussion continued with closed doors. Before adjournment Wise's resignation was laid on the table.

### CHURCH MILITANT.

Objects to Secular Military Parading on Sunday.

Toronto, May 8.—At to-day's meeting of the Toronto and Kingston Presbyterian Synod several speakers condemned Sunday military parades as an interference with the observance of the day. Rev. J. Buchanan, of Dundalk, criticized Colonel Mason, of Toronto, who he said made a suggestion recently without rebuke, although there were ministers present, that volunteers should be permitted to use the Sabbath day for practising rifle shooting.

### AT BOSHOF.

Methuen Moves and the Boers Retire.

London, May 7.—A despatch from Boshof, dated Friday, May 4, says: "Gen. Methuen made a reconnaisance from here to-day. He proceeded to the neighborhood of Sjart Kopjes fontein, and located the Boers laager. After an unimportant exchange of fire the Boers removed their laager. A fairly strong force of Boers was seen moving northward. General Methuen then returned to Boshof."

### TRANSVAAL INVADED.

Warrenton, Cape Colony, May 7.—The Boers have been driven out of Fourteen Streams and the British are now encamped on the north bank of the Vaal river.

### DYNAMITERS HANG FIRE.

Welland, May 7.—The dynamiters were remanded again this afternoon, the day having been spent hearing evidence as to the identification. No light was thrown on the motive of the outrage.

### OLD TUBS TO MEND.

Constantinople, May 8.—An imperial irade, just issued, orders contracts to be signed with foreign ship builders for renovating eight antiquated ironclads.

# Boers Left Everything

### Abandoned Clothing, Personal Effects and Ammunition At Fourteen Streams.

### Able Disposition of British Forces Made Resistance Quite Futile.

### The Enemy Will Probably Make a Stand at Zand River.

By Associated Press.

London, May 9.—(4:10 a.m.)—Four thousand British cavalry watered their horses at the Zand river on Monday, 25 miles beyond Smaldeel, where Lord Roberts continues to date his despatches. The scouts, who have been searching the country for miles along the stream, have found no Boers south of the river. The enemy are laagered in unknown force on the north bank. Thus the British advance guard is within 45 miles of Kroonstad. The Free Staters, in the expectation that Kroonstad will speedily become untenable, are, according to information from Lorenzo Marques, preparing to transfer their government to Heilbron, a little more than fifty miles northeast. The proclamation of Lord Roberts appears to have little effect upon the inhabitants of the invaded districts. Every farm is found deserted except by the women and children.

All the men are away fighting.

Correspondents at headquarters are now wiring freely concerning the incidents connected with the occupation of Smaldeel. Some exasperation is expressed at the ease Boers escaped with their transports before the very eyes of the British troops. When the British entered Smaldeel, the Boer ox wagons cooly outspanned only five miles away. Lord Roberts is described as "Rightly unwilling to sacrifice his horses for the sake of a comparatively minor advantage." Nevertheless, the loss of horse flesh in spite of all precautions, is enormous.

Smaldeel is a village of only a score of dwellings but it expanded in one night to a war canvass city, and the glow of the camp-fires like a scene in an iron smelting district. The city is likely to fade away in a day by the immediate progress of infantry to Zand river.

The tidings from Mafeking are gloomy indeed, everybody there has an empty stomach and a pinched face. The natives are no longer given even porridge and the whites have nothing but a quart of that substance and a pound of horse sausage daily. Everything else eatable is gone. Insufficient food, wet trenches and cold nights are deadly to the health of the garrison. This information comes from reliable natives. Lady Sarah Wilson, under date of April 27, says: "The Boers now number 4,500, including young Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, who has sent for six more guns."

A Mafeking correspondent of the Times, who also emphasizes the extreme gravity of the situation, says: "It is impossible to ignore the fatal significance of Col. Baden-Powell's reference to the hardships endured by the women and children, among whom many deaths have already occurred.

"The commissariat is holding a stock of food in reserve for use in the direst extremity."

A British column is reported to have reached Taungs, 30 miles north of Warrenton. According to Pretoria advices, the British are nearing Vryburg, which is half way between Warrenton and Mafeking. Gen. Hunter is probably not in personal command of this relief column. His forces embrace 2,000 infantry and 5,000 to 6,000 horsemen, an army far greater than has hitherto been supposed. Lord Methuen is apparently a subordinate. While the relief column is moving towards Vryburg, Gen. Hunter is apparently preparing an orderly advance northeast, along the Vaal river, to parallel the main advance of the Pretoria advance of Lord Roberts' left flank.

