ANOTHER BIG VICTORY. SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

The British Completely Routed the Newsy Items About Ourselves, and Boers at Osfontein.

A despatch from London, March 7, maining casualties will be telegraphsays :- The War Office published at midnight the following despatch from Lord Roberts :-

"Poplar Grove, Wednesday, March 7, evening.-We had a very successful day, and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat.

is extremely strong and cunningly arments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a direct attack been made.

"The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and horse artillery horses are much done up.

"The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well; and tion among the enemy.

"Our casualties are about 50. I re-Lieut. de Crespigny, of the 2nd Life their communications with Bloemion- volent associations and edu a ional in- deepening Collingwood harbor to 20 Guards, was severely wounded. Re- tein threatened."

cided to send Gen. Cronje and his fol-

the Government will be defeated.

the fast man.

lowers to St. Helena forthwith.

"Gens. DeWet and Delarey com-

manded the Boer forces." received the following from Lord

"Oslontein, March 7, 4.30 p. m .- Our operations to-day promise to be great success. The enemy occupied a "The position which they occupied position tour miles north and eleven placed Gen. Colville's division, includranged with a second line of entrench- ing the Canadians, on the north bank,

"The cavalry division succeeded in

ent time. The enemy are in full retreat towards the north and east. They the Grand Trunk, has resigned. are being closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery, and mounted infantry, while Tucker's seventh division, Col-

my headquarters this evening. "Our casualties will, I trust, be few, \$1,500,000.

ST. HELENA FOR CRONJE.

The British Government Will Send Them There Forthwith.

A despatch from London, Thurs-Accliamed by Her Devoted Subjects, Flags day, says:-Mr. Lucy, the Parliament-Waved and People Cheered-Thrilling ary representative of the Daily News, Scenes on the City Streets. says that the Government has de-

A despatch from London says:-The Queen's entry into London on ed four pounds of tobacco to each non-Thursday, the commencement of her The correspondent of the Morning visit to the metropolis, was marked Post, cabling from Osfontein, under by scenes of enthusiasm unparalleldate of March 6, claims to have positive information that the agitation of Throughout the demonstrations there the peace party in Great Britain is predominated a note of triumph, and influencing the Boers' determination to prolong the war, they hoping that homour of the British victories in Hall on March 17 if the Irishmen will South Africa as they were vociferous provide the emblem. A correspondent of the Daily News tributes of a loyal people to a monwho was captured by the Boers, but who is now at Sterkstroom, he having been so strikingly shown since the nipeg it was decided to have an ex-

The royal party's departure from Bufialo and Toronto. captors, cables that while at the capital of the Orange Free State he had Windsor was marked by more than an interview with Fresident Steyn, who usual interest. For hours before the said that the Boers would fight to Queen even started for London, He admitted the possibility of Pre- had been announced as her route toria capitulating, but said it would through the metropolis, and which be preceded by events that would were decorated with flags. It was

astonish Europe. He added that the struggle in the to care.

Free State would be child's play compared with what would follow in the Transvaal. The correspondent says that Mr. Steyn has appointed a de- had been cleared of the general pubputy President to remain in Bloem- lic, but outside thousands of people offers \$1,000 reward to anyone who fontein while he visits Pretoria in whited patiently. the interests of the Free State.

thurst, colonel of militia at the front cheer went up. Her Majesty came give satisfactory proof of her death. to command the escort to St. Helena, down the sloping platform leaning on which was last month placed in cable the arm of a turbaned Indian atcommunication with Cape Town and tendant, and entered an open landau London. It is also asserted that the in which sat also Princess Henry of Cabinet resolved neither to propose Battenberg and Princess Victoria of nor to entertain the proposal at the Schleswig-Holstein. They all wore present juncture for an exchange of black, and round her neck the Queen prisoners.

BRABANT'S VICTORY.

The Boers Are in Full Retreat From Dordrecht.

Following Sunday's success General Brabant again engaged the Boers on the city and the west end and distant Monday with advantage, holding the position captured Sunday. There was some smart fighting, the British losing five or six men, and capturing the Boer fort, thus vastly improving their position. The Boers fought tenaciously, contesting every inch of the ground but ultimately they retreated suddenly, carrying off their guns and waggons. A mounted force pursued them, but the result is not yet known.

