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CANADIAN MAXIM GUN SECTION OPENING FIRE ON THE BOERS AT SUNNYSIDE. [Montreal Herald]

BOERS BEING FOLLOWED UP.

The Paardeberg Fight May be Repeated.

ENEMY RETREATING FROM DORDRECHT.

Brabant's Cavalry Attack Their Position.

Boers Forced to Retire--British Loss 6 Killed, 18 Wounded.

Kruger appeals to the Burgers to Stand Fast—Cronje and other Boer Leaders thank Lord Roberts for Kindness to Prisoners—A Message from Kimberley—Activity at Ladysmith—Recruiting for the Regiment for Halifax.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

FRENCH'S MOVEMENTS.

ANOTHER BOER POSITION.

LONDON, March 5, 4 a. m.—The mystery attaching to the movements of General French is now cleared up by a Post telegram stating that he reconnoitered a Boer position four miles east of Ofontein on Saturday.

General French's reconnaissance suggests an impending attack by Roberts, who may adopt the same tactics as at Paardeberg in which event the Boers run the risk of being surrounded.

Another force of Boers, is now collected at Abraham's Kraal, which consist of three kopjes and lies about thirty miles east of Paardeberg on the south side of the Modder.

This position seems to have been chosen some time ago as the Times correspondent mentions that President Steyn visited the camp there last Tuesday and adjured Burgers to remember Majuba and relieve Cronje.

ANOTHER STRAW!

LONDON, March 5.—The Queen has decided to abandon her projected visit to the Italian Riviera and the Prince of Wales will, it is said, not be present at the opening of the Paris exhibition.

WELL DONE, BRABANT.

LONDON, March 5. Advice from General Brabant report that he has engaged and defeated the Boers at Labuschague Nek, seven miles northwest of Dordrecht, and his success will probably have the effect of driving the invaders in that district across the border into the Free State.

A mixed force of 2000 men was despatched from Ladysmith last Thursday to intercept a Boer convoy which was being sent north after the raising of the siege, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

ROBERTS' RESPONSE.

OTTAWA, March 5.—Lord Roberts telegraphs to the Governor-General: "I sincerely thank your Excellency for your telegram and for hearty congratulations of Canada."

CECIL RHODES.

CAPETOWN, March 4.—Cecil Rhodes is here and expects to sail for England on Wednesday.

BOERS RETREATING.

BLOOMFONTEIN, March 5.—The Federals have resolved to abandon the territory around Rensberg, and retreat has been effected under the protection of mounted burghers. It is officially announced that

General Cronje's surrender owing to the scarcity of food and ammunition.

President Kruger is issuing a stirring address to Burgers in Natal who are falling back on Biggarsberg.

HALIFAX GARRISON.

OTTAWA, March 5.—Every province is to furnish its quota to the regiment which is to garrison Halifax. A thousand men will be enlisted, but only the active militia men, who have put in one season's training will be accepted.

The men will be enrolled for one year, with the possibility of being called upon to serve six months longer.

It is also expected that recruiting will be completed in a fortnight.

BRABANT'S SUCCESS.

DORDRECHT, Cape Colony, March 5.—(Morning.) General Bradbatt's Colonial division, after a night's march is now attacking the Boers in a strong position at Labuschague Nek on the road from Dordrecht to Jamestown.

LATER.

The engagement is proceeding with great vigor. The Boers are gradually retiring before the British shell fire from three positions.

A heavy rifle fire is being exchanged where the British are engaging the Boers on the right flank.

So far the Boers have had no big guns in action.

LATER.

DORDRECHT, March 4, (evening)—General Brabant's advance today was most satisfactory. After marching and bivouacking over night, his force reached the Boers strongly entrenched positions which they occupied and now hold, the Boers being on the opposite hill. The British will remain tonight, in the captured position, although the Boers brought two guns into action and made a determined effort to retake them.

The British losses were 6 killed and 18 wounded.

LORD ROBERTS' REPORT.

LONDON, March 5.—The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Ofontein, Sunday, March 4:

"General Cronje, on behalf of his party, and Commandant Wolmarus, on behalf of 4000 other prisoners, who have all now left Modder River, asked the British officers to thank me for the consideration and kindness with which they have been treated.

"General Clements reports that his advanced troops held Achteertang and that railway communication would be opened to Joubert's siding to-day.

The enemy is still in force at Nerval Point bridge.

General Gatacre telegraphs that the number of Boers at Stormberg is daily diminishing.

Colonel Baden-Powell reports that all was well at Mafeking, February 15th, and that the enemy's activity was being met everywhere by equal activity on the part of the defenders.

The position is unchanged at Ofontein except that frequent heavy showers have materially improved the grazing to the benefit of horses and transport animals."

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NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT WILL RESIGN.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

ST. JOHN'S Nfld, March 5.—The Cabinet of Sir James Winter will probably resign within the next 48 hours.

The Premier has thus far been unable to make any combination that would enable him to carry on the Government for the purposes of the pending session of the legislature. It is believed, also, that Mr. Bond will be unable to form a Ministry from the opposition ranks. A general election therefore is almost inevitable in May.

"Long Tom" Factory Destroyed.

LE CREUSOT DEPARTMENT OF SAONE ET LOIRE, France, March 3.—Fire broke out in the famous cannon factory here on Sunday, whence the Boers obtained their powerful "Long Toms." Two enormous buildings containing gun material and electrical stores, including a number of artillery models, were destroyed. The losses are estimated at between 800,000 and 1,000,000 francs. A large number of workmen have been thrown out of employment.

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