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A sporting event of unusual interest will take place at the Woodbine on the afternoon of Wednesday and Thursday next, the occasion being a benefit shooting tournament, tendered by the combined gun clubs of Toronto and suburbs to Mr. W. McDowall, a man who has probably done more in the interest of this branch of sport than any other in this country.

It is just 20 years since Mr. McDowall first introduced artificial bird shooting, the first match being held at the Woodbine in the palmy days of the old Toronto Gun Club. From that date bluerock shooting has steadily grown in favor here as an instructive and enjoyable pastime, and today no gun club is considered complete without its artificial bird outfit.

Mr. McDowall has been actively connected with all the large tournaments held in Toronto, and has assisted in the forgation of the large and flourishing gun clubs of which Toronto can now boast.

As the man behind the gun, he is considered a good all round shot. During the season of 1898 he held the pigeon championship against all comers, and the same year made a bluerock record (which still stands), 51 singles and 12 doubles, 75 without a miss.

The coming tournament consists of three events each day, as follows: 7 pigeons, 10 sparrows and 20 bluerocks. The committee, which consists of a representative of each club, has endeavored to give every shooter a fair handicap, and looks for a very large entry list on these two afternoons. Mr. John Wilson will referee the live bird matches. Mr. P. Wakefield, 65 Yonge-street, is secretary.

Toronto Whist Club.

The sterling silver match boxes, given as souvenirs last Saturday night, were won by Messrs. Corlett and Ledger and Townsend and Cox, the latter pair having to cut with Messrs. Hand and Frazer. Plus scores were made by Corlett and Ledger, Cox and Frazer, Townsend and Hand, Armstrong and Wyndon, Brock and Woodland, Hall and McDonald, Scott and Higgins, Shaw and Wallace, and Beeton and Brown.

The fourth game in the compass competition will be played this evening at the club rooms, at which Canadian Whist League buttons will be presented for the highest scores made. Whist players generally will please remember that they are always cordially invited to take part in the Saturday night games.

The members of the club are especially requested to be present to-night, as the diamond medals, which were so kindly donated for the pairs championship, will be presented to the club before the start of the evening's game.

Whist at the Athenaeum.

The Athenaeum Club commenced a series of five compass games last evening, in which the total scores of the players are to decide the club championship for the season, and also the possession of the prizes donated by the secretary, Mr. Snellgrove. Messrs. Ledger and Verrall made high scores north and south, and Messrs. Williams and Fuller made high scores east and west. The following pairs made plus scores:

North and South—Ledger and Verrall, 6 tricks; Coleman and Richardson, 4 tricks; Higgins and Cassidy, 2 tricks; Lazarus and Wrynn, average.

East and West—Fuller and Williams, 4 tricks; McCausland and Galloway, 1 trick; Corlett and Rathbone, 1 trick; McEachren and Hand, 1 trick.

Fearless Footsteps' Waterloo Cup.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—The coursing contest for the Waterloo Cup, 1900, was won by Mr. G. F. Fawcett's bitch, Fearless Footsteps.

Indoor Baseball Postponed.

Owing to loss of life to Canadians in South Africa, the indoor baseball game set for this (Saturday) evening, between teams from the Queen's Own and Highlanders, has been postponed for a week.

Baseball Brevities.

The Royal Canadian B.C. will have a strong baseball team this year, and propose entering the senior league.

The Standards will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 219 Palmerston-avenue. All persons wishing to join are invited.

The Victoria B.B.C. will hold a meeting in their club room on Yonge-street, opposite Scollard-street, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All members and those wishing to join are requested to attend. H. Whimsett, secretary, 81 Davenport-road.

The Royal Oaks B.B.C. of the Toronto Junior League will hold a meeting on Wednesday next at Scholes' Hotel, Yonge-street, in order to reorganize for the coming season. All old players and members and any wishing to join will please attend.

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Ottawa A. A. C. Representative Visits Toronto in Interest of the Championships.

