

FIRST EDITION.

## Roberts Captured Cronje's Reinforcements Boer Position is Worse Than Ever.

### HAVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THEIR CAMP.

### Shropshire Regiment Captured 200 Yards by a Rush.

The Country West of Kimberley Settling Down—  
Boers are using Explosive Bullets—They have  
Refused medical aid or to allow their Women  
to pass out.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

LORD ROBERTS' REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—3.55 p.m.—The War office publishes the following from Lord Roberts:

"PAARDEBERG, Feb. 24 h. 12.30 p.m.—Parties of Boers recently arrived from Natal, attacked our outposts in force again yesterday.

They lost a good many killed and wounded and nearly 100 prisoners including the commandant and three field cornets.

Our casualties were 4 officers wounded, two men missing on the 21st, and on the 22nd an officer and 23 men were wounded. Six men were wounded yesterday by hollow-nosed mauser bullets.

The nickel case is slit with four slits making a projectile of the most expansive and explosive nature possible.

A wounded Boer brought to our hospital yesterday had sixty of these bullets in his pockets.

During our advance to Kimberley the casualties were: officers, 2 killed, 13 wounded; men, 4 killed, 78 wounded.

Officers casualties: all previously have been reported.

PAARDEBURG, Orange Free State, Feb. 25.—General Cronje's position is more hopeless than ever.

Our guns dominate the sloping ascents from the river on all sides, and by a rush of the Shropshires on Wednesday night up the river bed the Boers lost 200 yards space in their course.

Deserters say that the British fire has been very deadly, and affirm that General Cronje, himself, is willing to surrender, but is overborne by the young Boers from the Transvaal.

There are women and children with the Boer forces. Lord Roberts proposed to let them pass out of danger, but this suggestion, as well as the proffer of medical aid, has been rejected.

The kopje captured by the British last Wednesday, where 50 prisoners were taken, is a most important strategical position. Its possession should enable us to repulse any Boer reinforcements from the eastward.

FROM LORD METHUEN.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Lord Roberts has sent the following additional advices to the War office:

"PAARDEBERG, Feb. 24.—Lord Methuen reports that Barklay West was occupied by our troops on the 22nd. The loyal

inhabitants displayed great enthusiasm. The country west of the railway from Cape Town to Kimberley is gradually settling down.

A detachment has started from DeAar for Bristowa, and doubtless Pruskar will shortly be visited by our troops.

General Methuen says the account of the admirable manner in which the Kimberley hospital is managed made one desire to send some of our sick and wounded there."

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—Last night a message from Sir Alfred Milner was received by the Governor General. It gives the list of killed on last Sunday which is the same as that already published except that the name of McCreary, of Sussex, is not in it.

Sir Alfred Milner's despatch containing the list of wounded and missing has not yet been received. He says: "While with great regret I send the above list, I wish to express to you the great admiration which is felt here for the able share borne by the Canadians in the late engagement."

(Signed) MILNER.

It is a singular fact that while the official list of those wounded on Tuesday is not furnished, the only list of wounded in Sunday's fight is that furnished by Mr. Fred Hamilton, of the Toronto Globe, which is generally reported as correct.

THE TIMES REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Times publishes the following from Padebergs dated, Feb. 21st: "General Cronje's forces have good cover from the British

artillery fire and have considerable stores of provisions.

BEFORE LADYSMITH.

LONDON Feb. 26.—The Times publishes the following from Colenso, dated Saturday:

"The British are now within two miles of being in touch with Ladysmith; but the ground still to be covered is the hardest part, and very severe fighting must be expected.

CONSTERNATION AT PRETORIA.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Times says: The feeling in official circles at Pretoria borders on consternation.

General Lucius Botha and President Steyns are both urging President Kruger to sue for peace.

At Bloemfontein, General Cronje's position is regarded as hopeless.

SOMEWHAT STALE.

PAARDEBERG, Feb. 23.—The British are gradually closing in upon General Cronje from all sides, and making his position more impossible than ever.

During the course of last night the British artillery poured in several rounds.

There was a terrible rain and thunder storm early in the evening.

The Canadians were heavily engaged in Sunday's fight behaving most gallantly.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The Militia Department has received a message from Colonel Otter, dated Kimberley Feb. 25th, stating that the following men of his command were wounded on Tuesday Feb. 20th, inst., at Paardeberg.

C. Company, no 7,357, private K Kidner, 10th Royal Grenadiers; No. 7,413, private J Holland, no corps.

F. Company No. 7827 private W Downing, 62nd St. John Fusiliers, severely wounded.

H. Company, No. 8143, private A Parker, 63rd King's County battalion.

Private Adams, reported missing after Sunday's engagement, has since reported.

RHODES HOPEFUL.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A despatch to the Morning Post, from Kimberley, dated Friday last, says.

General Cronje is reported to have plenty of provisions but to be running short of ammunition.

Cecil Rhodes is extremely hopeful that the war has reached its concluding stage.

SECOND EDITION.

SIMULTANEOUS BLOWS.

LONDON, Feb. 26th.—Still no definite news.

General Cronje apparently is still holding out.

It is thought that Generals Buller and Roberts will strike simultaneous blows on the anniversary of Majuba, tomorrow.

LARGE MILLS BURNED.

SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.

NEW GLASGOW, Feb. 26.—The New Glasgow mills and elevator of the Maritime Milling Company, formerly New Glasgow Milling Company, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The mill and elevator were erected a few years ago and had a capacity of about 200 barrels a day of flour and meal. The company had a large stock of grain and ground flour on hand. The approximate loss is \$150,000—insurance, buildings \$33,000; stock \$82,500; grain in elevator \$14,000. There was additional insurance on the grain in the elevator amounting to \$14,000.

Big Steamship Ashore.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—The Allan Line steamer Californian went ashore at Ramivand, just outside the harbor, on Saturday night and is hard and fast. The compartments were flooded and the fires extinguished. The passengers were taken off on Sunday morning. The cargo is valued at \$300,000. It is thought that the ship may be floated.

Death of Captain Clarkson.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

HALIFAX, Feb. 26.—Captain Clarkson, a well known citizen, and agent of several insurance companies, died here Saturday evening,—the result of a fall in St. Luke's cathedral two weeks ago.

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