Latest Despatches from South Africa, where Britons are Fighting Boers.

BOERS TO MAKE A STAND THERE

Gen. Hunter's Success at Fourteen Streams - Withdrew Helter-Skelter and Left Ammunition, Clothing and Personal Effects Behind-Railway Bridge Over the Vet River a Total Wreck,

London, May 9. - The War Office has issued the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Smaldeel, May 8: "Gen. Hutton, with mounted in-

fantry, 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 result.

"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 precipitately, abandoning their clothing, ammunition and personal effects."

ROBERTS REPORTS BRIDGE GONE.

ly Damaged. London, May 9 .- The following de-

spatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War Office: "Samldeel, May 7. - The railway from Brandfort to this place has been considerably damaged, and the bridge over the Vet River has been hopelessly damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards charges of rackarock had 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.

CLOOMY TIDINGS.

Mafeking Folk Have Empty Stomachs and Pinched Faces-4,500 Boers Surround the Place.

London, May 9 .- (4.10 a.m.) -Four thousand British cavalry watered their horses at Zand River 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 laagerunknown force on the north Thus the British advance guard is within 45 miles of Kroonstadt. The Free Staters, in the expectation that Kroonstadt will speedily become untenable, are according to information from Lorenzo Marquez, preparing to transfer their Government to Helibron, a little more than 50 miles northeast.

All the Burghers Are Fighting. The proclamations of Lord Roberts appear to have little effect on the in habitants of the invaded districts. Every farm is found deserted, except by the women and children. TO FIGHT AT ZAND.

Where Gen. Hutton and the Advanced Camp of the Colonials Are.

Smaldeel, Orange Free State, Monday, May 7. - Gen. Hutton's advanced camp of the colonial regiments is to-night settled at Lodgelegen (Welgelegen?) Siding. tend to make a big stand near the

the engineers are busy making a deviation across the bed. British at Fourteen Streams.

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. A Boer prisoner says the burghers, who number ten thousand men, are now on their way to Christinia.

BOERS STRONGER AT MAFEKING. Their Strength Around the Beleaguered Tcwn 3,000.

Lorenzo Marquez, May 6. - A despatch received here from Col. Plumer's camp, bearing 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.

TO KILL LORD ROBERTS.

Plot on Foot to Assassinate the British Commander in South Africa,

London, May 9. - The Standard hears that information has been officially received of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts. The latter was warned and that telegrams are now passing between the Cape authorities, Lord Roberts and the home authorities on the subject.

War Office Knows Nothing. The Parliamentary Secretary for the War Office, Mr. George Wyndham, informs the Associated Press that the War Office has no information to confirm the reports of an alleged plot to assassinate Lord Rob-

erts. Gloomy Tidings From Mafeking. The tidings from Mafeking are gloomier than ever. Everybody there has an empty stomach, and a pinched face. The natives are no longer to rece now have nothing but a quart of that substance and a pound of horse- paper prices, and in view of the scarcity flesh daily. Everything else eatable of paper, resulting from the destruction trenches and cold nights are deadly powering the Governo

tives. Boers Now Number 4,506.

guns "

April 27, says: ing young Eloff, President Kruger's press for action on the lines of the grandson, who has sent for six more resolutions.

The British column is reported to have reached Taungs, 30 miles north of Warrenton.

British Nearing Vryburg. 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. Wis forces embrace 30,-000 infantry and from 5,000 to 6,-000 horsemen, an army far greater than has hitherto been supposed.

A QUARTETTE LOST.

Canadians Who Disappeared From Bleemfonteln and Have Not Reen Seen Since the End of April.

London, May 9. - (Toronto Telegram Special). -- It has been ported to the War Office that Private W. Cooper, of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers; Private W. McIntosh, Royal Canadian Artillery, of "F" Company, Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry: Pte. George Keswick, 73rd Northumberland Battalion, "G" Company; and Pte. S. Tester, Second Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery, both of "H" Company, have been missing from Bloemfontein since April

Canadian Wounded at Brandfort. adain Mounted Infantry, was slightly wounded at Brandfort on May 5.

