

GREAT BRITAIN'S VICTORY

All London is Satisfied With The War Situation.

BULLER IS AGAIN ADVANCING

Boers Report That Gen. French's Rear is Cut off And Conje is Fighting—The Enemy's Story of the Relief of Kimberly.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—[Special]—England is watching with great interest Russia's move in Asia. She has moved a strong force within striking distance of Herat, but what is intended British diplomacy apparently does not know.

England will be prepared for any emergency but no serious trouble is anticipated. Important naval preparations will be continued and other plans made to check-mate any move toward India.

OUR CASUALTIES—FRENCH PROMOTED.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Lord Roberts reports the casualties at Jacobsdal 1 killed, 14 wounded, 3 missing. The War Office is greatly pleased with the Mayor of Toronto's congratulations on the relief of Kimberly.

Gen. French has been promoted to Major-General and Lt. Col. Kekewich is made a Colonel.

CANADIANS IN BATTLE—SIX CAPTURED

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The Star's cable says the Royal Canadian Regiment took a share in the movement for the relief of Kimberly.

They protected the right flank of the troops operating for the capture of Jacobsdal.

In the advance on Wedgedraal six Canadians fell out and are captured or in hospital. These include Privates James Drake, M. A. Munnis and T. J. Welsh, all of Halifax and three Upper Canadians.

PROBABLY HUTTON DID NOT SAY SO.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Major General Hutton, en route to England expresses his belief that Kimberly's relief is only temporary.

"The cavalry make a fierce flying fight, but the small force at Kimberly cannot be expected to hold out any length of time and I do not think any advantage is gained there."

CRONJE IS IN FULL RETREAT.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Gen. Cronje is in full retreat with Gen. Kelly-Kenny

harrasinghim. Cronje has about 10,000 men.

The Boers are moving back on Bloemfontein and are leaving Spysfontein.

At Riet River the Boers captured a large convoy.

Lord Roberts in the fight at Jacobsdal captured many prisoners and 3000 head of stock.

BOERS ATTACKING GATACRE.

The Boers have attacked Gen. Gatacre at Molteno and are attempting to cut the British lines at Graspan and De Aar.

Gen. Macdonald has again occupied Koodoosburg.

THE GOOD FEELING IN LONDON.

The London public are satisfied that Roberts and Kitchener will be well protected against a counter attack.

No pen can describe the joy over the



CECIL RHODES, OF SOUTH AFRICA.

relief of Kimberly.

The belief is that Roberts will earn a Dukedom and Kitchener be made Commander in Chief and given full swing to reorganize the army, as the result of their work in the war.

CANADIAN DEAD OF FEVER.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—[Special]—Private Moore of B Company, London, Ontario, died of enteric fever in South Africa today.

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GENERAL CRONJE.

LATER--SUNDAY.

BATTLING ALL ALONG THE LINE.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—[Special]—Boers report that they cut off Gen. French's rear; that Kitchener and Kelly-Kenny are fighting with Cronje and that British and Boers are battling all along the line for five hundred miles from Kimberly to Molteno.

BOER STORY OF KIMBERLY'S RELIEF.

PRETORIA, Friday, Feb. 16.—[Special]—It appears from further reports of yesterday's (Thursday's) fighting at Jacobsdal that 2,000 British troops got through the federal position at Modder River and entered Kimberly.

The federals intercepted the rear guard of the British and captured many oxen and a number of prisoners.

BULLER AGAIN ADVANCING.

According to unconfirmed reports Gen. Buller has re-occupied Vaal Krantz and the Boers retreated in the direction of the Free State.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—[Special]—The following are the closing rates: February wheat, 66½; corn, 33; oats, 22½; pork, \$10.75. May wheat, 68½; corn, 31½; oats, 23½; pork, \$10.95. July wheat, 68½; corn, 35; oats, 22½; pork, \$10.95.

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I. N. Ford's War Cable.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—1 a. m.—The Western border has been cleared by Roberts' first stroke, since the relief of Kimberly carries Mafeking with it and secures British control in West Barkly district, and Bechuanaland.

