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ALL IRISH MANUFACTURE

GEN. CRONJE'S RETREAT CUT OFF.

The British Have Him Surrounded and are Awaiting Reinforcements.

Commandant Deleray Has Gone to Cronje's Assistance and is Harassing our Forces—General Buller may Make Another Attempt to Relieve Ladysmith.

London, Feb. 19, 7:10 p. m.—It is said that the War Office has received good news from General French with reference to General Cronje.

KEEPING IT BACK.
London, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 3:45 a. m.—The War Office at midnight announced that it had nothing further from South Africa for publication. The lobbies of the House of Commons last evening, however, it was rumored that Gen. Cronje's army was surrounded; that Gen. French had got between the Boer forces and Bloemfontein, and that he was only waiting reinforcements to close in on the enemy. No confirmation of this rumor is obtainable, although the general idea is that the Government has received important despatches.

A member of the cabinet told Mr. H. W. Lucy during the night that the War Office had received a telegram announcing that Gen. Cronje was hopelessly surrounded. Mr. Wyndham

was beset by anxious enquirers, but would only state that the Government's news was extremely satisfactory. The sole purpose of the Government withholding good news is that confirmation and more details are awaited.

THE PURSUIT.
The situation, as disclosed by correspondents over the Free State border, is tantalizing to the public expectation. Elementary facts are that the Boers are trekking eastward towards Bloemfontein, with slow-moving baggage trains, and that they are pursued by Lord Kitchener with Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division. Gen. MacDonald, with the Highlanders, made a forced march to Kood's Rand and on Sunday pushed twenty miles eastward. Gen. French left Kimberley Saturday, going east along the Modder River. Lord Kitchener is trying to outmaneuver and outflank the Boers, thus checking their retreat, if possible, and driving them back into the hands of MacDonald and French. The War Office message communicated to Mr. Lucy, seems to indicate that Lord Kitchener has either got ahead of the Boers or is about to realize his plan, and that the War Office waits to announce a decisive result. Meanwhile Commandant Deleray, with the Boers from Colesberg, is hanging on the right flank of the British pursuing columns, seeking to delay their movement and to assist the Boer wagon trains to escape. Students of topography think the Boers will hardly risk a fight until they get into the rough country north of Bloemfontein.

Monday morning, Feb. 19.—The Boers' line of fortresses is broken. The British have achieved a decided success in capturing the enemy's position on Monte Cristo. The Boers, however, effectively executed a retreat, removing their guns and convoy wagons. The British had comparatively few casualties.

The Chiefly correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: "We now occupy all the hill to the right of Colesberg, on this side of the Tugela, including Hlangwani, which the Boers evacuated last night, (Sunday)."

"This capture of Hlangwani hill is of great strategic importance, as the hill commands the flank of the Boer defenses at Colesberg. A successful advance and the recapture of the railway may be expected."

The Daily Mail has the following despatch, dated Monday, from Pietermaritzburg: "It is reported that Sir Redvers Buller has captured Hlangwani hill. Large numbers of Boer Staffs have left to meet Lord Roberts's force. It is believed that a number of Boer big guns have been taken back across the border."

A HEAVY STRAIN.
London, Feb. 20.—The Standard's correspondent at Modder River, under date of Sunday, Feb. 18, wires as follows: "The magnificent success of the plan of campaign of Lord Roberts must be ascribed in great part, after

full credit has been given for careful and brilliant strategy, to the extreme mobility of the newly organized forces employed; but this mobility has to be paid for. It involves a great expenditure in horses. Those of the Boers, for instance, are nearly finished. If we are to retain our advantage there must be an unstinted drawing upon every possible source of supply throughout the empire. Otherwise we shall soon be without enough horses of the suitable kind to furnish the necessary remounts."

"The infantry under Lord Roberts have done some marvellous marching, mostly at night. Their pluck and endurance have gone very far toward ensuring the safety and success of the cavalry operations."

"CARRY SUNSHINE WITH YOU."
A bright, fresh, sunny face is always inspiring, and it always denotes good health as well as a happy heart. Many faces that were once overcast with gloom have been made bright and sunny by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures all dyspeptic symptoms, strengthens the nerves and tones up the whole system.

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DRESDEN BANKER DEAD.

James Stephens, an Old and Prominent Resident of Kent, Passes Away.

The death occurred this morning a few minutes after midnight of James Stephens, Dresden's well-known private banker. Mr. Stephens has been ill for a long time but his death was not expected to this late sudden and fatal attack.

Mr. Stephens was born April 13th, 1833, in the county of Northumberland. His parents were U. E. Loyalists. Coming to Canada about the year 1813 they settled in Northumberland county, removing west some 49 years ago. For a number of years he followed the profession of teaching, and for twenty years was township clerk of Camden, and afterwards councillor of the same township. He was also reeve of Dresden for some time. During late years of his life Mr. Stephens was engaged in the banking business. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and in politics a staunch Conservative. His wife and four children survive him. They are, Charles, of Dresden; Mrs. E. J. McIntyre, of Chatham; John A., Detroit, Mich.; and May E. at home.

Mr. Stephens was a member of the I.O.O.F., and the funeral will take on Thursday afternoon under the auspices of that order.