BACK FROW ST. HELENA.

rived at Halifax.

Halifax, N.S., May 9. - The transport Milwaukee arrived at 6 o'clock vesterday morning from St. Helena. She had a pleasant passage of 20 days from the island to Halifax. Captain Webster says that General Cronje was uncommunicative on the voyage from Cape Town to St. Helena, but showed no signs of being unduly cast down over the Boer reverses. The Milwaukee will go into dry dock here and be cleaned and overhauled, afterwards she will probably go to Montreal for a trans-Atlantic cargo.

Expect to Come Home in June. Kingston, Ont., May 9. - Sergt. W. Bruce Carruthers, writing from Bloemfontein, says the Canadians are expecting to start for home in June.

Only One Camp This Year. Ottawa, May 9 .- The Militia Department has decided that there will be but one camp for rural battalions this year instead of the two held last year by General Hutton. The London camp will begin on June 6th; the Niagara camp starts June 12. The period of 12 days' drill will be adhered to.

Opening of the Volksrand, Pretoria, Monday, May 7. - The official closing of the 1899 Volksraad, which broke up unofficially in September last, occurred this morning. The vacant seats of Gen. Joubert and Gen. De Kock and others were filled with flowers. The hall was crowded a large number of ladies being pres-

In the prayer of the chaplain an allusion to Gen. Joubert moved many to tears. After the prayer the Rand adjourned until the afternoon, when the session of 1900 was inaugurated. The ceremonies were accompanied by the customary salute. President Kruger's speech at the opening was in a hopeful vein.

Hail Knocked Peach Bude.

Kingsville, Ont., May 9 .- The heaviest hailstorm ever witnessed by the oldest inhabitant passed over here Monday night. Hailstones as large as marbles came down in sheets and According to reports the Boers in- riddled the buds and blossoms from every tree in the town and vicinity. The peach orchards adjacent to the The railroad has been repaired to town suffered considerably, fully onethe south side of the Vet River, and | half of the buds being completely severed from the trees. Harrow, Ont., May 9. - A heavy

hailstorm passed over the southern part of Colchester South Township, taking in a strip of about one mile wide, Monday evening. Every peach tree which was out in bud was strip-

Famine-tricken India,

London, May 9. - The Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, has received the following message from the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston: "The conditions have materially

improved in Madras and Mysore in consequence of the recent rains. the remainder of the affected districts the distress is increasing in intensity, lowing to the want of fodder and water and the increasing heat. The number of persons now in receipt of relief is 5,817,000."

Old Glory Over Tutuils.

Auckland, N.Z., May 9 .- Advices received from Samoa announce that the American flag has been hoisted over the Island of Tutuila, and that the chiefs have made a formal cession of the Island to the United States. The inhabitants of Manua, it is also announced, request the formal hoisting of the American flag over that island, which will likewise be

FOSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.

Toronto Section Canadian Press Association Wants Paper Duty Suspended and Postage Tax Removed.

Toronto, May 11. - An emergency meeting of the Toronto section of the Canadian Press Association was held yesterday and the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That in view of the unfairand of the great rise in the price of paper we appeal to the Postmaster-General to recommend the Government to remove given even porridge, and the whites the postage from newspapers and periodi-"Resolved, in view of the great rise in

has gone. Insufficient food, wet to request Parliament to pass an act emto the health of the garrison. This porarily suspend or reduce the duty on information comes from reliable naditions as may be deemed advisable." Messrs. W. J. Douglas of The Mail and Empire; J. A. Cooper of The Can-Lady Sarah Wilson under date of adian Magazine, and D. T. McAinsh were appointed a deputation to wait "The Boers number 4,500, includ- on the Government at Ottawa and

GEN. FRENCH IS AT SMALDEEL.

amous Cavalry Leader Joins the Main British Column-Boers Quitting the Zand River-Many Burghers Surrender and Deliver Mausers and Horses to the British-Buller

Advancing.

