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## KRUGER COULDN'T STOP RETREATING BOERS.

### Who Stampeded When French Attacked.

### CANADIANS AND HIGHLANDERS AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

### Fifteen More Volunteers Wanted From P. E. Island.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

#### THE LAST ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, March 9.—The press description of General French's second turning movement adds little to the official account.

The attack was preceded by thorough reconnaissance of the enemy's lines and by vigorous scouting.

General French's attack was unexpected and the Dutch commanders retreated in hot haste leaving supplies, tents and a Krupp gun behind them.

All the correspondents describe the shell fire of the Horse Battery as most effective.

The main body of the Dutch retreated eastward. But Lord Roberts was left in command of a more direct road to Bloemfontein through Petrusburg.

All the correspondents assert that Lord Roberts intended to turn the Boer positions in succession and to cut off their retreat, but that there was a quick stampede and that the cavalry with the horses done up could not overtake the fugitives. The Highlanders and Canadians captured a large Krupp gun, but were not able to run down the enemy.

#### NEW ENLISTMENTS.

OTTAWA, March 9.—The District Officers Commanding will enlist men for special service in South Africa to replace the casualties in the second special service battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment, as follows: Toronto, 20; Kingston, 10; Montreal, 10; Ottawa, 10; St. John, 10; Halifax 15; Charlottetown, 15; Quebec, 10; total, 100.

The detachment will embark on the Monterey on the 15th inst., and until their arrival in South Africa will be attached to the Strathcona Horse for discipline, etc.

#### HE COULDN'T STOP THEM.

POPULAR GROVE March 8.—Present Kruger who is at present, far in the rear yesterday

tried to stop the retreating Boers who refused to stay.

#### ONE OF THE REPORTS.

ELOEMFONTEIN, March 9.—The police tried to stop the retreat of the Free Staters. But they declared that they were not willing to fight any longer. They blamed President Steyn.

#### A BOER REPORT.

PRETORIA March 6, via Lorenzo Marques March 8.—It is officially stated here that on Sunday last there was heavy fighting at Dordrecht, that British repulsed with great loss, and that the Federals captured three cannons.

#### OFFICERS FOR HALIFAX.

OTTAWA, March 9.—The Minister of militia has selected a number of officers for the provisional battalion to garrison Halifax. The following have been chosen: Captain A J Boyd, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto; Capt. A J Macdonald, 59th battalion, Alexandria; Captain J J Sharpless, 8th R R, Quebec; Major G A Taschereau, 92nd Dorchester, Quebec; Lieutenant Colonel J McKay, 42nd Battalion, Carleton Place; Lieut.-Colonel J S Skinner, 14th Battalion, Kingston; Major S J R Sercom, 63rd Regt, Halifax R.R.; Captain W M Bend, 1st Prince of Wales, Montreal.

#### KRUGER AND STEYN AT THE FRONT.

LONDON, March 9.—Lord Roberts sends the following despatch from Poplar Grove, Friday morning:

"Presidents Kruger and Steyn were both present at the fight on March 7, and did all their power to rally their troops. The route, however, was complete, the men declaring that they could not stand against the British artillery and such a formidable force of cavalry."

#### Death of Collector Ruel

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

ST. JOHN, March 9.—J. R. Ruel, Collector of Customs, St. John, since 1870, died last night.

D'ARCY MCGEE.—Mr. McCready delivered his popular lecture on D'Arcy McGee before the faculty and students of St. Dunstan's College last evening and was given a hearty vote of thanks. Before and after the lecture the college band furnished musical selections. The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

Shredded fish in packages. Pure boneless codfish, canned salmon, lobsters, finnan haddies, &c., at Beer & Goff's.

AN ATTRACTIVE programme is being prepared for the hospital concert next Thursday evening, March 15th. Make up other engagement for that evening.

#### WISE'S RESIGNATION.

SIR,—It is rumored that the resignation of Mr. Joseph Wise was handed to the Speaker with a condition attached, that the district must be opened at once, and that this latter condition was afterwards withdrawn. I ask you as a constitutional question, can a member withdraw either his resignation or any attached condition after it has been placed in the Speaker's hands?

Also, if the resignations of Messrs Pineau and Wise are in the Speaker's hands does not the statute provide for an election "forthwith"?

ENQUIRER.

#### FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Additional Men Wanted to Replace Casualties.

Last evening Lieut. Colonel Moore received the following despatch: OTTAWA, Ont., March 8.

To Lieut.-Col. Moore, D. O. C., D. 12, Charlottetown.

Enlist fifteen men to replace casualties. Second special service battalion under same conditions as to pay and service. Must report at Halifax not later than Tuesday, 13th inst., where they will be clothed and equipped. Attestation papers are being sent you this day.

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

Militiamen wishing to enlist are requested to apply to the District Officer Commanding at the Orderly rooms, drill shed, at 2 o'clock, p. m. today.

Up to one o'clock this afternoon, Col. Moore had received the following names in addition to those already published: Alfred Mullen, Wm. Gregory, John Gregory, Arund. Currie, John Lightizer and Eugene McEachern. The name of D R Kennedy was wrongly printed F R Kennedy in the list previously published. In all some thirty names have been handed in to Col. Moore, and this afternoon it is expected that a good many others will offer.

The contingent will leave Charlottetown for Halifax on Sunday night. It is expected that the Provincial and Civic governments will deal as generously with the second contingent as they did with the first.

It is contemplated to have a church parade of all the city companies of militia on Sunday morning.

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