Champion John L. Scholes arrived back in town last night after his successful trip to New York, where he covered himself with glory by defeating all-comers in the 125-pound class. The little champion was given a hearty welcome home by his many friends in Toronto, and more especially by his fellow-members of the Don Rowing Club. He left Hamilton at 7.30, and arrived here shortly before 9 o'clock, being met at the station by a large crowd and a band, which headed the procession to his father's hotel on Yonge-street.

The procession consisted of vans and carriages, the first containing the triple-crowned champion and his father. This was followed by a number of the Dons in a van. Following were members of the Athenaeum and Toronto Rowing Clubs, and representatives from many other city organizations. A reception was held at the Athlete Hotel, and an enjoyable evening was spent, a first-class impromptu program being gone thru. In speaking of his trip, Mr. Scholes said that too much could not be said of his treatment at the hands of the officials and the N.Y.A.C., and both he and Chris Graham, the Peterboro man, were royally entertained.

With regard to the bouts, young Scholes did not underrate any of his opponents, altho the final was by far the hardest one he had. Jack is a great fancier of young Graham, and said that he did splendidly in all his bouts, and came close to being in the semi-finals. He was considered a good man by all who met him. The only regret that Scholes had is that Graham was not lucky enough to get into the finals, as they were the only Canadian competitors out of the 33 entries. Mr. Scholes will leave tonight or to-morrow for San Francisco, going by way of New York.

The medal won by Scholes is a heavy circular piece of gold, pendant from a championship bar, all handsomely engraved and inscribed, bearing the champion's name, class and the date.

Ottawa Boxing Championships.

George Esdale of Ottawa, chairman of the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club's Boxing Championship Committee, arrived in the city yesterday to receive entries for the Canadian tournament that takes place at the Capital on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 8, 9 and 10. George goes a few with the gloves himself, and is the right man for the job. He is in it with his heart, and showed how their show next month was bound to be a success. He displayed the design of medal for the winners, a heavy, handsome piece of gold, suspended by the club colors from a bar of the same precious metal. The runners up must beat anyone knocked out in his class by the champion, and he will be entitled to a silver medal for second prize.

Mr. Esdale counts on at least a dozen candidates from Toronto, as very cheap fares are being arranged, and, with the others already entered, his card will be made up from the different places as follows:

Ottawa	14
Montreal	12
Toronto	12
Perth	1
London	1
Carleton Place	1
Total	41

This would average over 5 to each class, which would make about 25 bouts, and thus the club would be able to get thru nicely in three days.

The O.A.A.C. had made all arrangements to bring from Chicago Siler to referee, and were naturally a little disappointed when the Canadian Athletic Union refused to confirm the appointment. Still the club hopes to be able to get a good amateur from Toronto, New York or Philadelphia, for expenses. Ottawa has a strong committee working for the success of the show, made up as follows: Geo. Esdale (chairman), F. Conlson, W. Cummings, A. Robertson, P. D. Ross, C. A. E. Clendinnen, S. McClelland, H. Morrison, Hon. Secretary. Mr. Esdale will stay at Mr. Russell's Globe Hotel until Monday, and will be pleased to meet any of the boxers there who care to enter the tourney.

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HOT HEATS OVER OTTAWA ICE.

Deveras Beat Sloppy Weather in Unfinished Race—Dalton McCarthy Won 2.34 Class.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Better ice-racing than that of to-day at the ice track has never been seen in Ottawa. There were 2000 people at the track to-day, and they saw some feats that cannot be often beaten anywhere. It took two more heats to decide the unfinished 2.17 class of Wednesday, in which four heats had already been trotted. Billy P. came out with one heat, Deveras with one and Sloppy Weather with two heats to their credit from Wednesday. Sloppy Weather, owned by W. H. Comstock of Brockville, was the favorite, but Deveras, also a Brockville horse, beat her out. Sloppy Weather acted badly in the first heat to-day, which was the fifth of the race, but closed up a big gap, and almost nipped Deveras at the wire. Sloppy was still regarded as a favorite, but got away badly, and Burke, on Billy P., cut Sloppy Weather out on the turn on the last half, giving the race to Deveras. The fifth heat was trotted in 2.23 and the sixth in 2.24.