London, May 10. - A despatch to The Daily Telegraph from Smaldeel dated Tuesday, May 8, says: "Stores are being accumulated here. Convoys are proceeding regularly to the north and also to Winberg. General Hutton's brigade, while skirmishing | range of low ridges. yesterday, took 60 prisoners."

HUTTON AND CANADIANS Were in a Serious Positions and Had

Letire.

Smaldeel, Tuesday, May 8 .- Yesterday Gen. Hutton attempted to seize a Boer convoy that was leaving the Zand River. He advanced towards the river with mounted infantry, including the Canadians. A long line of wagon was plaibly visible. On becoming aware of Gen. Hutton's approach, the Boers stopped their retreat and opened fire with

ten guns. They seemed in great force and threatened Hutton's flank. Presently mounted Boers were seen crossing the dry bed of the river. They circled to the right and began to enfilade the west Australians, while many of the British were hit by Boer shells.

The position became serious. The Boers sent up reinforcements, placing the Australians in danger of being cut off. Thereupon Gen. Hutton ordered a retirement to Welgelgen, where he had left his own convoy. London, May 9 .- Pte. Brown, Can- A portion of the forces advanced and engaged the Boers to cover this retirement, which was successfully accomplished.

The Boers continued to shell the retiring troops, but showed no desire Canadian Transport Milwaukee Has Are to press the attack further. Meanwhile the Boer trains steamed away northward, blowing up the culverts as they went.

Details of Button's Movement.

London, May 10 .- (4.15 a.m.) -General Hutton's Mounted Infantry Brigade, including the Canadians, with a part of General French's cavalry, crossed the Zand River Tuesday, and began to work its way cautiously along the railway northward, in the track of the Boers. About 5,000 horses were probably

engaged in this advance. Gen. Hutton, before he was joined by a part of Gen. French's force, had a sharp fight. This was on Monday, when he reached the river and saw the Boers at the other side, and pressed forward, intending to cross and capture them. The Boers, however, opened fire with from 8 to 10 guns, forded the river above and below, seemingly in thousands, and sought to envelop the British. Gen. Hutton fell back several miles, the Boers following, until other British cavalry reinforced Hutton. During the night the Boers retreated, not further contesting the crossing.

"GAI" HOWARD The Turned the Boer Flank With the

Galloping Maxium. Ottawa, May 10. - Who turned

the Boer flank two days ago with the galloping Maxim? Gat Howard. Here is the proof. A few days before he left for South Africa he told a gentleman in Ottawa that the Government had no galloping Maxim, but had instructed him to buy one and choose his own men. He declared that his Maxim would be the only one in the force. Hence it is a fair conclusion that Gat Howard's gunners, Holland and Cameron of Ottawa and two others, worked the Maxim to the damage of the Boers.

Col. Otter li-purts Fever, Ottawa, May 10. - In his latest report to the Militia Department, after explaining delays in his cable transmission reports as being beyond his control, Lieut.-Col. Otter, in command of the Royal Canadians South Africa, says:

"I regret to say that fever is still prevalent in the regiment, though not on the increase. In the hospitals in Bloemfoniein there are some 70 cases of fever (typhoid or enteric), and of these I regret to announce the death on the 31st ultimo at Blocmfontein of No. 78, Pte. H. Forest (cabled 2nd April). Many of the officers and men are also suffering from less serious diseases, while a very large number are temporarily incapacitated from marching, through want of proper boots, a contingency, however, which will be of short duration, as I learn of the arrival of a fresh issue at Bloemfontein."

More Canadians Missing. Brandfort, May 8. - The following Canadians are missing, in addition to those wired yesterday: Pte. E. B. Allen of Windsor, Ont.; C. D. O. De Lisle, 48th Battalion, Toronto: A. I. Moorehouse, 74th Battalion, New Brunswick, and J. P. Blant. The rosters of the various contingents do not give the name of Blant.