The British casualties during the two days were 12 or 13 killed, wounded. The Boers' losses were unknown. Throughout the arduous fighting and severe fatigue the colonials of any formed body of them anyhave behaved splendidly.

TRENCHES AT PRETORIA.

Five Thousand Kaffirs Employed in Boer General Highly Pleased With Con-Building Them.

A despatch to the London Daily News from Lorenzo Marques reports that 5,000 Kaffirs are employed in building trenches round Pretoria.

VIRGINIA MINE HORROR.

Fifty Dead Bodies Taken Out and Many

Still Entombed. A despatch from Fire Creek, Va. says:-The most disastrous mine explosion ever known in the New River district occurred at the Red Ash mine shortly after the miners went to work on Tuesday morning. Although the most heroid work of the rescuing party has been going on incessantly all day it is impossible tonight to estimate the full extent of the Italian Consul at Pretoria has teleloss of life and property. More than graphed to his Government that Presi- cents per day has been granted to all decided that the respective colonies to \$11.25. out, and the number of the dead may prepared to accept peace on the basis dollar per day. This increase will after the following representation of the status one ante-bellum and dollar per day. This increase will after the following representation of the status one ante-bellum and dollar per day. entombed in the wrecked mine.

Earlier in the day the War Office

and Generals Kelly-Kenny and Tucker's divisions, with cavalry, on the

turning the enemy's le t flank, opening a road for the sixth division, which is advancing? without having been obliged to fire a shot up to the pres-Gen. French reports that the Horse ville's ninth division, and the Guards Artillery batteries did great execu- brigade, under Pole-Carew, are mak- tery. ing their way across the river at Poplar's drift, where I propose to place

HER MAJESTY RECEIVES AN ENTHU-SIASTIC WELCOME.

been released at Bloemiontein by his war began.

crowds gathered in the streets which foggy and cold, but no one seemed

THOUSANDS, WAITED.

At Paddington the railroad station

When the train from Windsor arhad a sable collarette.

From the packed sidewalks and from every available window came a continuous roar of cheers, while hundreds of little flags were waved all the way to Buckingham Palace.

The side streets were packed ten, twenty and sometimes a hundred deep. But it was around the palace itself A despatch from Dordrecht says:- that the chief throng gathered. By nine in the morning carriages, cabs and vehicles of every sort, people from parts of the country congregated in St. James' Park, on which the palace

NATAL CLEARED.

Boers Abandoned Ambulances Full is personalty. of Sick and Wounded.

Lord Roberts reports to the War Office as follows:-

"Osfontein, March 6.-Gen. Buller reports Natal as practically clear of the enemy, and that he cannot hear where. The Boers left some ambulances full of their sick and wounded, from which the mules had been taken for transport purposes."

CRONJE TREATED KINDLY. duct of British.

A despatch from Simons Town, Cape Colony, says:-Twenty-five of Gen. Cronje's officers are due here on Wednesday night. They will be confined aboard the transport Mongolian. Four transports, with 3,700 prisoners, are now anchored off here, and there are

800 prisoners in camp. Gen. Cronje and staff express themselves as well pleased with their treatment. The general says he has simply been overwhelmed with kindness.

KRUGER AND STEYN.

Anxiuos for Peace, and Request the Intervention of the Powers.

A despatch from Rome says:-The Agenzia Libera announces that the

Interest From Every Quarter of the Globe.

CANADA. The Masonic Temple in London w.

be rebuilt. The North-West Legislature opens about March 30. Christian Sharp dropped dead while

shovelling snow at Hamilton. The issue of three, six and fifteen cent stamps has been discontinued. It will cost \$33,23) to run the police department of London, Ont., this year.

The Montreal Street Railway directors unanimously voted \$1,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Glen Campbell, of Winnipeg, miss_ ing for over two years, has reached

Edmonton from the north. A Montreal despatch says :- Mr. Geo

A company of Manitoba College students has been organized in connection

with the 13th Winnipeg Field Bat-The Canadian General Electric Company is applying for letters patent increating its capital from \$1,200,000 to

stitutions.

