KROONSTAD CAPTURED. ROBERTS' ENTRY.

The Boers Fled Without Firing a Shot.

CARRIED EVERYTHING WITH THEM

Union Jack Hoisted Over the Town -Transvaalers and Free Staters Quarrel -Steyn Fled to Lindley -- Colonials Headed Procession -- One Canadian Killed and Four Wounded-General Buller Reported Fighting in Natal - The Enemy Overwhelmed by Roberts' Flanking Movement --- Another of Steyn's Brothers Captured --- German Press Praises Roberts' Tactics.

London, May 13 .- The War Office | across the Free State from Kimber publishes the following despatch from ley to Bloemfontein. Gen. Roberts, detailing the entry into Kroonstad:

"Kroonstad, May 12, 2 p.m.-I entered Kroonstal at 1.30 without opposition to-day, when the Union Jack | sion of the Boers not to defend the was hoisted ami'st cheers from the latter place, notwithstanding its few British residents.

after vainly endeavoring to persuade | Whatever might have been the the burghers to continue opposing us. strength of the Boer entrenchments The Transvaalers sai they would no on the Vaal River and their longer fight on Orange Free State said to have been virtually impregsoil, and made off for the Vaal River. | nable, they could not have availed | Transvaalers of having made use of tensive a line as the British. Gen. them and then described. Many of Roberts' tremendous sweep and his the Free Staters have gone to their flanking operations, which his huge

"The procession entering the town ed the intentions of the burghers, was headed by my Lodyguard, all of whose positions were completely overwhom were colonial. After my staff lapped, leaving them no option except and foreign officers came the North to retreat or be encircled. Had the Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, follow- British generals in the earlier stages ed by Pole-Carew's distain, consisting of the war been able to dispose of such of the Guards and the Eighteenth Bri- mounted troops as are at Gen. Robgade, Navals, the Eighty-third, erts' command the story of the past there that the Transvaal Volksraad, her bedside in the hospital, handcuff-Eighty-fourth and Tighty-fifth Bat few months would have been far dif- at a secret session, resolved to or ed and placed on a train, his request war. They accused the Government teries, two live-line guns, manned by ferent. The Boer commanders conduct- der all residents, irrespective of na. to be allowed to postpone his departhe Royal Artillery Company, and ing the rear guard action in the direc. | tionality, to assist in the defence of | ture for a single day being refused. the Twelfth Lancers.

around the town. dent Steyn Issued a proclamation tained, in an orderly fashion, securing Kroonstad by Lord Roberts without making Lindley the seat of govern- all their guns and a large convoy of resistance has caused the greatest surment of the Free State.

companied the Transvaalers." nated as the new seat of the Free and general provisions. With the ex- "Lord Roberts' advance was splensouth of Kroonstad.

Canadian Killed-Three Wounded. owing to the failure of two attempts that the fate of the Transvaal Boers has received a cablegram from Lieut .- Valsch River, which made the final eastward is interpreted as confirming Col. Otter, announcing that the foi exit of the Boers somehwat hurried. | the rumors of bickerings between the lowing casualties in the Royal Cana- A small bridge close to the town Transvaslers and the Free Staters." dians occurred on Thursday last: | was left intact. KILLED.

Pte. F. G. W. Floyd, 7th Fusiliers, London. WOUNDED.

Pte. E. Armstrong, R. C. A., Quebec. Rifles. Pte. A. F. McLean, 36th Dufferin specie. An immense quantity of stores

No information is given as to the seriousness of the injuries to the wounded.

Well Known at London.

Christian movements. A false report | wife of a Scotchman. of his death in the first engagement! About five hundred Free State in which the Canadians took part Boers surrendered their rifles. was circulated some time ago.

Stanley Brown Wounded.

was killed, and Privates Armstrong, 3,000 men from Natal last Friday Leonard, and McLean wounded, in and that altogether 10,000 men, same engagement.-Stanley McKeown with 20 guns, trekked from Kroon-

Roberts' Triumphant Advance.

London, May 13.-Lord Roberts captured Kroonstad, the new Orange Free State capital, yesterday, and thus practically ends the war in the Free State. It also practically wipes out of existence that Republic, for, barring a few scattered commandoes along the mountain ranges in the northeast corner, the entire Orange Free State is now under British rule.