BOERS QUITTING ZAND RIVER.

They Are Retreating Towards the Vani-Many Burghers Surrender.

Smaldeel, Tuesday, May 8. - It is reported that the federals quitting Zand River, and it is variously stated that they are retreating towards the Vaal and are taking their positions at Bashrand, south of Kroonstadt.

Large numbers of burghers have come in and delivered their Mausers and horses to the British. They affirm that there is a bitter quarrel between the Free Staters and Transvaalers, which is likely to end in the speedy surrender of the former. Gen. French has arrived here.

Steyn Moves to Heilbren. London, May 10. - It is announced in a special despatch from Lorenzo Marquez that the Government of the Orange Free State has been moved from Kroonstadt to Heilbron.

Buller Advancing. Cape Town, May 9. - It is reported that Gen. Buller is advancing on Biggarsberg and that the Boers are withdrawing.

Is Turkey Going to War?

Constantinople, May 9. - An important irade, just issued, orders contracts to be signed with foreign shipbuilders for renovating eight antiquated ironclads.

Col. Tyrwhitt Ill. Ottawa, May 9. - Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P. for South Simcoe, was seized with a fainting spell yesterday, but nothing serious is expected to result.

BATTLE AT HONNECK.

Montreal Star's Correspondent Tells the Story in Greater Detail-The Can-

adians complimented by C. O. Brandfort, May 9. - (Montreal) Star special cable). - The forces under Gen. Ian Hamilton, consisting of mounted infantry and Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade, including the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, attacked the enemy, which were located in force in the vicinity of Honneck, near Thabanchu, on May 1. The Boers occupied a strong position, their right flank holding Thabanchu Mountain, and their left a

The British column attacked along the whole front of the Boer position,

Steyn Expected a Big Buttle. New York, May 11. - According to a despatch to the Herald from Zand River, via Lorenzo Marquez, President Steyn, in an interview with Richard Harding Davis last Monday, said: "We will fight to the end. Not one of my burghers is unwilling to fight. We have never considered abandoning the Transvaal. We will fight at the Vaal River, at Pretoria, and afterwards in the mountains. We have nothing to gain from peace, everything by fighting. The British are now at Winburg and Virginia. We expect a big battle shortly."

Burghers Want to Cu t. Lordon, May 11. - A despatch to The Daily Telegraph from Welgelegen dated Wednesday, says: "The burghers held a meeting recently, without the consent of President Steyn, at which the advisability of submission on the part of the Free State was discussed and approved."

A Corne of Boer Women. Pretoria, Wednesday, May 9. -President Kruger has received a telegram from a burgheress asking if the time has not arrived for the formation of a corps of women, adding that she is prepared with a body of women volunteers to take up arms in defence of the independence of the Transvaal. Boers Wave to Bethlehem,

Maseru, May 5. - The Free Staters are moving in small parties, with their herds, from Fickburg to Bethlehem, on their way to Harrismith or the Vaal.

THE ENEMY'S STRONG POSITION.

British Are Now Fursuing-Battle Lasted From Early Morning Till Afternoon-British Cavalry and Horse Artillery Pursuing Boors by Three Different Roads -> t:ength

London, May 11. - The War Office has received from Lord Roberts a despatch dated Zand River Camp, May 9, saying: "i have a most cheerful telegram from Baden-Powell dated April 27."

of the Boers.

Poers Leave Zand Liver. Lord Roberts telegraphs to the War Office from Welgelegen, under date of May 9, evening, as follows: "Pole-Carew's and Tucker's division, Hamilton's column of heavy naval and Royal garrison artillery guns, and four brigades of cavalry marched here to-day. The enemy hold the opposite bank of the Zand River. Their strength will be ascertained to-morrow, when I hope to be able to force

a passage of the river." Now Acress the River. Lord Roberts also reports to the War Office as follows: "Cable Cart Headquarters at the front, May 10, 9.10 a.m. - We are now across the Zand River. The enemy are still er." holding a strong position, but we are gradually pushing them back." Enems in 1 u.l Retreat.