It is said that the Grand Trunk Railway intends to remove the divisional headquarters from Belleville to Gan-The Carbolite Company, incorporat-

ed with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, will manufacture calcium carbide in Hamilton. A by-law to raise \$300,000 for a civic

plant for light, heat and power, is to be submitted to the ratepayers of Winnipeg in May. Sir William Macdonald has present-

commissioned officer and man of the Strathcona Horse: Another professor is to be appointsince the Jubilee celebration. ed to the faculty of theology in Queen's University, to relieve Principal Grant

che a part of his duties. the cheers that made the murky Mayor Teetzel says he will have the streets ring were almost as much in Irish flag hoisted on the Hamilton City

At the annual meeting of the Westarch whose womanly sympathy has ern Canada Press Association at Wincursion during the coming summer to

that at \$10,000 it was announced to taking up land in Canada must comply have been closed. The local Red Cross with certain conditions, and do a cer-Fund amounts to \$638.20. The Canadian Order of Foresters in London have offered the Masonic bro-

therhood the use of Sherwood Hall by the Masons for new quarters. C. E. Somerset, Principal of the Industrial School at Red Deer, Alberta,

will restore Miss Maud Lillian Waldbrooke to her friends, or \$500 reward Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Ba- rived at 12.30 p.m., a tremendous to any person or persons who will GREAT BRITAIN.

Negotiations, are being carried on

for the amalgamation of the Layland and Atlantic Transport steamship THREE YEARS FOR A SPY.

where Sir Henry Irving and other stars have been in the thabit of beginning provincial tours, was gutted

UNITED STATES.

Charles L. Davis (Alvin Joslin), the actor, died at Pittsburg, aged 52. three men were killed.

Hawaii is to have a territorial form of Government. The United States Senate has passed the bill.

The proposed combine of American steel and iron industries will have a

capiatl of one billion dollars The will of the late Philip D. Armour, jr., at Chicago, disposes of an estate of \$8,000,060, of which \$6,000,000

The steamer Homer, from Santos, is in quarantine at New York. She lost two of the crew from yellow fever dur-

ing the yoyage. The U. S. Court of Claims has decided that the fleet destroyed at Manila by Admiral Dewey was inferior to the United States fleet, Dewey's contention to the contrary, and awarded the Admiral only \$9,570 as his prize

GENERAL.

Honolulu has now only 50 cases of A British syndicate has obtained an

mportant concession in the gold mining region of Abyssinia. The Danish Government will not accept any offer from America to ac-

quire the Danish Coast Indies. The British cruiser Pomone and gunboat Sphinx are watching the Russian cruiser now at Bandar Abbas, on the Strait of Ormus, connecting the Persian Gulf with the Arabian Sea.

INCREASED WAGES ON G. T. R.

Section Foremen and Track Laborers Re celve an Extra Ten Cents Per Day.

A despatch from Montreal says: Railway System has issued instruc- ple. tions making effective on April 1 next an increase in the rate of pay to sec-

Synopsis of Proceedings in the Ottawa House.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

Mr. Pettit was told by Mr. Fisher that the Government had under consideration the advisability of introduc- News from Ladysmith, reports that resumed on Saturday, but it will take ing legislation for the inspection of Gen. Buller's force is now ready to ad- bridge across the Tugela river apples and the protection of the apple vance after a much-needed rest, April trade.

Mr. Richardson, learned from Mr. Some readjustment of the commands branch lines.

ada at \$35.50 each.

In reply to a question by Mr. Fosin 1898 as regards the service limit of Gen. Roberts. B. Reeve, General Traffic Manager of commanding officers of independent squadrons, batter es, and companies were as rollows :- All appointments as commanding officers are for a tenure of five years. Any extension of tenure will be for three years, and will only be granted upon the recommendation of the D. O. C., who should submit his recommendation one month before the expiration of the tenure.

Mr. Tarte declined to say whether killed and Lieut. Bailey was severely as the enemy was qu te unprepared for The late Mr. Walter Drake of Mont- the Government intended placing in wounded, both of the 12th Lancers. being attacked by the flank and having | real left over \$60,000 to churches, bene- the supplementary estimates a sum for

Mr. Paterson said that the number of bushels of grain brought to Collingwood by water last year was 3.3,744.