The entry of Lord Roberts' army into the Free State stronghold was like the march of a triumphant queror, his own body guard leading the procession through the streets from which the Free Staters fled during the previous night.

land for these, the first conquered people. They had no quarrel of their own with England. They but took up the quarrel of their Transvaal brothers, and have had to bear the brunt of the fighting. Hundreds of their burghers have been slain, and their country devastated and ruined by marching armies. Finally, their national existence is ended.

Roberts' campaign has certainly been a magnificent success, proving his military genius, and to-day he can have almost any honor England has to give. When he takes Pretoria he will have the nation at his feet. and take rank with Wellington and Nelson as one of the country's greatest heroes.

Meantime the final campaign moving like clockwork. Each army | One or two of the correspondents in its place is marching on toward say that President Steyn, after tearthe final goal. Half across Africa. fully appealing to his countrymen at from the east to the west, the Kroonstad not to retreat, resorted British army extends-Roberts piere. to force, sjamboking and kicking ining the centre. Buller forcing his way dividuals who refused to comply. through the mountain passes from These and similar stories emanate Natal. Hunter hurrying in desperate from residents of the town. whence he can turn and march due east across the Transvaal toward Pretoria, just as Roberts marched

Destroyed the Stores.

London, May 14 .- The rapid suc cess of Gen. Roberts' march on Bloem fontein and Kroonstad and the decistrongly-prepared positions, was clearly owing to the great numeri-"Tresident Steyn fled last evening, cal superiority of the British army. frontal position. which was Several have exclaimed: "We have "The Free Staters accused the against an enemy advancing in so exmounted force made possible, defeattion of Kroonstad realized this in time | the republic. "The rest of the force encamped to prevent a disaster. They promptly decided to evacuate Kroonstad, and "Before leaving Kroonstad Presi- this they did, so far as can be ascer-Lindley, which Mr. Steyn has desig- thousand pounds' worth of mealies have deserted. He says:

Major Weston, of the Engineers, and Scout Burnham, tried to repeat the line cutting which secured the rolling stock at Bloemfontein for the British, but in this case they were too late, and the Boers thus saved Pte. G. W. Leonard, 22nd Oxford seven engines and several trains, one of which contained \$200,000 in

was carried off. There are no very reliable particulars concerning the number of Boers who quitted Kroonstad, but they are Two hundred additional Boer prisondescribed as being several thousand. ers arrived here yesterday morning. One correspondent places the num-London, Ont., May 13 .- George W. ber at 10,000, and says that a few Floyd, aged 23, was the son of Wm. of the residents accompanied the Floyd, of the Proof Line Road. He fighting force. The Landdrost went joined the 7th Fusiliers when the regi- with obvious reluctance to meet fighting has taken place on Buller's ment was reorganized some time ago. | Gen. Roberts, who waited outside the | front. He was one of the first to volunteer | town while the head of the column | A Red Cross train left for the north for B Company, of the first contin- passed in. He led the Guards' Bri- Saturday night. gent, and one of the first to be ac- gade in. When he arrived the band of One Durban correspondent reports cepted. Floyd was employed as the Scots Guards played the National the arrival there Saturday of more driver for Masuret & Co., wholesale | Anthem in the market place, while | than a hundred wounded troops. grocers. He was a young man of the Union Jack was hoisted by Mrs. fine physique, and was prominent in Lockhead, an American, who is the stringent, and it is impossible to es-

Bennet Burleigh, the correcpondent of the Daily Telegraph, says: "Most of the horses of the Boers are in a Kroonstad, Orange Free State, May wretched condition, but President 12.-I was wounded in the fighting Kruger declares he will continue the mear Ventersburg on Thursday. The war. It appears that the Boers at the carelessness of inexpert workwound is not serious. Private Floyd Kroonstad had been reinforced by stad on the approach of Lord Roberts. The Boers made an ineffectual stand at Boschrand and had elaborate entrenchments in front of Kroonstad, when 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 accom-

Boer Generals Hopeless.

plished. The few stores they were

unable to carry away they burned.