The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts: "Cable Cart, Zand River, May 10, 12.30 p.m. - The enemy are in full retreat. They occupied a position twenty miles in length. Ours was necessarily longer. With the widely-scattered force it will take some time to learn the casualties, but I am hopeful we have not suffered much. The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the Boers by three different roads."

TWO MONTHS,

And Lord Roberts Will Be in the Trans vaal Capital, Say the Optimists in the Imperial Commous.

London, May 11. - (4.05 a. m.)-Members of the House, of Commons were freely betting in the lobbies last evening, that Lord Roberts would be in Pretoria in two months. The Ministerialists are building confident hopes upon the comprehensive plans he has communicated to the War Office. Predictions are definitely made, he

will enter Kronstad next Monday, and it is believed that his advance is probably already reconnoitering in the vicinity of Ventersburg, where the hilly country begins again. Beyond Kroonstad is an intricate and difficult country, and if the Boers should elect to fight, it is possible they could check the progress of the British until Lord Roberts' numerous cavalry had time to ride around their flank and threaten their rear. From 15,000 to 20,000 is the highest estimate of the Boers under the personal command of Gen. Botha, who is said to have 40 guns. Gen. Botha and Gen. Dewet are reported

to have quarrelled. Lord Roberts is pressing hard after this force with 65,000 men and 140 guns, and 20,000 more men are

easily available. The alarmist tone of Lord Salisbury's Primrose League speech Wednesday has been much discussed the lobbies of Parliament, and the impression is that the apprehensions of the Premier are even more serious than he expressed. His utterances are ascribed to the recent successes of the Nationalists in France, hatred of England being one of the weapons of the campaign. The revival o military glory, one of the ideals set up in France, is regarded as danger-

ous to England. Rand Against Kruger. Pretoria, Wednesday, May 9 .- The request of the Government for permission to sell mining rights for prices which should be approved by the Government, was rejected by the Raad by a vote of 12 to 9. The session is closed.

Rorra Move From Ladybrand. Ladybrand.

Lord Roberts Enters Kroonstad Without Fighting.

DEMORALIZED.

Boers Held Strong Positions and Were Completely Dumfounded by Lord Roberts Tactics and Hurriedly Retreated-Steyn Names Lindley as His New Capital-His Men Refused to Fight for Him.

London, May 14. - The War Office has received the following despatch from Gen. Roberts: "Kroonstad, May 12. - (2 p.m.) -I entered Kroonstad at 1.30 without opposition to-day, when the Union Jack was hoisted amidst cheers from the few British residents.

Steyn Had Fled. "President Steyn fled last evening, after vainly endeavoring to persuade the burghers to continue opposing The Transvaalers said they would no longer fight on Orange Free State soil, and made off for the Vaal River.

"The Free Staters accused the Transvaalers of having made use of them and then deserting. Many of the Free Staters have gone to their homes

Entering the Tewn. "The procession entering the town was headed by my bodyguard, all of whom were colonials, and after my staff and foreign officers came the North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, followed by Pole-Carew's division, consisting of the Guards and the Eighteenth Brigade, Navals, the Eighty-Third, Eighty-Fourth and Eighty-Fifth Batteries, two five-inch guns, manned by the Royal Artillery Company and the Twelfth Engineers. "The rest of the force encamped around the town.

"Before leaving Kroonstad President Steyn issued a proclamation making Lindley the seat of government of the Free State. "Generals Botha and Dewet accompanied the Transvaalers."

EARLIER BULLETINS.

