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CRONJE BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL.

He Left His Guns Behind Him.

BOERS WERE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY OUR TROOPS

And Have Taken Up a Defensive Position.

GEN. BULLER FIGHTING AGAIN NEAR COLENZO.

The Disaster to the Australians not so bad as at first Reported—The Guards Brigade have Advanced from Modder River—Lord Roberts' Plans Well Conceived—Laurentian arrives at Cape Town—Roberts' Army is free to go on to Bloemfontein.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

LEFT THEIR BIG GUNS.
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Daily News publishes the following despatch, dated Sunday morning, Feb. 18, from Modder River:

Our sudden appearance seems to have astounded the enemy and thrown them into a panic.

All their positions were hurriedly evacuated and the big guns at Magersfontein and Kimberley were left behind.

General Cronje moved his transport, consisting of many hundred waggons, along a bank of the kopje north of the Modder toward Koffyfontein.

It got past our mounted infantry, but owing to weariness had to stop.

Thereupon, our artillery opened fire upon it. The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight the whole day, vainly trying to escape.

Each time their advance-guard sought to move off, our Mounted Infantry galloped around and checked them.

We never attempted to stop their main movement, contenting ourselves with trying to check them.

Their position at Koffyfontein is said to be very strong. They entertain a wholesome dread of ten thousand cavalry moving more quickly than they do themselves. We hope to be in Bloemfontein shortly.

ROBERTS' TACTICS.
LONDON, Feb. 19, 4.50 a. m.—The news is now amply confirmed that General Cronje has escaped. Every detail, however, proves how admirably Lord Roberts' plans were conceived and were succeeding.

But for the unexpected delay at Dekil's Drift, which was almost impassable for waggons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day gave them their chance for a hasty retreat. All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed exactly to time.

Apparently General Cronje is retreating with his main army, and even if he escapes altogether, he will probably lose all his baggage.

HEROIC AUSTRALIANS.
LONDON, Feb. 19.—A despatch to the Times from Naauwpoort, describing the retirement to Arandel draws attention to the devotion of twenty men of the Victoria Mounted Rifles who were caught in a trap and died to a man, fighting to the last.

LAURENTIAN ARRIVES.
CAPE TOWN, Feb. 19.—The Laurentian with the first artillery and second of the Canadian Contingent of troops arrived at this port today.

The troops were welcomed by Major John Hanbury Williams, Military Secretary to the Governor of Cape Colony, and the British High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, on behalf of His Excellency.

BULLER'S FOURTH ATTEMPT.
CHREVELEY, Feb. 19.—The country in which General Buller is now working is thickly wooded.

British operations are directed to the capture of Hlangwano hill, where the Boers are strongly fortified and from which they are shelling the British with great accuracy.

The British infantry are now disposed along a line extending seven miles to the south kopjes.

At the base of Montecristo Hill, from 6 o'clock on Friday morning, the British incessantly shelled Monte Cristo, with the Nek separating it from Blaauw Kraatz hill; along the right, the British infantry making slow progress up the Nek, in an endeavor to occupy Montecristo which will enable them to enfilade the Boers on Hlangwano.

THE SITUATION.
LONDON, Feb. 19, 1 a. m.—Lord Roberts' operations are on so large a scale that the press despatches do not give a comprehensive view of the whole field.

The main fact is the abandonment of the Boers, positions at Magersfontein and around Kimberley and that the Guards Brigade had advanced from the Modder

River camp and occupied a strongly entrenched position which was successfully defended against a frontal attack.

The district northward to Kimberley has been cleared, and the engineers are already repairing the railway.

Jacobsdale remains the headquarters of Lord Roberts. But Kelly-Kenny's division at Klip Drift has been reinforced by the Highland Brigade.

These troops and the seventh division are following Cronje; and General French's Cavalry Brigade has joined in pursuit of the retreating Boers northward and eastward.

Kimberley has been relieved almost too cheaply, since the Boer forces have retreated rapidly taking their guns with them, and will have to be fought in another defensive position, farther north.

General French and Kelly-Kenny have captured a large number of waggons, sheep, oxen and military stores, but have taken few prisoners.

General French's flying column may succeed in intercepting the retreat of the scattered Boer commandoes, but the bulk of the Boer forces will probably escape northward.

The War office closed without issuing any bulletin from Lord Roberts; but his silence did not cause uneasiness. It was understood in official circles that everything was going well, and that Lord Roberts had not considered it necessary to report any additional details of the Boer retreat and relief of Kimberley but would break the silence as soon as French succeeded in overtaking the enemy.

Lord Roberts' army, having relieved Kimberley without a battle and with trivial skirmishing, is now at liberty to follow Cronje eastward and northward.

SECOND EDITION.

BULLER'S JOURNALS

LONDON, Feb. 19, 3.20 p. m.—The War Office has received the following despatch from General Buller: "Chieveley camp Feb. 19.—I yesterday moved around the enemy's flank. The Queens', who bivouacked on the north of Curgol, crossed the Nek supported by the rest of the second brigade under General Hildyard and assaulted and took the southern end of Monte Cristo.

The fourth brigade on the left, or western slope, and the Welsh Fusiliers, supported by the rest of the sixth brigade, assaulted the eastern flank of the enemy's position, while the second brigade cavalry, on the extreme right, watched the eastern slopes of Monte Cristo and drove back those of the enemy attempting to escape therefrom.

Our artillery fire was assailed by a heavy artillery fire on their front and flank and attacked on their flank and rear. The enemy made but a slight resistance, and abandoning their strong position were driven across the Tugela.

I have taken several of the camps, a wagon load of ammunition and several wagon loads of stores and supplies, and a few prisoners.

BOERS RETIRING.

STERKSTROOM CAMP, Sunday, Feb. 18.—The Boers are retiring and General Buller's force are now entering Dordrecht.

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RECENT DEATHS.

Word reached the city on Saturday afternoon of the death of Hon. Thomas Annear, who was for many years a member of the Provincial Legislature. It seems that Mr. Annear was around as usual on Saturday morning, but about ten o'clock complained of being ill and it was not long afterwards before his spirit passed away. Mr. Annear was a native of Cornwall, England, and came to Prince Edward Island when quite young. He was deservedly respected by a wide circle of friends, and his unexpected death is greatly regretted.

Another old landmark has also been removed. Mr. James P. Douse departed this life on Saturday afternoon, at the ripe age of 69 years. Mr. Douse was well and favorably known throughout the province, having for many years carried on an extensive ship-building business. His bereaved wife and brother and sisters have our sympathy.

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