General French by leading the way to Kimberly has become the Sheridan of this campaign, while Bobs, halting in triumph at Jacobsdal before turning eastward, is in a fair way to win a dukedom, if he goes on without check or reverse to Bloemfontein and Pretoria. Nor ought Kitchener to be left out of view. He has transformed an immobile British force, which was tied up to the railways, into an army remarkable for mobility, with a system of flying transport, and if all goes well he seems destined at the end of the campaign to succeed Wolseley as Commander-in-chief, and to reorganize the military forces of the British empire. Salisbury's intimate friends assert that this is what he intends as the sequel to a successful war, and that this was in the Prime Minister's mind when he sent Kitchener to South Africa. Salisbury has considered Kitchener the greatest organizer in the military service and expects that he will ultimately revolutionize both the war office and military system.

DETAILS OF FRENCH'S ADVANCE

to Kimberly are reaching London slowly. The first announcement came in time for the opening of the stock and mining exchanges and created a buoyant feeling in the city. It was assumed since Roberts' despatch was sent from Jacobsdal that the Dutch had abandoned their positions at Magersfontein, raised the siege of Kimberly, and retreated by the roundabout way of Boshof toward Bloemfontein. Press despatches received during the day indicated that French's column had reached the destination in four days. Having concentrated twelve miles east of Enslin on Monday, from various points along the railway, and having concentrated the enemy's at Riet and Modder Rivers before crossing and captured large droves of cattle and sheep and great quantities of supplies, this strong column of cavalry and horse artillery had approached Kimberly from the west and south, after completely

TURNING THE DUTCH POSITIONS.

The Sixth division blocked one road eastward and the Seventh division had closed in upon Jacobsdal, following the mounted infantry, and shut off Cronje's most direct line of retreat eastward. The war office issued a series of bulletins from Roberts during the evening. The first described the march of the Sixth division to Modder River to leave French free to go on, and also the entry of the mounted infantry into Jacobsdal, which was occupied by women and children. The mounted infantry had a sharp skirmish with the enemy and

RECOVERED TWO OFFICERS

who had been captured. French, meanwhile, had reached Abomsdam and had reduced the pressure on Kimberly, so that Kekewich was able to occupy one of the Boer positions. A second bulletin reported that the Boers were abandoning the trenches at Magersfontein and trying to escape, and Kelly-Kenny's forces were pursuing a large Dutch convoy moving toward Bloemfontein. The third bulletin contained French's message that he had dispersed the enemy south of Kimberly, capturing a laager and depot supplies, and that he was scouring the country northward.

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REPORT FROM JACOBSDAL enabled Roberts to compliment Germany by references to the ambulance hospital which he found there under the charge of two German doctors, who had been most helpful to the British prisoners. It was clear from these despatches that French was too busy to enter Kimberly when the enemy was breaking up, and that Kekewich was occupying the advanced trenches. French was keeping his cavalry in motion and harassing the enemy at every turn. Roberts was also disposing of his forces in so far as to cut off the main lines of retreat and to scatter the enemy's forces. The situation was full of promise in every respect, especially as there were signs of.

DEMORALIZATION OF THE DUTCH.

London is fairly ringing with praises of French. A very distinguished officer said to me last night: "It is a suspicious thing to prophecy after the event, but Johnny French was under me years ago in India and when he was only a chubby lieutenant in the 19 Hussars I saw enough of him to know that there was in him the making of such a cavalry officer as would have delighted the soul of Stonewall Jackson."

Every mounted officer will now want to serve under him. I learn that the younger Duke of Westminster, who is the

STEPSON OF GEORGE WYNDHAM,

will join French's division when he arrives at the Cape, and not serve on Milner's staff.

Kimberley has been invested 123 days. The garrison consisted of 2500 men, including a half battalion of the North Lancashires and a detachment of the Black Watch and five local forces. Cecil Rhodes has been the chief organizer of this most gallant defence, but Colonel Kekewich has been a commander second only to Baden-Powell in resource and practical ability. He is a Devonshire man.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

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