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**HOW CRONJE SURRENDERED**

**MARCH OF HIS MOTLEY BAND ACROSS THE VELDT**

Bennet Burleigh, war correspondent for the London Daily Telegraph, who is now with Lord Roberts' forces, sent from Osonfontein a despatch describing Gen. Cronje's surrender. He said in part:

Never was there a stranger array than Cronje's men marching under guard across the veldt. They were a motley-garbed, tattered demoralized crew, of all ages between sixty and sixteen. Some were mounted upon ponies; some of them went afoot, bearing burdens of clothing, blankets and pots and pans, their Boer lares and pennants from which they would not be separated. Many of them carried umbrellas of West African kingship spread and hue; others dandy gingham little bigger than parasols.

A sore-voiced, silent, tobacco-smoking multitude, they plodded along toward Modder river between a line upon either side of British soldiers. The column had space enough, for the guardian troops were seventy yards apart, but there was a small body in front as well as in rear, without outlying mounted vedettes.

But the Boers had no heart to attempt to bolt in that weary, thirsty land. Besides not a few professed satisfaction at having been captured. Our soldiers chatted with the Boers, and the prisoners were occasionally colloquial and friendly, as I found myself. There appears to be little doubt that the Transvaalers and Free Staters are not on the best of terms.

In the front marched the Buffs as an advance guard, and two half-battalions of the guards went with them to Jacobsdal. From there Gen. Wavell provided another escort into Modder river. Halts were made during the day and at sundown, when the Boers had their rations issued. At night the troops took care not to let any of the prisoners escape.

Lord Roberts treated the leaders with great courtesy, and the headquarters' staff found breakfast and lunch for all of them, which the prisoners apparently thoroughly relished.

Cronje, with his wife, grandson, and another lady, his secretary (Mr. Reiz,) Commandants Albrecht and Wolmarans, and the other leaders, went ahead seven hours before the main body started. They, however, rode on the same day into Modder River, and entrained for Simon's Town.

A vast number of Martini rifles were found in Gen. Cronje's laager. This at first led us to believe that the Boers were running short of Mausers, but many of the Boer prisoners declare that they prefer the old arm, to which their men are more accustomed. The Boer guns, four Krupps and one "pom-pom," which were captured, have all had their breech parts removed and thrown away. In more than one instance the damage was inflicted by the Boers after the white flags were hoisted. It is believed that the breech blocks of the cannon and many of the enemy's rifles were thrown into the river. The small arms captured include Mausers, Martinis, and Lee-Metfords. The rifle ammunition numbers over 100,000 rounds, besides many shells. The "pom-pom's" casing had been broken by a shrapnel.

Bishop Potter talked to representatives of the newspapers about his visits to the Philippines, Japan and India. The trip was made at the instance of the committee on increased responsibilities of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He had been most interested, he said, in the condition of affairs in China and Japan. He had noticed a gradual friendliness between the two nations and prophesied that when Japan should have taught the Chinese the art of war, neither England, Russia nor Germany would decide the fate of the East. The Chinese did not love the Japanese, but, recognizing that they had nothing to hope from the European nations, were gladly establishing an entente cordiale with the Japs.

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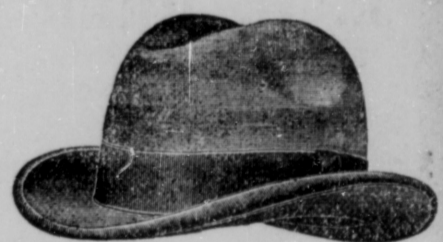
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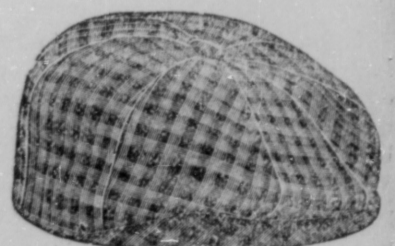
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