A Capetown correspondent learns that an important movement in Natal is expected within the next four days. Gen. Buller is rapidly completing his transport organization.

London, May 8.—The war office has issued the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Smaldeel, May 8:

"Gen. Hutton with mounted infantry reconnoitered yesterday to the Zand river and found the enemy in considerable force.

"Gen. Broadwood's brigade of cavalry with Gen. Ian Hamilton's force performed the same operation with much the same results.

"Gen. Hunter reports that he occupied Fourteen Streams yesterday without opposition, owing in a great measure to the able dispositions made by Gen. Paget on the left bank of the Vaal river, at Warrenton, where his artillery fire rendered the enemy's position practically untenable. A six-inch gun was found most useful. When the Sixth and half of the Fifth brigades of infantry advanced under cover of the artillery the enemy retired, abandoning their clothing, ammunition and personal effects."

Warrenton, Cape Colony, Monday, May 7.—A British camp is now being formed at Fourteen Streams. The old railroad bridge can be repaired in a week. The Boer prisoners say the Burgers, who number 10,000 men, are now on their way to Christiana.

### NEW ZEALAND HELPS.

Timely Gift Sent to the Ottawa Fire Sufferers.

Wellington, N.Z., May 7.—The government of New Zealand, after consultation with the legislators, has decided to forward to the Canadian Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the sum of $25,000 in aid of the sufferers from the Ottawa fire.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent the following telegram to-day to Premier Seddon, of New Zealand:

"Ottawa, May 7.—Please accept for yourself, government and people of New Zealand grateful thanks of Canada for the generous assistance to the sufferers by the late conflagration. (Signed) Laurier."

### QUARANTINE.

Rossland, May 8.—To-morrow the Dominion authorities take charge of the quarantining against infected places in the United States. The matter has been taken out of the hands of the province all along the line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Dr. A. P. Sinclair, of this city, has been appointed.


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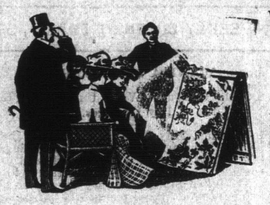

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# Crossing the Vet River

### The British Artillery Fire Was Too Heavy for the Boers.

### And the Colonials Dashed Across Driving the Enemy off the Field.

London, May 7.—The capture of Winburg by the British is conarmed, and the main advance to Pretoria continues with the machine-like precision and rapidity which has characterized all Lord Roberts' forward movements of late.

By the occupation of Winburg Gen. Ian Hamilton puts himself nearly nineteen miles eastward, while he has the additional advantage of being connected with the chief by means of the railroad, that runs from Smaldeel, or Winburg road station, as it is sometimes called, to Winburg.

The only feature of the carefully devised plan of general advance not yet disclosed by the swift developments, is the part General Buller has elected to take in the operations. At present there are not indications of any movement on the part of the Naval army. Doubtless a few days more or less will bring out the British line of action before Biggarsburg.

Lord Roberts is now nine miles north of the Vet, and 69 miles north of Bloemfontein. Evidently he is not letting the grass grow under his feet, though the Boers seem equally anxious to retreat towards Kroomstad, and are so doing.

At the time this despatch is sent, there is nothing new from Gen. Hunter, but it is presumed he is pushing steadily forward in the direction of Mafeking aided by the aggressiveness of Barton's and Paget's brigades.

The critics of the afternoon newspapers view the situation with the greatest satisfaction.

A special despatch from Smaldeel, dated 9.45 p.m., Sunday, May 6, gives details of the occupation of Winburg by the British. It says: "News has just come here that General Hamilton is giving the Boers no rest and that they are falling back hurriedly. He entered Winburg to-day after a brisk fight, in which the Boers fell back so quickly that one of their guns, in addition to a Maxim was abandoned."

The despatch describing the cross of the Vet river by the British says: "The Boer forces entrenched on the opposite bank prepared to contest the crossing. Their guns were brought into play, and a terrific shell fire was directed on the Boer lines. At the same time the Queenslanders, under a heavy fire, drove off the enemy in full flight, and our men after them. By nine o'clock this morning we entered this important strategic point.

Smaldeel, May 7.—The British arrived here without opposition. The Boers' last train left late on Saturday night.

The Boers' losses yesterday on the west flank were 40 killed. Their rear guard remains behind kopjes, ten miles north. There is much railway plant, forage and corn here.

It is stated that the Boers are retreating towards Kroonstad.

