

FIRST EDITION.

REPORTED RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Boers Said to be in Full Retreat.

LIST OF CANADIANS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

Windsor, Feb 21—It was announced at a Town Council meeting held here this morning that news has been received at Windsor Castle, that Ladysmith has been relieved. The announcement was received with cheers.

CRONJE'S RETREAT.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—4 a. m. Despatches from the Chronicle's correspondent with Lord Roberts, published this morning, throws some badly-needed light on last week's operations.

General Cronje, it is now certain, did not begin his retreat until after General French had reached Kimberley. He performed a very creditable exploit in extricating himself from a tight position by a forced march. He passed between the rear of General French's cavalry and the advanced column of the supporting infantry divisions.

At daybreak on Friday the Boers were observed at a distance of three miles from Klip Drift trekking eastward towards Bloemfontein.

General Kelly-Kenny advanced to the attack. But Cronje fought a splendid rear guard action all day long, and although he had to abandon part of his convoy succeeded in getting his force across the Klip Kraal drift near Padertieg.

Continuing his retreat during the night he must have been well on the road to Bloemfontein by Saturday morning.

FORWARD TO BLOEMFONTEIN.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The occupation of Bloemfontein and Orange Free State capital, by a British garrison would have a great moral effect on the Free State troops, even though the town is not a point of strategic importance.

The movement of Lord Roberts' army towards Bloemfontein is unquestionably clear, notwithstanding the mystery with which Lord Kitchener surrounds his operations.

There has been nothing official from either Roberts or Kitchener given out of later date than Monday.

Lord Roberts himself was then at Pardeberg, thirty miles east of Jacobsdal, on the direct road to Bloemfontein, or about 50 miles from the capital.

The advance guard was probably some miles ahead, so that the capture of Bloemfontein must be an impending event.

The British troops, including the Canadians, who are well forward in the army of invasion, are apparently within a day's march of the Free State capital.

BOERS CONCENTRATING.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—4.20 a. m.—The Boers are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory and are concentrating for the defence of their own.

General Buller thinks that they are about to raise the siege of Ladysmith and this is the large news of the day.

Gen. Clements reports that the force confronting him has been greatly diminished. Ten thousand men are estimated to have gone from the Colesburg district alone. The Boers are also retreating from Zululand.

Thus they are relaxing their hold on all sides in order to assemble to oppose Lord Roberts who is pressing on steadily toward Bloemfontein.

This is shown by his inconsequential telegram from Pardeberg, fifty or sixty miles away.

Doubtless he is miles behind the column that is pursuing the Boers and the next important news may be the occupation of Bloemfontein.

Nothing had been heard from the chase of Cronje for two days. Although the last words of the office tonight were that there is no news for publication. There is a strong disposition to believe that favorable information has been received, but is being held back until the movement is completed.

HOW THE CONVOY WAS LOST.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Standard publishes a telegram which helps to clear up the mystery attending the capture of the British convoy by the Boers near Kofyfountain.

It seems that while the British forces were crossing the Riet river at Watervaal Drift the rear guard was unexpectedly attacked by 1500 Burghers, under Delany, who had arrived from Colesburg, and Lord Roberts deliberately gave orders for the abandonment of the wagons which mostly contained food stuffs.

WOMEN IN THE MINES.

From the stories which are published of the state of affairs at Kimberley prior to General French's arrival it is clear that the relief of the town was brought about none too soon.

Most of the women and children, owing to the persistence of the bombardment, had been sent down in the mines and distributed along the various levels by order of Cecil Rhodes.

MORE ABOUT THE CONVOY.

GRABERER, Cape Colony, Feb. 20—De-

tails have arrived here with respect to the capture of the British convoy at Rietfontein.

It appears that the wagons were lodged near the drift and that the convoy was attacked by eighteen hundred Boers with four guns and that shells continued all day. The wagons contained provisions and forage. Half the drivers and leaders are killed or missing.

AN ATTEMPT THAT FAILED.