There were five starters in the three-mile dash, but the race was Lyal T.'s all the way. Sidney Polster showed in front for a mile and a half, but after that Lyal T. went to the front, and had a dozen lengths at the finish. Lyal T. was a hot favorite. The finish was: Lyal T., A. McCreary, Saranac Lake, 1; Sidney Pointer, W. H. Moffitt, Kemptville, 2; Daisy B., J. Neville, Ottawa, 3; Redmond Temple, R. Stuart, Aylmer, 4; Pecky, A. Stamour, Ottawa, dis. Time 7.38½.

It took six heats to decide the 2.34 class, in which there were 12 starters. Toboggan was a hot favorite, and won the first and second heats. Greyhound led all the way in the third, but there was what appeared to be a case of pulling in to let Toboggan in. The heat was very close, and Greyhound was given the decision, altho it was supposed that if there was a deal on, Toboggan was supposed to win. Then the surprise came. When scoring for the first heat, Dalton McCarthy reared, threw his driver and bolted, running a mile and a half. He was caught and forced into the race, landing in fourth place. He showed up well, and eventually won the fourth, fifth and sixth, a most sensational performance.

Summary:

2.34 class—

Dalton McCarthy, W. A. Collins, Hamilton	4	3	3	1	1
Toboggan, J. Ronbough, Montreal	1	1	2	7	3
Greyhound, J. Flynn, Prescott	3	2	1	6	2
Lady Klondike, McAldwell, Saranac Lake	2	7	4	2	5
Lend P., C. Perault, Ottawa	9	8	8	3	7
Dr. Brown, A. Stamour, Ottawa	6	4	7	5	5

Time—2.28¼, 2.30, 2.29¼, 2.23¼, 2.28¼, 2.29.

Little Fay, C. Nichols, Saranac Lake; Status, W. H. Comstock, Brockville; Maggie, J. Burke, Ottawa; Puzzler, M. Brannigan, Kingston; John R. Gentry, L. Sebert, Port Perry, also started.

Tanforan Results.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Weather clear, track fast. First race, 6 furlongs, purse—Mortgage, 105 (Tullett), 3 to 1, 1; Mountebank, 107 (Morgan), 8 to 1, 2; Tarhill, 110 (Spencer), 1 to 2, 3. Time 1.14. The Scot, Tamale, Gusto and Bognus Bill also ran.

Second race, 7-16 mile, purse—Intrepid, 108 (Bullman), 4 to 5, 1; Sublime, 101 (Buchanan), 30 to 1, 2; Briton, 108 (Jones), 25 to 1, 3. Time 2.43. Tixie R., Florentine, Cushion, Apropodis, Forbes, Ravelling, Screenwell, Lake, Annello and Countess Clara also ran.

Third race, 6 furlongs, selling—Espirando, 103 (Ranch), 15 to 1, 1; Genua, 108 (Phelan), 7 to 1, 2; Tizona, 96 (Henry), 25 to 1, 3. Time 1.14½. Alleviate, Silver Tail, Matt Hogan, Lavator, Sybaris, Momentum, Lady Britannic, White Fern also ran.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs, handicap—Loving Cup, 113 (Henry), 3 to 1, 1; Frank Belle, 114 (Spencer), 8 to 5, 2; Bound Lee, 90 (Phelan), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.14. Headwater, Olinthus and Sly also ran.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs, purse—Senora Cesar, 100 (Tullett), 2½ to 1, 1; Los Prietos, 114 (Jones), 4 to 1, 2; Musmalado, 114 (Bullman), 17 to 1, 3. Time 1.30¼. Elsalda, Fashion Plate, Milt Young and Lyconomo Miss ran.