Minard's Liment Relieves Neuralgia.

THEY MISSED A FIGHT.

Canadians had Just Left a Convoy When the Boers Attacked it.

Modder River, Sunday, Feb. 18.—(Montreal Star special—Delayed by censor)—The Royal Canadian Regiment is in the midst of hard work involved in the advance of Lord Roberts' column. It may be because of evidence given by our men during their stay at Belmont, but it seems as if we get our share of all the hard work that is going.

We left Gras Pan with the 19th Brigade of the 7th Division on Tuesday last, and that day marched thirty miles to Wegerad Drift. There we were enabled to render invaluable services by hauling the naval twelve-pounders across the difficult drift.

On Friday we marched on to Jacobsdal, and then on to Klipfontein, where we arrived on Saturday morning after the drift had been captured.

As Commander Cronje's army had retired up the Modder River on Friday night, the 6th division, followed by the Highland Brigade, marched across country to Klipfontein Drift, where the Boers crossed the river.

The 19th brigade, with the Canadians left Klipfontein last night by forced march to catch up to the Highland Brigade and the 6th division, which are trying to intercept the Boer army.

After the Canadians left, the rear

guard, with a convoy of wagons of food, was attacked by a large force of the enemy, with two guns. Our troops fought all morning until they were ordered to abandon the wagons by Lord Roberts. The Canadians had only left the place a few hours when the attack was made, and so we escaped the surprise.

Our men are standing the fatigue and the intense heat with great pluck, and their enthusiasm is most contagious. Our long marches are enlivened by Canadian songs in both French and English, and all are eager for a battle in which they can prove their mettle. The heat and dust are dreadful, but we are all well.

WITHOUT CASUALTY.

London, Feb. 20.—A cable to the Daily News from Jacobsdal, the present headquarters of Lord Roberts, forwarded on Friday at 12:30 p. m., states that the march of the British infantry as far as Jacobsdal, was without any event of importance or casualty. The London papers contain no African cables about Canadians dropping out or missing on their march to Jacobsdal, as has been reported in some quarters.

The Daily News' correspondent at Enslin Camp, in a letter, dated Jan. 21, writes: "I rode down to Belmont Camp a couple of days ago, and looked at the Canadians and Queenlanders quartered there. All were in excellent health and spirits and seem just about hungry for a fight with the Boers."

THE BOERS' SIDE OF IT

Still They Tell of their Successes—Capture of the Wiltshires.

Lourenzo Marquez, Feb. 19.—It appears from advices received here that the loot secured by the burghers yesterday near Koffeyfontein, included 3,000 head of cattle and a number of wagons, eighteen of which were loaded with provisions intended for the relief of Kimberley. A number of prisoners were also taken.

Heavy fighting is reported to-day around Kimberley, where Gen. Cronje is said to be holding his own.

THE WILTSHIRES.

A correspondent who was with the Boer forces in the attack upon Rensberg gives further particulars regarding the capture of the Wiltshires. He says: "Commandant Pieter, who arrived first, found two companies of the Wiltshires, and began attacking in the open. Soon after he was joined by a body of Free Staters, and together drove the British back from the neighboring kopjes, capturing all but three. It is impossible to say exactly how many of the British were killed and wounded, but of the 200 Wiltshires, 123 were captured, and of these forty-four were wounded. The sufferings of the wounded from heat

and thirst were intense. The burghers, to relieve this, and many of the wounded were carried in blankets to Rensberg Station. At Rensfontein the British rear guard began shelling, thus compelling the Federals to leave the wounded in order to repulse the attack. A Federal Krupp gun replied effectively to the British cannonade. The Boers lost two killed and four wounded. They now occupy all the Rensberg positions formerly occupied by the British, whose rear guard is at Rensfontein, with the Federals close."

The Boers claim that 70 of the Wiltshires were killed at Colesberg and 30 wagons with forage and provisions were captured, but no ammunition. They further describe the fighting at Kimberley. The British came through Blouba bank and attacked in two columns. While the Boers were busily engaged with Lord Roberts, General French, with 2,000 cavalry, and 6 guns, succeeded in breaking through the Boer lines. The Boers did not seriously oppose Gen. French's advance, but confined their efforts to prevent provisions getting through. In this they succeeded, capturing 2,000 head of cattle and 100 wagons of provisions and 100 men.

LEYDS IS ANXIOUS.

London, Feb. 20.—Dr. Leyds, at Brussels, says the Free State troops who are besieging Ladysmith have withdrawn in order to defend their homes. In this way he accounts for Gen. Buller's success against the weakened forces. He will forgo his projected trip to Rome, he says, because of "decisive events now taking place in the theatre of war."

A GENERAL CONSCRIPTION.

Cape Town, Feb. 19.—Despatches from Maseru say that large forces are being sent from the Transvaal to the Free State, under prominent generals. It is also said that the Free State is making desperate efforts to collect an army to face the British at Koffeyfontein.

An official proclamation orders out all males between the ages of 16 and 60 and enthusiasts declare that every one up to the age of 100 must go.

Typhoid fever is said to be playing havoc among the Boers at Colesberg. At Kimberley a report is current that Mafeking has been relieved, but that the Boers are trying to conceal the information.

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