London, May 14.-The correspondents at Kroonstad with Gen. Roberts send the most positive assurances concerning the demoralization of the Free State Boers. One ascribes to Generals Botha and De Wet the asser-There is also compassion in Eng. | tion that they are hopeless of ever getting the burghers to face the British again. All are convinced that there will be no further fighting south of the Vaal River, and some doubt that a stand will even be made there. They say that very few Free State Boers went north with the Transvaalers. A majority of them dispersed and are now trying to reach their homes unobserved.

There seems to be an inclination in the British camp to predict the speedy end of the war. On the other struggle, even if he treks with the to retain United States friendship. Transvaalers to Limpopo River, the northern boundary of the South Af-

Line Cut Too Late. Kroonstad, Orange Free State, May ed over the Court House. The as- clency or otherwise of the lyddite Review demands the agreet of the ment of an impartial tribunal."

town had been demolished.

Vaal River, where they are encamped. to march at their head into the General French encamped northeast next capital occupied. The Landrost of the town, and despatched a force | sent a deputy to Lord Roberts, who to cut the line. The project succeed- refused to allow him to surrender ed late at night, but, unfortunately, the town except in person. From the after the departure of the last train. | moment the entry was made the Although the troops had marched 16 burghers began surrendering their miles, they were in excellent form on weapons. entering the town. Many arrests have been made, chiefly of those who had maligned the British. It was found that many persons have been deported from Ladybrand for ultra- Ropuls Pop along the ridge behind sympathy with the British.

Most of the Transvaal prisoners Mills. think that, if they are defeated at the Vaal River, the Boers will retreat to Pretoria, but there appears to be a growing distrust in the Transvaal Government. In a word, the back of the Boer resistance seems to have been broken. Burghers are fighting without their previous stubborness. They seem ready to retreat on the slightest pretext.

The prisoners, even the Transvaal ers, appear glad to have been captured. They say they are sick of war which can have only one end. lost our liberty, but why should we lose our lives ?"

Preparing to Flee. London, May 14.—The Times correspondent at Kroonstad says it is reported that President Kruger will dent Steyn, joins him.

All Must Fight.

Surprise in Germany.

Berlin, May 13 .- The occupation of railway stock, beside destroying quan- prise here. The military expert of the "Generals Botha and De Wet ac- tiles of stores which they were unable Lokal Anzeiger finds an explanation to remove. This latter included several in the fact that many of the Boers

State Government, is between forty ception of the engine shed, pumps, and didly executed. It is worthy to be and fifty miles east, and slightly tanks, they seem to have left nothing placed beside the Kandahar expediin the town that is valuable to the tion. The situation is now changed throughout the entire land. British, and that these remain was so greatly in lavor of the British Ottawa, May 13 .- The Government | to wreck the main bridge across the | is settled. President Steyn's movement

Claimed to be a Journalist.

More Prisoners at St. Helena.

Is Buller Fighting?

London, May 14.—Persistent rumors come from Durban that heavy

The censorship continues most timate the value of the reports.

Cause of Johannesburg Explosion. London, May 13.-A despatch from Lorenzo Marquez says positive evidence has been obtained that the explosion in the Begbie engineering works at Johannesburg was due to

London, May 14.-The Boers who have been holding Ladybrand and the

Ladybrand Boers Alarmed.

country in that neighborhood are reported to have taken alarm, and are evacuating their fortified hill posttions and are retreating to Lindley, Tuesday, in the Standard and Digthe new Free State capital. General Rundle holds Thaba Nchu strongly, and has a continuous line of troops thirty miles east of that

A party of Brabant's Horse have

occupied the Lieuw River mills without opposition, and captured an enormous stock of grain. Four hundred Boers who attempted to save this grain retreated towards Clocolan. The prospect of the burghers giving trouble in this neighborhood seems at the moment greater ,than near the British headquarters. They are very mobile and thoroughly know the country, which favors their methods. Their chief concentration is, perhaps, broken up, but separate commandoes are moving without transport, ready to strike any weak point in the British lines.

