

SECOND EDITION.

"LION OF AFRICA" BROUGHT TO BAY

And Fighting to the Last.

Buller Continuing His Advance.

HIS REPORTED DEFEAT PROBABLY A BOER FALSEHOOD.

Roberts May be Fighting Another Boer Force.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

BOERS HAVE FLED.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The War Office announced last night that it had no news from the scene of hostilities in South Africa to give out.

CHIEVELY, Feb. 23.—The main body of the Boers have fled, evidently with the object of stemming the advance of Lord Roberts.

General Buller is completing a bridge over the Tugela River and Warren's division is pushing on to Ladysmith.

CRONJE CAGED.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Trapped, ringed round with fire, the target of a very torando of shot and shell, Cronje the "old Lion of South Africa" is dying in his tracks and fighting to the death. He is paying the price that will "stagger humanity" in a sense that President Kruger did not dream of when he made that famous prophecy.

BULLER'S PROGRESS.

PIETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—The Boers are believed to have either abandoned the investment of Ladysmith or taken up a position north of the town. The enemy's arguments, opposed to our advance, on being driven from one position, fled to the next kopje and opened fire on our on-coming troops. Fighting is proceeding in the vicinity of Pieter's Drift. This morning General Buller's advance was being opposed by both big guns and rifle fire.

It is reported that a letter from Joubert to Commandant Fairie was picked up in a deserted Boer camp in which the former stated his inability to send reinforcements owing to the fact that he had 3000 men put out of action during operations around Spion Kop.

MILITARY OPINION.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Commandant Dewitt, one of the Boer generals in charge of reinforcements, telegraphed Pretoria on Tuesday that he expected a big fight on Wednesday at Pietersburg which is 75 miles south east of Modder Drift and Koedoesraud.

General Roberts may, therefore, have ten or fifteen thousand Boers in front of him at Pietersburg; and as the conditions of this war have hitherto led to engagements being prolonged for several days it is possible that, side by side, with the battle at Paardeberg in which Kitchener is holding Cronje in his grip, a portion of Lord Roberts' army has been having a long fight with Dewitt.

The absence of news from Chievely also suggests that a battle is raging there.

An engagement is certainly required by the situation.

NAVAL ESTIMATES—MORE SHIPS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The British naval estimates for 1900-1901, total £27,528,600, an increase of £928,100—providing for an increase of 220 officers and 4020 men for new ships.

It is proposed to build two new battleships six first-class armored cruisers, a second class cruiser, two twin screw sloops, two gunboats and two torpedo boats.

Negotiations, it is added, are in progress for the formation of a naval reserve in Canada.

The difficulty created by the requirement of six months training on a man-of-war being one of the conditions of service in United Kingdom will, it is thought, be overcome.

There will be under construction in 1900, 17 battleships, 20 armored cruisers, a first-class protected cruiser, 2 second class protected cruisers, a third class cruiser, 8 sloops, 2 gun boats, four torpedo boats and 21 torpedo boat destroyers.

THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Feb. 24, 4 a. m.—Lord Roberts continues silent, and so far as is known, the situation at Paardeberg drift remains unchanged.

It seems almost impossible for General Cronje to extricate himself from his terrible position.

But, apparently, he is still holding grimly on.

According to a news despatch, he is accompanied by his wife, and she has been urging him to save the lives of his men by surrendering to the British officials.

Evidently in the Free State there are two distinct Boer forces, one of which, under command of General Dewitt at Pietersburg, about seventy-eight miles southeast of Paardeburg, was expecting to be attacked on Wednesday. General Dewitt may have concentrated at Pietersburg reinforcements from Colesburg and stragglers from the force dispersed by Lord Roberts on Tuesday. But it is hardly probable that he will succeed in helping Cronje to continue his heroic resistance much longer.

There is no news yet of the relief of Ladysmith. Fighting was proceeding in the vicinity of Pieters on Thursday morning, and as the British advance was stubbornly opposed, it is clear that the Boers have not yet abandoned all hope of retaining their position north of the Tugela.

The natives at Kimberley state that General Plumer has relieved Mafeking, but their reports are unconfirmed.

A JOYFUL REPORT.

DURBAN, Feb. 23.—This evening a rumor gains credence that Ladysmith has been relieved.

It is also reported that Cronje has surrendered with eight thousand men and that Lord Kitchener has been slightly wounded in the left arm.

Crowds throng the streets, singing and cheering.

Seventeen hundred Boers have been killed or wounded including Cronje.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The report contained in the Durban despatch arouses suspicion. Nevertheless the receipt of the news has caused rejoicing.

FEELING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

An American's Observations While There.

BUFFALO, Feb. 22.—President John G. Milburn, of the Pan-American Exposition and generally acknowledged as the leader of the bar of Buffalo, New York, has returned after a five weeks' absence abroad. He spent three of those weeks in England, having been summoned there by the illness of Mrs. Milburn, who is spending the winter near her two sons at Oxford.

In speaking of the attitude of the English people in the present war, Mr. Milburn said:—"I do not know that I ever felt such respect for people as was caused by the way in which the whole matter was taken by the people there. There was no attempt to belittle the reverses in South Africa. All you could see on every side was a quiet, grim determination that the matter should be carried through to a successful issue."

"Over and over again I heard it said by men that harrowing as the experience was they believed the results, apart from South Africa, would be of great and lasting benefit. One reason named was the drawing together of the mother country and the colonies, and the consciousness growing out of an Imperial unity."

"There was little doubt that the military authorities that it was going to be a fairly easy matter, but the feeling that had grown up was that it was a great event, that the men from the home army and Australia were all comprising the same army and fighting side by side. What was most impressive was the utter absence of any attempt to minimize or to explain away what had happened. From my observation there is simply an unlimited supply of men who have served in the volunteers who are anxious to go."

"There is not the least doubt that if the war takes 250,000 more men they can be had, and that it will be carried through to a finish."

"There is no apprehension of European intervention with reference to South African matters. The only apprehension I heard expressed at all was that Russia might take opportunity to draw into closer relations with Afghanistan and nearer to the Indian frontier; but that was not felt very seriously. I do not think that European intervention would be tolerated for a moment, as, even if interference was broached, England feels invincible with her fleet and the forces that could be raised and available for home defence. The general feeling among informed people is that there is good understanding between the ruling powers in Germany and England that any such intervention shall be discountenanced. There are strong indications, too, that after this experience a thorough investigation of the military conditions of the empire will be demanded and had, and there will not only be a large increase in the regular fighting power, both naval and military, but they will be brought up to the highest efficiency."

Wrecked Steamship.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

DOVER, ENGLAND, Feb. 24.—It is ascertained that the vessel ashore on Goodwin Sands is the British steamer "Hopeful" formerly, "Belgian Prince," bound from London for Liverpool.

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