Which Show the Steps Taken to the Big London, May 14. - Lord Roberts telegraphs to the War Office under

date of Geneva Siding, May 11, evening, as follows: "My headquarters, with Pole-Carew's division, marched twenty miles to-day and are now at Geneva Siding, 14 miles from Kroonstad and about six miles from Boschrand, where the Boers are holding entrenched positions. Gordon's brigade is in touch with them; 'Tucker's division is a short distance southeast and Hamilton's force is still further east.

"Broadwood's brigade overtook part of the enemy's convoy yesterday afternoon at Potgieter's Laager, southeast of Ventersburg, and captured several wagons and some pris-"French, with Porter's and Dick-

son's brigades and Hutton's mounted infantry, is some distance due north of this place. "We have taken nearly 100 prison-

ers during the last two days. All the Free Staters who could give a good account of themselves have been disarmed and allowed to return to their farms. "The nights are getting much cool

MORE DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE. Arrival of Lord Roberts at Kreonstad Hailed With Enthusiasm. Kroonstad, Orange Free State,

May 14. - The arrival of Lord Roberts was hailed with enthusiasm by all the inhabitants. Three hundred Free Staters were anxious to surrender. The bridge to the south had not been destroyed, but the large bridge near the town had been demolished. The Irish brigade, with the Federals, on Friday burned the goods shed. According to the townspeople many of them were drunk.

The Boers are now trekking to the Vaal River, where they are encamped. Gen. French encamped northeast of the town, and despatched a force to cut the line. The project succeeded late at night, but unfortunately after the departure of the last train. Although the troops had marched 16 miles, they were in excellent form on entering the town. Many arrests have been made, chiefly of those who had maligned the British. It was found that many persons had been deported from Ladybrand for ultrasympathy with the British.

Steyn Goes to Lindley. President Steyn has gone to Lindley, the new seat of the Free State Government. A number of the burghers are trekking homeward. The opposition in the Free State is practically over. All the prisoners in the hands of the Boers here agree that the quarrel between the Free Staters and the Transvaalers is so agute that the Transvaalers have decided to leave their allies, whom they accuse of cowardice and lack of patriotism. Most of the Transvaal prisoners think that if they are defeated at the Vaal River the Roers will retreat to Pretoria, but there appears to be growing distrust in the Transvaal Government. In a word, the back of the Boer resistance scems to have been broken. Burghers are fighting without their previous stubbornness. They seem ready to retreat on the slightest pretext. The prisoners, even the Transvaalers, appear glad to have been captured. They say they are sick of a war which can have only one end. Several have exclaimed: "We have lost our liberty; but why should we lose our lives?"

GEN. BULLER'S SUCCESS.

London, May 14. - A special des-

Boers Near Helpmakaar Outflanked and Forced to Abandon,

patch from Stone Hill Farm, Natal, dated to-days, says: Stone Hill Farm, Natal, May 14 -Gen. Buller's advance commenced Thursday, when he left Ladysmith in strength. When within two miles of Helpmakaar the Boers opened heavy artillery fire, and the British

guns replied, while a portion of Bul-Thabanchu, May 9. - The Boers | ler's troops worked round the Boer have moved their headquarters in flanks. The British attack was this district from Ladybrand to Clo- pressed home Sunday. Bethune, on colan. They occupy strong posi- the right, outflanked the Boers. tions at Megathlings' Nek. The Brit | whose splendid defensive positions on ish, including Gen. Brabant, are the Biggarsberg were practically takscattered among a number of strate | en. Geh. Buller's march, subsequent gical points, securing the country to the attack, was carried out with- vulge Lord Roberts' plans for the resouth of the line from Winburg to out a hitch. The British are still pushing on.

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WAR PRACTICALLY OVER.

Boers Pictured as Utterly Demoralized and Disheartened by Lord Reberts' Unexpected Rapid Advance.