The Zand river bridge is reported to have been destroyed.

### TROUBLE IN MANCHURIA.

Chinese and Cossacks Engage in a Little War.

London, May 3.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "Reports have reached here of serious friction between the Russians and the Chinese in Manchuria, on the Russian railway construction route. In one case a detachment of thirty-five Chinese soldiers shot the Russian captain of ten Cossacks, who were doing police duty. The Cossacks attacked and pursued the Chinese, cutting them down. The Russian government sent a complaint to Pekin, demanding the punishment of the highest official of the district. China complied. There has been several murders and mutilations of Russian engineers by Chinese brigands."

### FROM TORONTO.

A Letter Received from Captain Bell—Toronto Synod.

Toronto, May 7.—Capt. Bell, A.D.C. to Gen. Hutton, has been for two months in hospital with typhoid fever. He is now at Bloemfontein and was able on the 25th of March to dictate a letter to a friend of his in Toronto. Capt. Bell was in charge of the Maxim gun with the first Canadian contingent.

The synod of Toronto and Kingston opened this evening. Rev. Alfred Gilroy, retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon, and Rev. Dr. Torrance, Peterboro, was elected moderator for the ensuing year, defeating Rev. J. R. S. Bartlett of Allison by four votes.

The will of the late Alex. Fraser entered for probate disposes of $67,138. Among the bequests is $1,000 to Parkdale Presbyterian church.

# Lambton and His Brave Tars

### London Goes Wild Over the Heroes of the Naval Brigade.

### The Crowds Roar Greetings at the Powerful's Crew.

London, May 7.—The annals of service demonstrations contain no records of scenes of enthusiasm to parallel those with which the naval heroes of Ladysmith, the officers and crew of the British first-class cruiser Powerful, were greeted in London to-day. The scenes in the streets were remarkable and inspiring. The whole route was a floating mass of color and the enthusiasm displayed was of the most frantic description.

The flags of all nations, banners and mottoes, formed an almost continuous canopy for Capt. Lambton and the contingent of the Powerful to pass under. Stands were erected at all the points of vantage; the houses were crowded with spectators, and all sorts and conditions of men, women and children in the streets below vied with one another to honor the gallant sailors who saved Ladysmith.

There was one continuous roar of greetings, the waving of handkerchiefs, flags and hats as the naval brigade, with the khaki colored guns, marched from the depot to the Horse Guards parade, where the Prince of Wales, in uniform of an admiral of the fleet, accompanied by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. George J. Goschen, and a number of high naval and military officers, inspected the blue-jackets. They were surrounded by thousands.

The march of the naval brigade of the Powerful from the Admiralty to Mansion House was marked by more cheering crowds of people than London has seen for many days. Around the Mansion House the sailors' admirers were clustered in such numbers that all business was suspended. Hundreds of policemen struggled to clear the way for the defenders of Ladysmith. But from all parts of the country men and women had come and they were determined to see Capt. Lambton, his tiny midshipmen and trusty tars and they struggled to get on window ledges and force their way into offices. There they waited until an occasional cheer broke into a roar announcing the arrival of the sailors. Capt. Lambton, riding, wearing a cocked hat, followed one hundred mounted policemen who had prepared the route, and the band of the Coldstream Guards. Behind Captain Lambton was a bugle band, after which came the blue-jackets. Amid thunderous cheering and the waving of flags from several hundred thousand people they entered Royal Exchange and sat down to tea. This finished they marched back to the station and returned to Portsmouth this evening, after receiving one of the greatest ovations ever tendered by people of London to the British navy.

### GENEROUS CAPE COLONY.

In the Midst of Their Own Troubles Mindful of Others.

Ottawa, May 7.—Sir A. Milner cables the Governor-General as follows:

"Capetown, May 7.—A fund for the relief of sufferers by the Ottawa fire was opened in Capetown and nearly £2,000 was subscribed in three days. This is not a rich town and the citizens have enormous demands on their purses at the present time. The response is due to a strong feeling of gratitude for Canadian help in the war and appreciation of the gallantry of Canadian soldiers. (Signed) Milner."

The relief fund for Hull and Ottawa sufferers has reached over $600,000.

### FOOD FOR INDIA.

Shipload of Corn Will Soon Sail from New York.