Sixth race, 1 mine, purse—Hard Knot, 112 (Bullman), 1 to 2, 1; Storm King, 114 (Shields), 12 to 1, 2; Dr. Sheppard, 124 (Walsh), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.41½. Dogtown and Formerso also ran.

New Orleans Races.

New Orleans, Feb. 23.—All tips were at fault to-day, and not a favorite finished first.

First race, 7 furlongs, selling—Troubaline, 1; Lomonde, 2; Barney, 3. Time 1.32¼. Lavego and Floranda also ran.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Mirfontenal, 1; Satanta, 2; Newton Anger, 3. Time 1.16.

Third race, 1¼ miles, selling—Julius Cesar, 1; Deyo 2; Jimp 3. Time 1.56¾.

Fourth race, 1 mile, handicap—Ed Cartland, 1; Dr. Vaughn, 2; Sidney Lucas, 3. Time 1.40¾.

Fifth race, 1 mile, selling—Chopin finished first, but was disqualified. Sea Knight, 1; Mouselloff, 2; Tyran, 3. Time 1.42¼.

Sixth race, 6½ furlongs—Diana Fonso, 1; Free Lady, 2; Corialis, 3. Time 1.20¾.

Walcott Stopped Choynski.

New York, Feb. 23.—At the Broadway A.C. to-night, Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes negro, won from Joe Choynski of California, in the seventh round of what was to have been a 25-round bout at catch weights. Choynski weighed 163 pounds and Walcott 147. Walcott was on the aggressive all thru the fight, flooring the Californian five times in the first round. The second round was fairly even, though in the third Walcott had evidently taken Choynski's measure. In the seventh he sailed in, landing lef tand right on the jaw, forcing Choynski to the floor, and when the latter regained his feet Walcott rushed him, but was stopped by the referee, Johnny White, who shoved him to his corner and at the same time caught Choynski around the body and led the Californian towards his corner, thus ending the bout. McFadden was the aggressor from start to finish.

Around the Ring.

Jack Downey and Tim Kearns have been matched to meet in a 25-round bout at 134 pounds in Brooklyn on March 12.

At Plattsburg on Thursday, Kid McFadden of San Francisco and Mickey Haugh of New York fought 20 rounds to a draw.

Champion Bill Blakey, at 145 lbs., and Fred Wyatt at 130 lbs., have both issued defis to meet any one of their weight before the Crescent A. C. in a preliminary bout to the Spike Sullivan-Jack Daly show at the Bijou.

At Buffalo on Tuesday, Jim Ferns easily gained the decision over Mike Donovan of Rochester at the end of their 20-round bout. Donovan, while not a novice at the game of hit, stop and getaway, displayed but little of the aggressive spirit that wins battles. In fact, his was a defensive argument thruout. Judged as a whole the fight was rather slow.

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The Central Y.M.C.A. Team Finished in Second Place, Ten Points Behind.

EVENTS KEENLY CONTESTED.

West End Young Men Third—Ties for First and Third Places in Fence Vault.

The athletic competition between the Buffalo and Toronto's Central and West End Y.M.C.A. teams, held last night at the Central Y.M.C.A., was won by Buffalo by a big majority, the scores being: Buffalo 28, Central 18, and West End 8, counted on the basis of 5 points for first, 3 for second and 1 for third. The different events were keenly contested, and the majority of firsts went to the Bison City team. Following are the results:

Standing broad jump—George H. Davis (Buffalo), 10 ft. ½ in.; R. O. Best (Buffalo), 9 ft. 8½ in.; H. Park (C. Y.M.C.A.), 9 ft. 4 in.

18-foot rope climb—R. O. Best (Buffalo), 1; W. Squires (W.E. Y.M.C.A.), 2; W. Elliott (C. Y.M.C.A.), 3.

Running high jump—George H. Davis (Buffalo), 5 ft. 8 in.; H. Gild (W.E. Y.M.C.A.), 5ft. 7 in.; E. Harding (C. Y.M.C.A.), 5 ft. 6 in.