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Gauv- on the road but blocked, but small as reau as to the manner in which in- was the supply we had, with what was spectors of weights and measures are paid, Mr. Fielding said that their salaries varied according to the importance of the office, and that all fees collected by them are paid in to the and prices are easy at front 4 1-4 to 4

Receiver-General. Mr. Moore enquired whether the Government intended to put elevators price for selected lots.

in the Parliament buildings. "Since I took office," said Mr. Tarte, sold well at 1 rom 3 3-4c to 4 1-4c per "I have endeavored to serve my Queen to the best of my ability in the matter of supplying elevators for her cattle sold at from 3 1-4 to 3 5-8c per Majesty's subjects." (Laughter.) Mr. lb., and interior to common sold from Tarte indicated that the matter would 3 1-8c down to 2 5-8c per ib. Some catreceive consideration.

FIRST DIVISION.

The first division of the session was taken on Thursday. It was upon an amendment offered by Sir Charles changed at from 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c per Tupper to the redistribution bill. The lb. Government's majority was 46.

FOR SETTLERS. The House spent some time in committee on a bill introduced by Sir The Hamilton Patriotic Fund has Wilfrid Laurier to amend the Dominreached \$11,901.99, notwithstanding ion Lands Act. At present a settler tain term of work before a patent is granted. Sometimes he died before all the conditions have been fulfilled. The present bill provides that, in such until definite arrangements are made cases his heirs or his legal representatives shall come in for the benefits of his fabor, even though he may not lb. have been naturalized before his death. Another clause of the bilk has an eye to the Canadian soldiers at the front. The time they spend in serving the Queen will be taken in account in considering their homestead rights.

The Grand Theater at Islington, Signalled to the Enemy From Kimberley during the Siege.

An elderly Russian Jew named Benjamin Silpent, who is alleged to be a naturalized American citizen, has been sentenced at Kimberley to three years' imprisonment at hard labour The Plattesville, Wis., powder mills for signalling to the Boers from a were wrecked by an explosion in which housetop during the siege. His plea of insanity was rejected.

BULLER IS GRATEFUL.

Wishes the War Office to Make Suitable Acknowledgement.

A despatch to the War Office from Ladysmith says General Buller re-Ladysmith says General Buller quests the publication of the acknowledgment of his gratitude for the congratulatory messages which are pouring in from India, the colonies, and towns, and from British associaing in transit wheat scarce. tions in all parts of the world.

GREAT LOSS TO PARIS.

The National Theater Burned-Vast Crowds Watch the Blaze.

A despatch from Paris says :- The fire which destroyed the Theatre Francais broke out at about noon, on Thursday, but was not discovered immediately, and the theater was burning furiously before the fire brigade got to work. Even then the appli- to 63c, east, ances were quite inadequate, and by 1.30 p.m. the interior of the building was a roaring furnace.

The dense column of smoke rising from the fire attracted crowds from all parts of Paris, especially when the news spread that it was the Theatre Français, which was regarded as a national institution.

The theatre stood almost isolated with a square in front, and the Gardens of the Palais Royal behind. Both The management of the Grand Trunk | these spaces were thronged with peo-

per day, and a like increase of ten 546,700, the Australian authorities have do., \$2.05. Bran-Quiet; in bulk, \$11 Based on a total population of 3,reach 75 or more. It is thought toof the status quo ante-bellum, and
feet a large majority of the section in Parliament; New South Wales 28;
Northern, round lots, 76c, car lots rail to a junction with General Gatin Parliament; New South Wales 28;
Northern, round lots, 76c, car lots rail to a junction with General Gatin Parliament; New South Wales 28;
Northern, round lots, 76c, car lots rail to a junction with General Gatmight that at least 45 miners are yet that they request the intervention of the Grand and Tasmania 5; a total the wrecked mine.

Northern. round tots, not, that are at Stormberg or Port Elizabeth, me something a large part of it would be a substralia 6; and Tasmania 5; a total the wrecked mine.

The Hero of Ladysmith, Gen. White, Going to Stormberg.