Washington, May 7.—Judge Advocate General Lemly, who arranged the charter of the steamer Quito, which has been secured by the navy department to convey to India the supply of food collected in this country, to-day received a telegram from Pay Director Denniston, who has been the department's New York agent in the matter, says the Quito, which arrived Friday, had been thoroughly inspected and found satisfactory in every respect. It is expected that loading the cargo, which began to-day, would consume three days. The ship will then sail for Bombay. She will carry 185,000 bushels of corn to the starving Hindoos, and the navy department pays $40,000 for the transportation.

### THE GERMAN WAY.

Berlin, May 7.—The reichstag to-day adopted a resolution forbidding subsidized steamers to convey to German, Belgian and Dutch ports agricultural products which compete with German agriculture, except tobacco, beeswax, skins, hides and wool. Count Von Posadowski-Wehner, secretary of state for the interior, previously declared for the government that the latter had no objection to the resolution.

# Winburg Captured

### Gen. Roberts' Masterly Advance Forces the Boers to Retreat.

### Outflanked and Beaten the Enemy Abandon Strong Positions.

### British Follow Up the Advantage With Great Efficency and Gain.

By Associated Press.

London, May 7.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office in a despatch, dated Smaldeel, May 6, afternoon, as follows:

"We crossed the Vet river this morning and are now encamped at Smaldeel Junction.

"The enemy is in full retreat towards Zand river and Kroonstad.

"The turning movement was made by the mounted infantry just before dark yesterday.

"It was a very dashing affair. The Canadians, New South Wales, New Zealanders' and Queenslanders' mounted infantry vied with each other in a determination to close with the enemy.

"Capt. Anley, of the Essex regiment, commanding the third infantry battalion, behaved in a very gallant manner.

"The naval guns and the artillery made excellent practice, particularly two five-inch guns used for the first time with this force.

"We captured a Maxim and 25 prisoners.

"Our casualties are very few—15 wounded, 1 killed and 3 missing."

Smaldeel, May 6.—The movement that culminated in the capture of Winburg and Smaldeel was part of a great general movement extending from Gen. Hunter on the west to Gen. Rundle on the east. Lord Roberts' admirable strategy resulted in placing everywhere five British to one Boer. Out of what appears the inextricable confusion of divisions and brigades, order was quickly evolved, and the Boers were compelled to meet Lord Roberts under unfavorable conditions.

What is more important is that the British are now able to wait. Their front and strong positions are safe in the knowledge that their flanking columns will advance and outflank the Boers, yet the Boers held a really strong position, from which earlier in the campaign they could only have been forced by hard fighting. Gen. Hamilton's arrival at Winburg, although not directly outflanking the Boers, made their position extremely uncomfortable. Gen. Hutton's movement on the left was even more successful than at first imagined. Forty Boers were killed. The march to-day was short, but Gen. Pole-Carew's division is marching on our left to-day, and Gen. Maxwell's brigade is to cross the river before night. Lord Roberts has been very strict in his examinations of the farms, with the result of disclosing the fact that nearly every house is a miniature arsenal, Martinis, Mausers and ammunition being found.

If these had not been discovered the army would be leaving in its rear the material in men and arms for a dangerous movement among the inhabitants.

All along the railway the culverts, wherever of any size, have been utterly destroyed, but the engineers hope to make a detour in some cases, and in others they will fill up the gaps.

Three of the four spans of the Vet river bridge have been utterly destroyed, and it will be necessary to make a temporary line down the river bed, as at the Modder.

Reports have been heard this afternoon showing that more culverts and bridges are being destroyed northward.

### FIRE-WATER AND ARMS.

Missionaries Object to These Civilized Evidences.

Washington, D.C., May 7.—The President has received a large number of telegrams and letters from missionaries and others urging him to do something to stop the traffic in spirits and firearms with the natives of the New Hebrides Islands, a group lying in Oceania, about 1,000 miles east of Australia. The State Department, upon whom the duty of answering the communication falls, has been obliged to reply that although thoroughly sympathizing with the objects of the writers the department has no jurisdiction in this case, owing to the fact that the islands are under the joint protection of Great Britain and France, which powers alone can regulate the admission of foreign products into them.

### KILLED HIS MOTHER.

Reading, Pa., May 7.—Near Mount Aetna, this county, to-day, Mrs. Rebecca Clay, an aged widow, was murdered by her son David, aged 48. The son was under the influence of liquor. During a quarrel the son seized a hammer and brought it down with force on his mother's head. Her skull was crushed and she died shortly afterward. The son was arrested.

### BOER TRICKS.

Placed Explosives Under the Track But Plan Frustrated.