BULWAYO, Feb. 12.—Colonel Plumer has sent Major Bird with 200 Colonial to attempt the capture of a Boer 12 pounder on a kopje near Crocodile Pool.

Major Bird met with such a terrific rifle and shell fire that he considered the position too strong and ordered a retirement.

Colonel White was severely wounded and 19 privates were wounded. Captain Sataon French and 9 men are missing.

CANADIANS KILLED

AND WOUNDED.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—The Globe publishes as an extra a despatch from Modder River, dated February 20th, which says: The Canadian Contingent participated in Sunday's battle.

We forded the Modder after a night march and were engaged the whole day. A number of Canadians were killed and wounded.

So far the casualties were: Western men killed, Scott, Maundrell, Jackson, Shunners and Fodd; the wounded are Arnold, Beach, Nethergold, Joomann, Duncafe, Andrews, Rexon, Sniles, C. Thompson, McKenzie.

The London men killed were Donegan, R. Smith, W. White; wounded, Mason, Threw, Sippi, Power, J. Smith, Toarentette, Huddon, Brough, Green, McLaren, Corley, Day, Wheatcroft, King, Wall; the missing are Adams and Burns.

The Toronto men killed are Findlay, and Marion; the wounded, Stewart, Asher, Kennedy, Sutton, McGivern, Ward, Vanderwater, McLaughlin.

The New Brunswick men killed were Taylor and McCreary; the wounded, Scott, Hunter, Lane, (?) Hadon, McLaughlin, Waye, Gifford and J. Johnson.

The Ottawa men killed were Lewis, Jackson and O'Brur; the wounded, Thomson, Clark, Laid, Macaulay, Bradshaw, Coleman, Gibson, Ritchie.

The Montrealers killed were Goodfellow, Lester, Barris, McQueen; the wounded, Moore, Gorman, Thomas, McLean, A Shaw, Miner, Roberts, McGill.

The Halifax men wounded are Regan, Adams, B McCallum, Robertson.

The following sick men were captured at Watervaal Drift: Gobbeld of London; Wood, of Ottawa; Warn, of Ottawa; Padmore, Quebec; Dorsennette, of Halifax. Walsh and Drakey died at Orange River; also Moore, of London.

DEATH OF ROLAND D. TAYLOR.

HALIFAX Feb. 21.—Among the dead is Private Roland Dennis Taylor, of "G" Co., late of the Charlottetown Engineers.

QUEBEC, Feb. 21.—A. J. Turner, reported wounded is a son of Hon. H. Turner, M. L. C. and brother of Captain Turner who sailed from Halifax for South Africa on the Milwaukee, to-day.

LADYSMITH RELIEF.

LADYSMITH, Feb. 20.—(By heliography to Colenso, Feb. 21.) Boers have removed their Long Tom from Bulwayo.

General Buller's naval guns are now searching their position.

A REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—It is reported that General Hector McDonald, commander of the Highland Brigade, was severely wounded yesterday.

LATER.

LONDON Feb 21.—The War Office confirms the report that General MacDonald has been severely wounded.

CRONJE SURROUNDED.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A private telegram received here from Berlin this afternoon, declares that General Cronje is in a very bad position, bearing out yesterday's Berlin rumor that Cronje was surrounded and that a time limit had been given within which to capitulate.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Appreciative Britons

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Already suggestions are being canvassed in the press as how best to commemorate here in the heart of the Empire, the splendid sacrifices of Canada and Australasia for the Empire. The Spectator recently proposed a worthy monument in London to the colonists who fell in the war. Another proposal is the erection in front of St. Paul's Cathedral of four such monuments to decorate the front of St. Mark's, Venice. These monuments, set in rich emblematic bronze sockets, would represent Canada, Australasia, New Zealand and South Africa, and upon them the standard of the various colonies would be hoisted on all national occasions. The Spectator makes this significant comment: "The colonies are not dependencies but parts of the whole, of which we also are only the pars major, but the idea of flying the flags of four free nations is certainly excellent."



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One of the family is a volunteer in the Imperial Yeomanry, and on his way now to the Cape. It is hoped that he may give a good account of himself.

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