Hundred yard potato race—W. Ireland (C. Y.M.C.A.), 1; H. Taylor (C. Y.M.C.A.), 2; A. Smith (W.E. Y.M.C.A.), 3. Time, 25 sec.

Dip on parallel bar—R. O. Best (Buffalo), 1; George Turby (C. Y.M.C.A.), 2; B.Buck (W.E. Y.M.C.A.), 3.

Fence vault—George H. Davis (Buffalo), 6 ft. 9 in.; E. Harding (C. Y.M.C.A.), 6 ft. 9 in.; R. O. Best (Buffalo), 6 ft. 8 in.; W. Elliott (C. Y.M.C.A.), 6 ft. 8 in.

Referee—H. H. Williams. Starter—J. Pearson. Scorer—F. E. Pearson.

Brantford Out of Business.

Woodstock, Feb. 23.—A C.O.H.A. game was played here to-night between Brantford and the home team. The first half was all at home. The locals piled in four goals and the visitors nothing. The ice was rather soft, but the second half was more speedy, and rough play was witnessed at times. The visitors made three goals and the home team three, making a total of 7 to 3 in favor of Woodstock. This puts Brantford out of business. Fraser of Paris refereed the game. The line-up was:

Brantford (3)—Goal, Coyell; point, Gilmour; cover, Dempster; forwards, Robinson, Kaufman, Bowman, Turnbull.

Woodstock (7)—Goal, Marman; point, Wilkinson; cover, Brown; forwards, Millar, McLellan, Pascoe, Simpson.

Varsity Lost at Whitby.

Whitby, Feb. 23.—Varsity Hockey Team visited Whitby to-night and were taken into camp to the tune of 10 to 2.

The game was fast and furious, but the combination of the Whitby team could not be excelled. The large contingent of ladies from the Ontario Ladies' College were in attendance to cheer on the Varsitys, but it was no go.

Central Ontario Hockey.

Paris, Feb. 23.—A large crowd witnessed the game to-night between Simcoe and Paris, in the C.O.H.A. series. There was some fast and fast and exciting, as Paris found it easy work to defeat the visitors. The score at half-time stood 5 to 1, and at the finish 10 to 3 in favor of Paris. The teams:

Paris (10)—Grey, goal; Morrow, point; Munn, cover; Adams, Taylor, Layden, Gillard, forwards.

Simcoe (3)—Winter, gial; Austin, point; Stanton, cover; Cribb, Winter, Jackson, Agar, forwards.

Referee—Bottomley of Simcoe.

Chips From the Ice.

At Montreal last night the Montreal hockey team defeated the St. Nicholas team of New York by 5 goals to 1.

At Uxbridge, last night, before a large crowd, and in one of the fastest games of hockey ever seen on the rink there, the home team defeated Lindsay by a score of 12 to 8.

St. Catharines has withdrawn from the Southern Ontario Hockey Association, and the match scheduled for last night with Orillia was not played. There will be no more association games there this season.

The Ladies' Hockey Club of Orangeville evened up things with the fair hockeyists of Owen Sound. Last week they went up to the Sound and were defeated in a fast and exciting game by a score of 2 to 0. The return match was played on the Mill-street skating rink last night before a crowd of about 500, and resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 1 to 0. The game was fast and furious thruout, and the excitement was at fever heat.

Lanark Outcurled Pembroke.

Perth, Feb. 23.—The final draw in the Eastern Ontario bonspiel was played last night between Lanark and Pembroke, the former winning by 7 shots. The result is as follows:

Lanark.		Pembroke.	
A. C. McCallum, s.	16	F. Cockburn, sk.	18
D. Robertson, sk.	22	James Stewart, sk.	13
Total	38	Total	31

The annual meeting of the Toronto Lacrosse and Athletic Association will be held at the Queen's Hotel on Monday night, March 5, at 8 o'clock.