London, May 8.—The following despatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the war office:

"Smaldeel, May 7.—The railway from Brandfort to this place was considerably damaged and the bridge over the Vet river has been hopelessly damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards charges of rackarock have been laid under the rails. This might have created loss of life, but was fortunately discovered by a West Australian infantryman.

"Winburg is occupied by the Highland brigade."

In spite of these wrecked railroads the British advance goes on steadily. Lord Roberts' outposts are apparently about 121 miles north of Smaldeel.

### MODERATOR ELECTED.

Perth, May 8.—At the opening of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa this evening Rev. H. Scott, of Perth, was elected moderator.

# Roberts' Advance

### Expected to Gain Another Fifty Miles Before Resting Again.

### Commandent Snyman Afraid of Having His Retreat Cut Off.

### He Has Appealed for Premission to Retire Northward.

London, May 8.—(4:20 a.m.)—The Boers are everywhere retiring before the British, except on the Natal frontier and at Mafeking, to the inner circle of their defense. They appear determined not to fight until the Kroonstad hills are reached.

Lord Roberts is expected to do another forty or fifty miles, and then to wait for more time in order to bring up supplies and repair the railway. There are one or two hints in the despatches from the front that he may rest for a few days at Smaldeel.

Gen. French's 10,000 cavalry have not been mentioned in the official or unofficial despatches for four days. It is by no means likely that he is idle, and the conjecture is that he is either detouring towards Kroonstad or raiding the Ladybrand district.

Fifteen thousand British are now operating on the western frontier of the Free State. As the deadlock at Warrenton has been broken and the Boers are retreating there is nothing formidable except the distance between Warrenton and Mafeking. The most hopeful advices from Mafeking on April 22 were that the garrison would be barely able to hold out for a month. At that time the fever was spreading.

According to advices from Maseru, Basutoland, several thousand Free Staters are north of Ladybrand, where they have collected great herds. The district is rich in food for men and horses, and the Boers seem resolved not to move northward, but to be preparing to resist where they are. If they are let alone, they will menace the line of communications after the main British army has passed into the Transvaal.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener personally directed the artillery in the Vet river engagement.

Queen Victoria will send a signed photograph to Col. Kekewich, the hero of Kimberley.

Six thousand four hundred and fifty-eight troops are now at sea on the way to South Africa. No others are under orders to go except to fill up the loss of the regiments at the front.

London, May 8.—The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Times says: "Commandant Snyman is so alarmed at the prospect of having his retreat cut off that he has appealed for permission to retire northward from Mafeking to intercept Col. Plumer."

Lady Sarah Wilson wires from Mafeking, under date of April 22, as follows:

"Situation unchanged. Garrison is depressed at there being no sign of relief, but is as determined as ever to deprive the Boers of a triumph on the western border.

"A case of whiskey realized $108 at a raffle, and a pound of flour was sold at auction for two guineas."

### WEALTH FOLLOWS HIM.

A Dawson Miner Has a Fortune Awaiting in England.

Grand Forks, May 5.—Some time ago an advertisement was inserted in the Spokesman-Review inquiring the whereabouts of one James Clement Elsdon, and stating that his uncle had died in England, leaving him £3,000. Acting on this advertisement, R. A. Brown took an interest in the matter, and has succeeded in locating the missing man in Dawson City. Elsdon formerly resided at Fairview, B.C., where he was known by many people as James Anderson.

Work on the Bonanza in Knight's camp, north fork of Kettle river, has been resumed. The new shaft, now down 20 feet, will be continued to the 100-foot level. The property is equipped with a pump and hoist.

Newbury is the name of an ambitious townsite recently located near Princeton, Similkameen district.

Charles Powell, local manager for the Hinter-Kendrick Company, is authority for the statement that one firm in this city recently paid $80,000 for freight rates for a period of three months.

Alex. Miller, local manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, has been authorized by the directors to proceed with the erection of a $20,000 bank building in Grand Forks. The location is at the corner of Bridge and First streets. The building will be of brick and three stories high.

### GENERAL HUTTON.

The Colonial Forces are Well in Advance

Smaldeel, Orange Free State, May 7.—Gen. Hutton's advanced camp of the Colonial regiments is to-night settled at Lodgelegen (Welgelegen) siding.

According to reports the Boers intend to make a big stand near the Zand river. The railroad has been repaired to the south side of the Vet river, and the engineers are busy making a deviation across the bed.

### LIEUT. MURCHISON.

His Sentence Commuted to Imprisonment For Life.