A despatch from the London Daily expected that passenger traffic will be its future employment is unknown

Sutherland that the C.P.R. has been is being arranged, and, according to north of Dundee and Glencoe is still in allotted in Manitoba 1,876,785 acres for the Standard's correspondent, General their hands. its main line, and 500,000 acres for White is going to Stormberg, while Gen. Hunter will be given command Mr. Roche was told by Mr. Fielding of the tenth division. Gen. White and appointed Louis Botha lieutenant-gen-

or of Natal owing to indisposition. Col. Ward, whom Gen. White the ly endorsed by the burghers. That ter concerning military regulations, other day described as the best com-Mr. Fielding said that the regulations missariat officer since Moses, will join

Colenso are nearly completed. It is mountains.

some time to complete the temporary

It is announced from the Boer side that the Biggarsberg mountains are strongly entrenched, indicating that the apex of the Natalian triangle

A despatch from the Boer Hoofd larger at Glencoe records that a general council of war, held on March 5, it being capable of twelve rounds that 300 saddles were bought from Gen. Hunter, by the way, were unable eral for Natal, with Lucas Mayer Adams Bros. for the cavalry of Can- to attend the reception to the Govern- Schalkburger, David Joubert Daviel Erasmus, and Fourie as assistant gen- as it can be used to fire lyddite, comerals. The appointments are thoroughsuch prominent leaders win be in Natal is taken to show that a large part of the army remains to guard the 4 1-2 miles, but it is effective at from southern mountain barrier to the 6 to 7 miles. The naval brigade, with the guns Transvaal. A British report states that saved Ladysmith, has gone south. that the Boers are stro: g y massed at Repairs to the railway as far as Nelson's kop behind the Drakensberg

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese. &c in the Leading Marts.

Toronto, March 13 .- Receipts were small here to-day, as only 16 or 17 carloads came to hand, though more were left unsold from the beginning of the week, more than su f cient.

Export cattle is in light demand, 3-4c per lb., with 5c as an exceptional Boers Blow uP Norval's Pont Bridge be taken out of the water and toted

The better grade of butcher cattle Ib., but we had too little of it; medium tle remained here unsold.

Not many stockers came in. The enquiry is easy, and prices are un-

There is a continued demand for ed, in any great strength." choice veal calves, and the right sort will sell up to ten or twelve

A few milkers sold at from \$25 to

dollars each. There is no change and little enquiry, for feeders.

Neither does "small stuff" show any alteration. Sheep are quoted at 31-2 to 4c per 1b., and lambs at from 41-2 is little news from that district, and best-turned-out-man in London, yet to 53-4c, and occasionally 6c was paid nothing has been received enabling with nothing of the dandy in his comfor a few choice selections. Bucks judgment to be formed as to the pro- position. He it was, it will be rememare steady at from 21-4 to 23-4c per bability of the British crossing the

Choice lambs are wanted. Hogs are nominally unchanged, but have a downward tendency. days. Gen. Gatacer's headquarters is For prime hogs, scaling from 160 to 200 lbs., the top price is 53-8c; light now at Stormberg. and tat hogs are bringing 43-4c per

Following is the range of quota-Cattle.

onippers, per cwi	33 40	80.00
	375	4 25
butcher med, to good.	3 25	3.0
Butcher, interior	2 75	300
Stockers, per cwt	275	350
Sheep and		
Sheep, per cwt	300	3 75
Lambs, per cwt	4 50	6 00
Bucks, per cwi :		275
. Milkers and	Calves.	
	. 25 00	45 00
Calves, each.	. 200	10 00
Hogs		

Choice hogs, per cwt. 500

Light hogs, per cwt. 425

Heavy hogs, per cwt. 425 Toronto, March 13 .- Wheat -Local prices are unchanged, Business continues quiet. Quotations are as lows:-Ontario, red and white, 64 1-2 to 65c, according to nearness to mill, Western Ontario points; and to 65 1-2c, east; goose wheat, 69c, low freights to New York; spring, east, 65 1-2c; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, 78 1-2c, North Bay; and at 80c, g.i.t. Grind-

Flour - Dull. Outside millers offer straight roller, in buyers' bags, middle freights, at \$2.65 per bbl; and export agents bid \$2.50. Sales of straights, in wood for local account, are made at \$2.85 to \$3 according to brand. Millfeed-Scarce and firm. Bran is

quoted at \$15 to \$16; and shorts at

\$16.50 to \$17.50, at the mill door through Western Ontario. and firmer, at 41c, track, Toronto. Peas-Quiet and easy. Car lots, 61

1-2 to 62c, north and west; and 621-2 Barley-Firm, under good export demand. Car lots, No. 2, middle freights, 42c; and east, at 43; No. 1 is quoted at 44c outside. Rye-Quiet. Car lots, 51c west, and

52c east. Oats-Demand quiet. White oats, north and west, 261-2 to 27c; middle freights, 27 to 271-2c; and east, 271-2 Buckwheat-Quiet. Offerings light.