U. S. Intervention.

Berlin. May 13.-Discussing the sittoria, Lindley and Heilbron, is repre- | ble. and advises Britain to accept it | since 1836." sented as determined to continue the and finish the war if Britain wishes

> Roberts' Entry Into Kroonstad. the following special to-day: erts' official entry was an impressive | right. Ours is the right.' Pole-Carew's division, and took their spiracy to annihilate the republics." stand at the Market Square, where the whole of the infantry and artil-

12.-The arrival of Lord Roberts was sembled crowd cheered vociferously; shells in use in the African campaign, legislator, who is described as a prohalled with enthusiasm by all the in- only those who had been recently. Lord Roberts has telegraphed home minent bondsmin from Piquetberg. habitants. Three hundred Free Stat- disarmed stood aloof, evidently that all the generals commanding at ers were anxious to surrender. The vastly impressed. The infantry had the front are perfectly satisfied with bridge to the south had not been de- marched 17 miles, yet, with the the new projectile. The Boers are now trekking to the fulfilment of Lord Roberts' promise fection.

> Free Staters Captured. ed reconnaissance yesterday from

Haepelrok showed that the Boers President Steyn has gone to Lindley, had retired. The natives reported the new seat of the Free State Gov- that they had taken up a position at ernment. A number of the burghers | Korannabek, but the latest advices are trekking homeward. The oppo- indicate that the enemy, alarmed at sition in the Free State is practically Lord Roberts' progress, is joining over. All the prisoners here agree the main body north. Over 50 armthat the quarrel between the Free ed prisoners have been taken by our Staters and the Transvaalers is so scouts, including another of Mr. acute that the Transvaalers have de- | Steyn's brothers. All the commandos cided to leave their allies, whom they are retreating on Lindley. Enormous accuse of cowardice and lack of patri- stocks of Free State Government grain were captured at Leeuw River

Boers Guilty of Cruelty.

the following special to-day Lorenzo Marquez, May 13: Rumors are current here that the Transvaal Raad, in secret session, resolved to order all residents, irrespective of nationality, to assist in the defence of the Republic, according to the terms of the amended military law. on Tuesday on the proposition to Park, Neale and Berry, three British sell the underground mining rights when I last heard from them. the Boers re-entered Ladybrand, terly opposed the proposition. children is giving rise to pitible ought to be dismissed. remove to Lydenburg as soon as Presi- sights at Johannesburg and here. President Kruger said he wanted the The only casualties reported at pres-The Boer officials were placed in a money to feed and clothe the burgh- ent are: Killed, rank and file, four dilemma by the refusal of hundreds | ers. of women to guit their homes. A London, May 14.-A despatch from young man whose wife had only a Lorenzo Marques says it is rumored few hours to Fig was dragged from

Siege to be Raised Monday. British column is moving rapidly to liberty of action. the relief of Mafeking when the despatch was sent, and that it was within one hudred miles of that town. It is now expected that the siege will be raised by Monday or Tuesday. This despatch will be received with enthusiasm and the most ardent hope

Another important item contained in the despatch is that stiff skirmishing has taken place in the Helpmakaar pass. This leads to the assumption

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a despatch dated Friday, May 11th, says: "The Boer lon, B Squadron. Brandford, May 11.-Among the papers report severe fighting on the prisoners of the Foreign Legion cap- western border. The facts are very tured during the fighting at the Zand much confused, probably by design, to River was a German named Trickman, | conceal the truth from the burghers, from Erfurt. He claimed to be a jour- but there is enough to show that the nalist, but was found hiding in the Boers admit a British occupation of

of Vryburg. A special despatch from Christiana, Unionist Association of Birmingham. Jamestown, St. Helena, May 13 .- Transvaal, published Wednesday by He made a speech which was cheerabout eighteen miles below Fourteen | League. He did not touch upon domes-Streams, and went to Taungs, follow- | tic politics, beyond making a humored by commandoes. A second detach- ous reference to Lord Rosebery's atment of the British crossed at the tempt to form a new Liberal Imperialand forced them back in the direction | Unionist lamps fourteen years too of Taungs. Gen. Aswegen was killed. | late. The other Boer casualties were seven wounded. The British loss was heavy. Everything was brought away from in South Africa was just, necessary, the laagers except a few tents left and inevitable. The Government was to attract the enemy's shells. Taungs really over-patient. As regards reis occupied by about 3,000 British." sponsibility he would not be ashamed A special telegram from Pretoria, to bear all the responsibility himself