London, May 9.—Lord Roberts has commuted to penal servitude for life, the sentence of death pronounced by the court martial before whom he was tried, of Lt. Murchison, of the artillery, who on November 12th last, killed Mr. Parslow, correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Mafeking. The verdict of the court martial was forwarded to Lord Roberts with a recommendation to mercy from Col. Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking.

### TO ASSASSINATE "BOBS."

A Boer Plot to Kill Him Discovered.

London, May 8.—The Standard hears that information has been officially received of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts. The latter was warned, and telegrams are now passing between the Cape authorities, Lord Roberts and the home authorities on the subject.

# The Transvaal Volksr

### Kruger Opens the Sessi the House at Pretor as Usual.

### He Says He Will Do Every Possible to Obtain Peace.

Pretoria, May 7.—The official of the 1899 volksraad, which b unofficially in September last, this morning. The vacant seats Joubert and Gen. Dekock and were filled with flowers. The h crowded, large numbers of ladie present.

In the prayer of the chaplain lusion to Gen. Joubert moved tears.

After the prayer the raad ad until the afternoon, when the se 1900 was inaugurated. The cer were accompanied by the cu salute. President Kruger arrive state carriage with the usual esco the diplomatic corps and foreign including Gen. Gourko, the Rus tache, were present.

President Kruger, in his speec ing the session, alluded feelingly vacancies. Referring to Joubert "Future generations will be able the work of the deceased, wh meanor inspired the enemy with and whose humane and brave gave fame and importance to th among civilized nations."

He was profoundly struck, he the proof of friendship given by ple of the Free State who had their obligations to the Transvaa the treaty. They had realized united front was required, as a upon the independence of the Tr meant a threat against the Free He had implicit confidence in th kander nation. By deeds the Fre had shown good example to the p the Transvaal, which had proved moral value to those guiding the of a small state to maintain it pendence.

He was pleased to say that th tions of the Transvaal with states, with the exception of Gre ain, were good.

After referring to the peace pr of the presidents of both republi Lord Salisbury, President Kruge "We proved by legislation and ou ings with Great Britain last year was our desire to preserve peac now that war has broken out we everything to restore peace."

After alluding to the deputatio on a mission to Europe and the States and the presence of so m taches, proving the intense inter the powers in the republics an methods of fighting, he said he wa ed to see that the sympathy of th was on their side in the war; that lances had been sent, and tha friends were united in endeavo alleviate the distress caused by th gle.

After references to the allege tions of the Red Cross convention the consequent protests of foreign President Kruger continued: "N standing the difficulty, I am glad that our finances will enable us the great expenses of the war a the mines are flourishing."

The president concluded with r to the Free State loan, and s that the session be not prolon that only matters of importance with.

In a moving peroration he invo blessing and help of the Almigh

The proceedings terminated w usually impressive speeches and

Fifty out of a total of sixty tors were present. Several of t still suffering from wounds.

### VANCOUVER NEWS.

Human Remains Discovered in Park—Japanese Immigrati

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 8.—The rem a human being were found in a part of Stanley park this evenin was little left but the skeleton a ing. It is probable that the myst never be cleared, for the man m come to his end a year ago at le police say they have not the clue to work upon and hope by of the shocking discovery bein circulated that some one may c ward that can throw some ligh mystery.

United States Immigration Healey has announced that Watchorne, supervising inspecto migration will visit British Col a few days, and will look into tion of Japanese immigration w oughly. Mr. Healey has just from Seattle, where he attempt cure accurate information as to ties who made contracts with in Canada, to go over the line in Washington State. Mr. He he heard many sensational st could get no direct evidence to him in proceeding against susp Healey further said that it w his turning back a few Japane border now and then; that his o was to get after the Japanese tractors in Seattle, and have t ished, and have a good big lo anese deported back to Canad labor contractor's expense.

The dramatization of Sein story "Quo Vadis" was assay Charles Riggs organization in couver Opera House last even interest of the audience was throughout. The performance picturesque, and splendidly sta acting of C. H. Robertson as was far above the average, Elizabeth Stewart as Lygia le to be desired; the other princ not so convincing, and the su indifferent. Nevertheless "Qu as produced by the Riggs Com play of absorbing interest, and tertaining than the majority o ances given by American com British Columbia. The com three performances here befor Victoria.

The Chinese Reform Asso Vancouver and New Westmi raising a subscription of $1,000 the widow of policeman Alex Steveston, killed by Chinamen discharge of his duty. They a taining the services of R. M assist the crown in prosecutin pected Chinese murderers of

The inland revenue returns for the port of Vancouver are