Car lots, outside, quoted at 40 to 50c. ! Minneapolis, March 13.-Wheat-May, 64 1-8 to 64 1-2; July, 65 3-8 to is conceded that General Buller will You see some of our bulls is a leetic

yellow, 39c; No. 4 yellow, 38 3-4c; No. 2 corn, 39c; No. 3 corn, 33 3-4c; Oats-Firm; No. 2 white, 29 to 29 1-4c; No. the shores of Lake Tanganyika, has 3 white, 28 3-4c; No. 4 white, 28 1-4c; been launched in England. Owing to No. 2 mixed, 26 3-4c; No. 3 mixed, 26 portages which must be made in 1-4c. Rye-No. 1, 64c; No. 2, on track, 62c. Flour-Dull.

cash, \$1.60; May, \$1.58; September, ery and all, into 40-pound packages, \$1.10 1-2; October, \$1.08 1-2. Detroit, Marca 13 -Wheat- Closed,

No. 1 white, 72 1-2c; No. 2 red, 72c; port of Portuguese East Africa near May, 72 3-4c; July, 71 3-4c.

NORTH OF ORANGE RIVER.

Behind Them.

A despatch from London, Friday, March 9, says:-Lord Roberts wires as follows to the War Office:-"Gatacre reports that he intends oc-

"Repairs to the railways towards both Stormberg and Steynsberg are first experience of battle was gained being pushed. "Clements now occupies Norval's

cupying Burghersdorp to-day.

pont on the south bank of the Grange river. The bridge was blown up March 6, and the enemy are holding the north bank of the river, but not, it is believ-A special from Molteno says that the

British occupied Burghersdorp unopposed last night. at Norval's pont, and that Gen. Gat- mark for the Dervishes. Gen. Clery has acre has occupied Burghersdorp, there the name of being the "sprucest and river. It will be seen that the Boer reports claim that they have repulsed the British. Nothing has been heard from Gen. Brabant for two or three

TERRIBLE LYDDITE.

Beards Turned Green and

Their Faces Yellow. A despatch from Durban, Natal, pointment held by him at the time t says :- Lieutenant Anderton, who com- the injury. If. at the expiration manded a section of the Natal Naval the period for which the gratuity Volunteers at Ladysmith, has arriv- been awarded, the injury be cert ed here. In the course of an inter- to be likely to be permanent in view he said that towards the close effects, a temporary pension at of the Pieter's hill engagement the the rates prescribed in the scale naval guns threw lydaite shells on Such a pension shall be renewab the place was evacuated by the Boers the Secretary of State, according he visited the trenches and counted subsequent reports of the regulate therein ninety-eight dead Boers who military authority. If the temporar had been killed by the concussion of pension is renewed for five years, and the lyddite, not one of them having a

wound of any kind. Lieut. Anderton declared that the fumes of the lyddite turned the hair and beards of the dead men to a peculiar greenish hue, while the colour the battle of Modder River sent of their skin was a strange yellow.

fear of the lyddite shells. PRETORIA WOMEN.

Form a Home Guard to Enable th Burghers to Go to the Front.

A despatch from Pretoria, S. A. R., March 6, noon, via Lorenzo Marques, says: -- A very hopeful view of the situ-Corn-Steady. No. 2 American yef- ation is entertained here. Notwithlow, quoted at 42c, track, Toronto; and standing the reports of Boer reverses, mixed at 41c; Canadian corn scarce the patriotic spirit of the people shows no diminution, and everyone is willirg to give his services to aid the Gov-

A number of Boer women have offered to form a home guard in order ery and corruption in its purchase. to enable the buighers who are now performing that duty to proceed to the

MAY JOIN ROBERTS.