dated Monday, in the same paper, if it were necessary. He scornfully records the British seizure of Four- repudiated the slander that the Minteen Streams, Sunday afternoon. It isters were influenced by capitalists. says: "The British force at Wilrand | Personally, he did not have the rewas overwhelming. Subsequently, the | motest idea of the present opinion of enemy moved their line toward our a single South African millionaire. positions, bombarding them with such effect that the burghers were compelled to retreat, which they did in regular order. To-day a forward move of the British was checked by

bur forces, who drove them back in two places.' A telegram from Pretoria, dated gers' News, says: "The British, in their passage along the Stellaland border toward Mafeking. were engaged by Commandant Bissell, near Taungs, with great success. dreds of British troopers met a wat. he preferred to call it a Crown colony bayonet, and the East Lancashire ery grave while attempting to cross administration, like that of India and captured another. the Vaal. A second advance was made upon Taungs, by 7,000 British troops and 14 guns. Communication with Taungs was cut Sunday after-

Pretoria Still Hopeful. Pretoria, via Lorenzo Marques, May 11.—The federal forces are rapidly concentrating, and a magnificently stubborn resistance south of the Vaal River is certain. President Steyn arrived yesterday at Kroonstad, after a week's heavy

"Our Voracious Foe."

fighting.

Pretoria, May 11.-In his speech to uation on Saturday before the an- the Volksraad President Kruger said: nouncement of the occupation of "Thirty thousand burghers have Kroonstad, the Kreuz Zeitung, in an fought two hundred thousand British inspired article, discusses the Boer soldiers. By the providence of God we hand, President Steyn, who is vari- mission to America, saying it con- are still alive to fight our vindictive ously believed to have gone to Pre- siders American intervention proba- and voracious foe, our eternal enemy Kruger's Fervid Appeal.

Cape Town, May 11.-At the closing of the Volksraad on Monday, May 7, President Kruger cried out: London, May 14.—The Times has "God of the Volksraad, shall this be north of the Orange River, with the existence, but the frontier interests the final act? No! It shall not. God exception of Kimberley. Kroonstad, May 12 .- Lord Rob will be merciful and strengthen the Peremony. The Field Marshal and his The President added that he had staff rode in at the head of General documentary proofs of a "devilish con-

Value of Lyddite.

Prisoner Shot at St. Helena.

Jamestown, St. Helena, May 11. Yesterday one of the Boer prisoners confined at the Deadwood camp was discovered scaling the wire fence which encloses the grounds where the burghers are detained.

The guard who saw him challenged him three times, but the Boer made no Brand's Drift, May 12 .- An extend- reply, whereupon the guard shot and killed him.

Plate for Crouje.

Moscow, May 11 .- A subscription has been started here to purchase a large piece of plate to be sent to General Cronje, the Boer commander, who is now a prisoner of the British at St. Helena, as a token of sympathy. It is hoped that 30,000 roubles (\$22,500) will be subscribed.

Will Sell Mining Rights.

Pretoria, May 11.-The Govern-London, May 14 .- The Times has June 26th, when the conditions of the sale will be made known.

Discussion in the Volksraad. London, May 12.-The Times' correspondent at Lorenzo Marquez says that a remarkable discussion took place in the Volksraad at Pretoria subjects, who were arrested when on the Rand. The Progressives bit-

Some of the members retorted that from the cavalry nor Hamilton's the President himself declared in his | force." Presidential speech that the Government had ample funds to conduct the of squandering its funds.

President Kruger left the chamber ing. describing the crossing of the in a fit of passion, declaring that Zand River by the British. It says: he washed his hands of the business. "The rear guard of the Boers, with London, May 12.-The despatch from State Attorney Smuts protested, the guns, resisted the advance. The the correspondent at Pretoria brings saying that President Kruger was the long-looked-for information that a trying to deprive the members of their

> Ifafa, bound for Port Natal, rescued | certain the Boer losses, but they are the captain and crew.

Store-Ship Wrecked.

Missing Canadians Safe.

London, May 11.-The following Canadians, reported missing from the that Gen. Buller has commenced his Canadian Mounted Rifles, have rejoined the regiment: Pte. C. O. De Lisle, Toronto.

Pte. A. H. Morehouse, 74th Battal-Pte. J. Nilant, 62nd Battalion, B

Squadron. Pte. E. B. Allen, Windsor, Ont.