Ten thousand persons journeyed to Tanforan on Thursday to see the race between Geyser, Zoroaster and F. W. Brode at a mile and a sixteenth. The public, almost to a man and woman, wanted to see little Zoroaster beat Corrigan's racer, and when their wishes were gratified they set up a cheer that could be heard for blocks away. Zoroaster won by a neck after a desperate finish, in which Zoroaster proved himself game to the marrow, and in which Jockey Henry, a novice, put it all over Spencer, a veteran.

Commodore McKendrick of the American Canoe Association has written J. McDougall Mowat, the chief officer of the Northern Division at Kingston, to see if he can locate a suitable camp site on Sharbot or Rideau Lake. Many of the American clubs say that the Muskoka district is so far away they will not be able to get their members to attend the meet, as the expense of time and money will be so large to get to Muskoka. If the meet is taken east it will be more convenient for the larger portion of the association.

After a wrangle between their managers which covers a space of almost one year, Frank Childs and George Byers have finally been matched to meet in Chicago about March 9. The men will meet at catch weights. After Byers gets thru with Billy Stiff, Stiff is the man who landed on the Boston colored man's jaw so solidly that the latter did not get over the effects of the blow for weeks. Referee Hogan at the time decided their contest a draw and both are anxious for a decisive meeting.

TWENTY MEN TOO MANY.

Col. Steele is in a Quandary as to What to Do With the Surplus Recruits.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The third detachment of Strathcona's Horse and a large number of horses will arrive in the city to-morrow at noon from the west.

It appears that about 20 men more than are required to make up the complement of troops have been recruited, and Col. Steele is in a quandary what to do in the circumstances. The quarters at the Exhibition grounds have been found to be inadequate, and about the first of the week a section of the troop will be shipped to Halifax.

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FURTHER DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING WITH CRONJE.

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the ridge. Meanwhile a desultory bombardment of the Boer position was kept up, and a good deal of rifle fire concentrated where the Essexs were attempting to rush up the river.

About midday the cry that Gen. French had arrived was passed down the ranks, but his division operated out of sight of our force.

Roberts Was Cheered.

When Lord Roberts arrived he addressed several regiments, and was vigorously cheered.

Cronje Asked an Armistice.

Early in the day Gen. Crouje asked for a 24 hours' armistice, in order to bury his dead. Lord Kitchener refused, and a little later came another messenger with word to the effect that if the British were inhuman enough to refuse an armistice for the purpose of burying the dead, Gen. Cronje saw no other course but to surrender. Upon receipt of this message, Lord Kitchener proceeded to the adjoiner langer in order to arrange the capitulation, but he was met by a messenger, who announced that Gen. Cronje said that the whole thing was a mistake; that Gen. Cronje had not the slightest intention of surrendering, but would fight until he died.

Then Firing Continued.

Gen. Kitchener returned and ordered a bombardment of the Boer position. Three field bateries and a Howitzer battery took position directly in front of the langer, and began an accurate fire, the Howitzers using lyddite shells freely. The Boers were seen retiring from the trenches to the river bed in order to seek cover, but no cover could protect them from such a deadly fire.

Lyddite Shells at Work.

The Howitzers dropped lyddite shells with precision into the very bed of the river, and the trenches were soon filled with horrible fumes and green smoke. But the enemy held grimly on.

Deserters Arrived.

Again during the night deserters arrived. They were much frightened and shaken by their awful experience. They reported that they had water in abundance, but were able to draw only scanty supplies from their langer during the night.

To-day, Tuesday, was the third day of Gen. Cronje's imprisonment and grim resistance. Early this morning the infantry engaged the enemy in the bed of the river, and drove them back a short distance.

Boers Toiling Hard.

The morning sun disclosed the Boers toiling like ants on the entrenchments around their langer. A few shells were fired to prevent them from continuing the work, but most of the day was quiet.

Gen. French's artillery was heard off to the east, presumably engaging the Boers' reinforcements.

