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PEACE IN SIGHT.

An Important Conference Now on in
South Africa.

PRETORIA, Monday, March 31.—
President Steyn and General Dela-
rey have been located and a meet-
ing between them and Acting Pres-
ident Schalk Burger is expected to
be arranged without further delay.
It is reported that General Botha
will also attend the conference.

Commandant Mears has sent in
word that his command will abide
by the decision of the Boer Govern-
ment.

Commandant De Villiers, who has
been operating in the Kimberley
district, has sent in a flag of truce,
asking for terms.

HEIDELBERG, Monday, March 31.—
Commandant Alberts called a meet-
ing of the Boers in his district to
take place thirty-five miles east of
the Springs Station, in order to
discuss the proposal for a general
surrender. It is said that General
Hans Botha has summoned a simi-
lar meeting at Amsterdam.

A party of constabulary and na-
tive scouts was ambushed near here
March 30. Six of the party were
killed. The Boers eluded pursuit.

PRETORIA, April 1.—Thirty-nine
British soldiers were killed and
forty-five injured in a railroad wreck
March 30 near Barberton, Transvaal
Colony.

LONDON, April 1.—The War Office,
in reporting the railroad wreck at
Barberton, Transvaal Colony, merely
says that it was accidental. The
victims all belonged to the Ham-
shire regiment.

Preparing for Coronation.

New York, April 1.—The Duke of
Norfolk and the Board of Works
officials have taken charge of West-
minster Abbey, which, as previously
reported, has just been closed to the
public. The necessary preparations
for the coronation will be begun
without delay, according to the Lon-
don correspondent of the Tribune.
Alterations on the most elaborate
scale will have to be made in order
to provide accommodation for the
numerous guests who have been in-
vited to witness the ceremony of
June 26th.

Plague in Sydney.

When the Mosna left Sydney
there had been, up to March 23, 76
cases of bubonic plague in all. Of
these 21 had died, 12 been discharg-
ed, and 43 were in the hospital.
For the week ending March 23, 15
cases had been reported, of which
three resulted fatally. On account
of plague being in Brisbane, the
Mosna did not enter the harbor at
that place, but transferred pas-
sengers and freight in lighters.

Seizure of Sealskins.

SEATTLE, March 31.—About \$50,000
worth of sealskins were seized in
this city yesterday by the local
United States customs officers. The
capture was made aboard the
schooner J. B. Ward, which arrived
some days ago from Uvalaska. Two
hundred and twenty six skins were
consigned to local houses. They
are of the Bering Sea product, and
Deputy Collector Mitten believes
they were taken by pelagic sealers.

Shaw's Town Goes Democratic.

DENISON (Ia.), March 31.—This
town, the home of Secretary of the
Treasury Shaw and Congressman
Connor, today went Democratic by
a majority of 29. Last fall the
town gave Governor Cummins (R.)
200 majority. There were no local
issues.

Electricity for St. Paul's.

New York, April 1.—Electric light
has at last been introduced into St.
Paul's Cathedral, says a London dis-
patch to the Tribune. J. P. Morgan
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