Chamberlain at Birmingham. London, May 11, -Colonial Secretary cactus bushes with a rifle in his hand. Taungs." Taungs is 40 miles south | Chamberlain was given an enthusiastic reception to-day by the Liberalthe Standard and Diggers' News, ful and confident, being in strong says: "Six hundred British cavalry | contrast to Lord Salisbury's address crossed the Vaal Friday at Kalnberg, at the meeting of the Primrose same place Saturday. The Griqua- ist party, which, Mr. Chamberlain delanders, under Gen. Aswegen, after clared, would consist of "foolish pobeing reinforced, repulsed the British litical virgins, who would trim the

> Disagrees With Toronto World. Mr. Chamberlain said that the war

After the War. Asking whence the money was to stand, and they fairly bolted; and come to pay for the war, Mr. Cham- the rout of the Boers along the whole berlain declared that the Republics must, and should, be fully incorporated into Her Majesty's dominions. After the war there must be an incalled a military administration, but | charged a kopje at the point of the the West Indies.

As soon as it was safe, it was posberlain referred to President Kruger Staters are sick of the war. as "Mr. Paul."

An Appeal for Mafeking. London, May 12.-Lady Georgiana Curzon has issued an urgent appeal for help for Mafeking. She says: "Nothing

but absolute knowledge of the suffer-

ings of the people of Mafeking prompts

me to inaugurate another fund; but

the heartrending accounts received from my sister, Lady Sarah Wilson, must be my excuse. Gatacre in England. London, May 12.-Gen. Gatacre has

of any kind. from Cape Town says that Gen. Sir | ican Republic succeeded in inducing Charles Warren has been gazetted Great Britain to submit to arbitramilitary governor of Cape Colony, tion a question which involved not her

Tried to Procure Assassination. The South African Review agserts Cape Colony offered money to a man American Republic will succeed in into shoot Sir Alfred Milner, the Brit. ducing the power attacking our very ish High Commissioner. Affidavits on existence to stay her hand and sublery filed past. As Lord Roberts took London, May 11.—In reply to a War the subject are said to be in the mit the question of the future govern-his position a Union Jack was float- Department enquiry as to the effi- hands of the Attorney General. The ment of these regions to the free judg-

Bade the Canadians Good-Bye. London, May 11.-Lord Stratheona stroyed, but the large bridge near the doubtful exception of the British en- | Since their first use in the Soudan and Mount Royal, the Canadian High try into Ladysmith, no scene so im- war various improvements have been Commissioner, bade farewell to-day The Irlsh brigade with the federals pressive has been witnessed during made, and the 6,000 rounds sent out to the contingent of Canadians beyesterday burned the freight-shed. Ac- the war. The Guards, swinging past on Saturday in the Dunvegan Castle longing to the Strathcona Horse, cording to the townsprople, many of to the accompaniment of drums and for use with the siege train at Pre- which landed yesterday at Live pol fifes, seemed vastly proud of this toria are as nearly as possible per- and which safel for South Africa to-day on board the British transport Assaye. The High Commissioner made a speech to the troopers during the course of which he expressed the belief that they would emulate the excellent example of the other Canadians at the front.

STORY OF THE CATTLE.

Boers Resisted All Along the British

London, May 11, 10.50 a. m.-Lord Roberts telegraphs to the War Office from Riet Spruit, under date of May 10th, evening, as follows:

"We have had a successful day, and have driven the enemy from point to point. French, with Porter's and Dickson's brigades of cavalry, and Hutton's mounted infantry, crossed the Zand at Vermenten's Kraal and then worked round in a northeasterly direction to Maatschaphy, being opposed continuousty by the enemy. Pole-Carew's division and Gordon's cavalry brigade, ment has issued a notice that the augmented by 'J' Battery of the underground mining rights on the Royal Horse Artillery, and by Henry's Rand will be sold at public auction and Ross' mounted infantry, crossed in the Church Square at Pretoria on | the river by a drift near the railway bridge. My quarters accompanied this force. With the infantry portion we are eight miles north of the river. The cavalry and mounted infantry are at Ventersburg road station, and Tucker's division is at Decifonteinnordi. Ian Hamilton's force and Broadwood's cavalry brigade was making for the cross roads near Ventersburg,