London, May 14. - (4 a.m.) -The war is practically over, says The Daily Chronicle's Kroonstad correspondent, and in less definite terms this is the view to be gathered from all the correspondents. They picture the Boers as utterly demoralized and disheartened by Lord Roberts' unexpected rapid advance, and by his facile turning of the carefully prepared positions of the Boers.

There was practically no fighting, and there are no further details to give respecting the occupation of Kroonstad. The correspondent of The Daily

Telegraph says: "The Union Jack was hoisted in the market place by Mrs. Lockhead, the American wife of a Scotchman. Most of the horses of the Boers are in a wretched condition, but Presidert Kruger declares he will continue the war.' It appears that the Boers

Kroonstad had been reinforced by 3,000 men from Natal last Friday, and that altogether 10,000 men with 20 guns trekked from Kroonstad on the approach of Lord Roberts. The Boers made an ineffectual stand at Boschrand and had elaborate entrenchments in front of Kroonstad, which offered great facilities for a rear guard action. Their only

anxiety, however, appears to have

been to get away safely with all

their guns and convoys which again

they have successfully accomplished.

The few stores they were unable to carry away they burned. Steyn Frantic With Rage. President Stevn is represented as

having been frantic with rage and as having kicked and cuffed the burghers after vainly imploring them to continue the fight. Lord Roberts, after a march which is regarded as worthy of being ranked with his famous march to Kandahar, has thus covered another stage of his campaign. Experience has taught the critics to be very chary in accepting

reports of Boer demoralization. The Times says: "The signs point to military breakdown on the part of the Boers, but after what has passed we cannot accept the reports of demoralization without reserve. The game of war must be strictly played out on to the end."

the New Free State Capital. "Lindley, the new Free State capital, is 45 miles southeast of Kroonstad, half way to Bethlehem, and was probably selected as a convenient rendezvous for the commandoes now retiring before Gen. Brabant and Gen. Rundle in the Thabanchu district. Brabant has occupied Hoepellok, half way on the road

from Thabanchu to Ladybrand. "There is not a word of news regarding Gen. Baller's movements or from the far western side. Nothing is known, therefore, of the progress o? Mafeking relief column."

PATE OF THE BOERS SETTLED,

View of German Papers, Now That Rob-

erts Has Kroonstad, Berlin, May 14. - The occupation of Kroonstad by Lord Roberts, without resistance, has caused the greatest surprise here. The military expert of The Local Anzeiger finds explanation in the fact that many of the Boers have deserted. He says: 'Lord Roberts' advance was splendidly executed. It is worthy to be placed beside the Kandahar expedi-

so greatly in favor of the British that the fate of the Transvaal Boers is settled. President Stevn's movement eastward is interpreted as confirming the rumors of bickerings between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters." Visit of the Boer Peace Delegates, Paris, May 14. - The Matin, in an editorial article on Saturday, says the Boer peace delegates have chosen an unfavorable moment to visit the

tion. The situation is now changed

ng in the Philippines what the British are doing in South Africa. Cause of Johannesburg Explosion. London, May 14. - A despatch from Lorenzo Marquez says positive explosion in the Begbie Engineering day busy laying plans to evidence has been obtained that the Works at Johannesburg was due to the carelessness of inexpert workmen.

United States, since, according to

the paper, the Americans are now do-

ANOTHER CANADIAN GONE. Three Wounded Also on May 10-Dead

Man Is A. G. W. Floyd of the 7th

Fusiliers, London. Ottawa, May 14. - The Department of Militia has been notified of the following casualties in the Second in this way. pecial Service Battalion on May 10: Killed-7,193, A. G. W. Floyd, 7th

Fusiliers, London. Wounded - 7,018, Pte. E. Armstrong, R.C.A., Quebec; 7,208, Pte. G. W. Leonard, 22nd Oxford Rifles; 7,221, Pte. A. R. McLean, 38th Dufferin Rifles.

MAFEKING TO BE RELIEVED.

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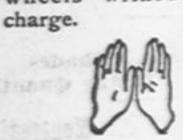
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