Speculation as to Manner in Which Union Will be Effected. A despatch from London, says:-It

ern, 64 1-2c; No. 2 Northern, 63c. Flour effect a junction with Lord Roberts, -Steady; first patents, \$3.55; second but how is uncertain. It is held by do., \$3.35; first clears, \$2.50; second some that he will move through Van Reenen's pass, while others believe his Buffalo, March 13.-Spring wheat- men will be transported from Durban

BRIGADE GUNS.

Amendments to Military Pension Rules -Boer Ammunition,

The 4.7-inch gun which is used by the naval brigades in the South Africa war is regarded as one of the finest weapons in the world. It was designed for a position gun, but by the exercise of considerable ingenuity. it has been made available in the field. It forms the main armament of all except the largest cruisers in the British navy and is worked with remarkable ease and rapidity for its size, minute in the hands of a skilled crew. It is an eminently adaptable weapon, men shell with a base of fuse or shrapnell with a time fuse. The gun can be sighted to 8,000 yards or more than

CALLED CECIL RHODES. The Cecil Rhodes, a small steamer

of the Tanganyika Concessions, which is to be used in laying the wires of the Cape-to-Cairo telegraph line along getting the boat to its destinaion, Chicago, March 13.-Flaxseed closed, it has been constructed in detachable -North-Western and South-Western, sections, and can be done up machin-It will first be taken to Chinde, & the mouth of the Zambesi. Thence it will be taken up the Zambesi and Shire rivers and across country to Lake Nyassa, where it will be put I together. At Karenga on the northwest shore of the lake it must again across land to Lake Tanganyika. The Cecil Rhodes if 80 feet long, 14 feet wide and 7 feet deep. Its freight capacity is 40 tons and it has accommodations for four passengers.

GEN. SIR FRANCIS CLERY. Gen. Sir Francis Clery, K.C.B., who is with the troops in Natal, has an excellent record as a soldier. His in South Africa in the war with the Zulus and be won distinction for bravery at both Isandhiwana and Ulundi. In 1882 he was campaigning in Egypt and fought at El Teb and Tamai, where he won a brevet colonelcy and a C. B. In 1884-85 he accompanied the Nile expedition as deputy adjutant and quartermaster general. An idea of his nerve may be had from the fact that in the fighting around Suakim, Clery were a red tunic, where-Beyond the lacts that the Boers have as all the other officers were khaki withdrawn north of the Orange river suits. As a result he was a constant bered, who took a French chef afield with him in South Africa and who advised his staff to take all kinds of delicacies with them.

MILITARY PENSION RATES.

The large number of British officers being wounded in the war with the Boers gives special interest to a recent amendment to the militarypension rules. An officer who now receives a bodily injury in action which though severe, is not equiva-98 Boers Slain by Concussion, Their lent to the loss of a limb, may in the discretion of the authorities be allowed a gratuity of from three to twelve months' full pay of the apdown may be granted to the office 2,500 yards distant. When from year to year at the discretion the bodily disability continues, the

pension may be converted into a permanent pension. BOER AMMUNITION. The statement in the account of

the correspondent of the Associated Fifty-two Boers were captured in one Press that the Boers did not fear to of the trenches. They were unable to expend ammunition again directs atflee, having been paralysed by their tention to the general belief among supply is colossal. It is estimated that it would last for ten years at the present rate of use. Most of the Transvaal ammunition has been imported from Germany and France, some has been made in England and some by the Government works near Pretoria, The latter institution is most carefully guarded and the public knows nothing of its operation. It has even been stated by Outlanders that no ammunition is manufactured there, but the cartridges are simply made up from ingredients brought from abroad. According to one of the London papers Oom Paul's people have found the French ammunition generally more satisfactory than that made in Germany, while there has been less bribshipment and delivery.

> CHANCE OF ATHLETES. Farmer-Yes, I want a man. An

you a good jumper?. Applicant-Jumper? Well, yes. You could jump a barbed-wire fence without much trouble, I s'pose? Um-I s'pose so.

Well, that's all right then; you'll do.

A SIMPLE REMEDY.

Dobbie, anxiously-Doctor, financial worry is killing me; can't you were me sometthing to stop it? Doctor, dryly-Perhaps if you gave