Boers Fought Stubbornly. "Hamilton's column met with stuband afterwards released, have arriv- Jonkherr Van Rensburg said that born resistance, and Smith-Dorrien's ed here. They were shockingly while the burghers were fighting, brigade was engaged for some hours treated by their captors, who not private property would be sold to in protecting the rear and flank of only threatened to shoot them but their disadvantage to a mercenary his force. The drifts are extremely flogged them so severely that the speculative clique. If, as President difficult, and much baggage has still bruises still remain on their bodies. Kruger said. Klimke possessed claims to come up We shall, however, march The ruthless expulsion of women and valued at \$5,000 and \$6,000 each, he at daybreak, and push on as far as possible in a Kroonstad direction.

French in it Too.

wounded, five. No returns yet received

The Daily Express, in its second edition to-day, publishes a despatch dated Riet Spruit, May 10th, mornmounted infantry, two batteries and pompoms cleared the way and the third cavalry brigade acted as a screen before the main column. Gen. French was on the left and Gen. East London, May 11.-The Govern- Hamilton on the right. The Boers ment store-ship Craigellachie has been | had destroyed all the bridges during wrecked off Port Alfred. The steamer | their retreat. It is impossible to asthought to be heavy. Those of the British, considering the important advance made, are considered light."

Have Learned Scouting. A special despatch from Riet Spruit, dated May 10th, describing more fully yesterday's successful operation, says: "Gen. Hamilton's scouts had on two previous days ascertained the Boers' position and strength. On Wednesday night the Cheshire Regiment crossed the river. entrenched themselves and prepared to hold the passage for the regiments

following them. "At daybreak on Thursday, the main body crossed at two or three points. The mounted infantry were then in action, driving off the advance of the Boers, preparatory to a general forward movement. The Boer right first gave way, but Tucker and Hamilton had a tougher task on the left. The Boers had six guns and served them well, working with great determination. but the British worked up closer and closer, their

guns mean me firing incessantly. B rs Routed. The Eas. Lancashire and Sussex Regiments by 11 o'clock had worked well to the front. The order was given, and like a flash the two regiments sprang forward simultaneously and in a few moments had secured

two commanding ridges. "The advance line was now within twelve hundred yards of the Boers' main trench, and the latter were already losing heart from the demonstration on their flank, but they kep up a rapid, though wild, fire.

"At this moment the final charge was ordered, and away went the Lancashires and the Sassex Regiment again, but the Boers could not line was then complete."

English Lads Use the Bayonet. Reit Spruit, May 10 .- Morning. terval, long or short, according to the The Boers opposed the British adbehavior of the people, when the vance, holding positions north of Zand whole administration and appoint- Drift, back along the whole line, from ment of the authorities to carry it out | Gen. Hamilton on the east and Gen. would rest absolutely with Her Ma- Hutton on the west. Chiefly artillery jesty's Government. This might be was engaged. The Sussex Regiment

The British loss is Insignificant. Gen. Hutton had a series of artillery sible that the new colony would be in- | duels, the Boers always retiring. troduced into the circle of self-govern- Twenty Boers were taken prisoners. The advance continues. The Boers are Throughout his speech Mr. Cham- fighting half heartedly. The Free

Boer Delegates Losing Hope.

London, May 11, 1.35 p. m.-Mr. W. T. Stead, who was the last man in Europe to bid farewell to the Boer delegates, obtained from Mr. Abraham Fischer, a member of the Orange Free State Executive Council, and one of the delegates, a message to the American people which is practically in the same words as the message previously sent through the Associated Press. Mr. Fischer, however, added

"The Governments of the old world appear paralyzed. We hope to find a arrived from South Africa, his com- different state of things in the new ing being marked by no demonstration | world. We know that at the very time the Jameson raid threatened the in-A despatch received here to-day dependence of the Transvaal the Amerof the Republic of Venezuela. As you obtained arbitration for Venezuela after England had declared it was impossible, so we venture to hope the that a member of the Legislature of free, enlightened public opinion of the thank expen Mrs. the re BITTOE ligatio crite i spirit. for si she co ated part crimse tence like t about liking

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