No Sign of Surrender.

Every opportunity was given the Boers to surrender, but when towards afternoon there was no sign of any such intentions, Lord Roberts decreed to crush once and for all Gen. Cronje's resistance. On the south bank of the river, at a range of about 2000 yards, were placed three field batteries, and two naval 12-pounders, and on the north bank, enfilading the whole river, one Howitzer, three field batteries and three naval 4.7 guns. Then followed the most wonderful scene, it was thru correspondent's lot to witness.

Awful Concentration of Fire.

Once before, in Thessaly, he had seen 110 guns in action, but never such a number of powerful guns concentrating their fire upon a spot about a mile square. The exploding lyddite shells raised great clouds of green smoke, completely filling the bed of the river. The shrapnel burst on the edge of each bank, covering for a short space, where the proximity of the British infantry made it dangerous. Our shells reached every bush and every ravine of the river bed. The enfilading guns did terrible execution. The roar was deafening, yet, with a spirit of desperate madness, the Boers would now and again attempt to snipe the army from which were firing at a range of 1000 yards. The long line of three batteries belched their death missiles, while on each side lay two battalions of infantry, whose Maxims sounded petty beside the roaring of the big guns.

Boer Losses Not Known.

What loss the Boers suffered is not yet known.

This despatch is being written in the middle of a sleeping camp. Not a sound disturbs the heavy slumbers of the tired soldiers. Down the river bed not a fire is seen; not a cry heard.

Cronje's Position Tragic.

There is something tragic in the stern resistance which Gen. Cronje is hopelessly offering. It is impossible not to admire his pluck, but all condemn the wickedness of uselessly sacrificing the lives of his brave followers.

BOERS WERE DRIVEN OUT.

Col. Henderson's Squadron Now Occupy Moolfontein Farm, Near Arundel.

Arundel, Thursday, Feb. 22.—(Evening.)—Colonel Henderson's squadron of the Inniskillings with two guns reconnoitered westward to Moolfontein farm on the direct road to Colesberg and Hanover. They got close to the Boers in the hills and were fired on. They quickly got into position and shelled the hills. Eventually the Boers were driven out. They retired northward and came under the fire of two other guns supported by a company of Australians, near the British western post on Dragoon Hill. Col. Henderson proceeded to Moolfontein Farm, which he now occupies. The British patrols from Hanover also came out that far. The Boers not in great force. They have been persistently followed all day long and have withdrawn a considerable distance northward.

KRUGER'S CABINET ALARMED

Over the Defeat of the Boers at Kimberley—Reinforcements From Ladysmith.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Thursday, Feb. 22.—The Transvaal Government is reported to be seriously alarmed at the defeat of the Boers at Kimberley and the retreat of their famous general, Cronje. The newspapers are reticent, but The Standard and Diggers' News claims that Gen. Cronje's movement is beneficial, as it "increases the mobility of the Burghers' army, enabling it to conduct more effective operations on a carefully prepared plan."

There are persistent reports that the seat of Free State Government is being removed to Wynburg.

It is also said that 6000 burghers have been sent from Ladysmith to Bloemfontein.

BULLER OCCUPIES FORT WYLIE.

Boer Guns Are Still Shelling the Ladysmith Relieving Force—Are They Retreating?

Colenso, Natal, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—Via Chieveley, Feb. 22.—The British have crossed the Tugela over a pontoon northward of Hlangwana, and now occupy Fort Wylie.

Drove the British Back.

While the naval brigade was bombarding Grobler's Kloof yesterday evening with the Boers' big Creusot replying, after the occupation of Colenso, a small party of Thornycroft's Horse crossed the river, but were driven back by fire from the trenches.

The Boer guns are still shelling the relieving force from the hills south of Ladysmith, but the impression is spreading that they are merely covering the retreat of the entire Boer force.

Buller's Casualties.

Gen. Buller's casualties on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and Wednesday, Feb. 21, were.

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