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Lord Kitchener's Answer to the Boer Commander,

Who Sought to Gain Time by Asking an Armistice—Fighting Was Then Resumed—Cronje's Army Believed To Be in a Hopeless Condition.

The Enemy's Main Army Making Their Last Stand—British Pressing Their Advantage—Three Thousand Fresh Troops Leaving for Africa Today—British Losses Up to Feb. 17, 11,208.

Cape Town, Feb. 23.—Thursday morning.—In reply to Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice of 24 hours to allow him to bury his dead,

Lord Kitchener told the Boer commander that he must fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally.

Gen. Cronje's position is reported hopeless.

The British have occupied Barkley West.

London, Feb. 23.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice was

A MERE DODGE
to gain time to make trenches. Lord Kitchener refused, but gave him half an hour to consider whether he would surrender unconditionally or fight to a finish. The Boers have said that their intention had been misunderstood, and that they would fight to the end, the battle was resumed.

CAPTURED A KOPIE.
The Times has the following from Paardeberg, dated Feb. 21: We have expelled 500 Boers from an isolated kopje about a mile southeast of Gen. Cronje's laager.

The Times says editorially: "The fact that the Boers started to reinforce Gen. Cronje from Natal a few days ago is an additional reason why

LORD ROBERTS SHOULD FINISH WITH HIM

as promptly as possible. Small bodies of Boers, such as have already been broken up, are not very formidable; but a large body with guns and supplies would call for serious treatment, in which, no doubt, Gen. French would find congenial work. Lord Roberts at present sees the advantage of being nearer to his base than the Boers are to theirs; but that advantage will be reduced in proportion to his eastward progress, and it is important that bodies of the enemy should not hover on his right flank."

MUST SURRENDER.
Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post, says: "Lord Roberts, who was once an artillery officer, will take care that the artillery fire is properly concentrated. Prolonged shelling will compel the Boers either to hurl themselves at the British infantry in the hope of forcing their way out, or to surrender. The best chance for Gen. Cronje would be to

MAKE A NIGHT ATTACK.
but the bayonet will serve the British at night as well as day. There are, of course, in war all sorts of chances. A party of Boers from the north or the south might conceivably fall by surprise on some point of the investing ring, and thus gain a chance to escape

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and Free State railroads will be able to transport hurriedly great numbers of men and horses.
From the available information received here it appears that Lord Roberts completely surrounds Gen. Cronje with artillery, thus releasing the other armies, which military experts assert, he has plenty to defeat all reinforcements of the Boers as they arrive in detail, as he has already started doing. The fact that Gen. Cronje asked for an armistice points to great losses, as well as indicating that he recognizes that his hope lies in securing delay in order to allow Boer reinforcements to create a diversion in Lord Roberts' rear.

TALKED OF SURRENDERING.
London, Feb. 23.—The Daily News has the following dispatch from Modder River, dated Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21: "The Boer forces under Gen. Cronje are estimated at 5,000 men. At 12 o'clock he asked an armistice of twenty-four hours, which was refused. Later he sent a messenger to say that he would surrender. The British general sent a reply telling him to come into camp. Cronje refused, saying there had been a misunderstanding, and that he would fight to the death. The bombardment was renewed, and four British shells set fire to the Boer wagons. We continued shelling the Boer laager through the night, and in the morning we resumed our attack with our rifles, principally from the north side.

WASTE OF LIFE.
On Sunday there was much waste of life in attacking, and the same result will be achieved without it. During Monday night the Boers made an attempt to break through our lines, but they were captured, and their leader killed. Four were carrying letters. It is believed that there was one other who got through. Other prisoners say that Gen. Cronje marched from Maserfontein here without outspanning, a distance of 33 miles. Had he succeeded in the fighting he would have been one of the finest performers in the annals of warfare.

MORE ARTILLERY.
London, Feb. 23.—Artillery officers received hurry orders yesterday to proceed to South Africa with one-pound Maxim-Nordenfledt guns.

PUSHING ON SUPPLIES.
London, Feb. 23.—12:40 a.m.—The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts: "Paardeberg, Feb. 22.—Methuen reports from Kimberley that supplies of food and forage are being pushed on as fast as possible. There will be enough coal to start the Boers' mines for ten days. By this means great misery will be alleviated. Hospital arrangements there are reported perfect. He hopes Prieska and the adjoining country will soon be settled."

At the same time the war office announced that nothing further would be issued tonight.

In Parliament.

TALK OF SETTLEMENT.
London, Feb. 23.—In the House of Lords yesterday the premier declared that the government had no arrangement whatever with any power in respect to the course to be taken in the ultimate settlement with the Boer republics. No power had asked or suggested the entering into of any such arrangement. Lord Salisbury also said he knew nothing of Gen. Cronje's proposed armistice.

Regarding Delagoa Bay, the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Wm. St. John Brodrick, declared the government was not aware there was any evidence showing contraband had reached the Transvaal through Delagoa Bay. General allegations had been made that the local authorities were not carrying out the instructions of the Portuguese Government, as completely as might be desired, but there was no proof.

Mr. George Wyndham, the parliamentary secretary of the war office, in the House of Commons, announced that he did not know the nature of the war office's decision on the matter, but it was described as "severe, but not dangerous."
Commenting upon Lord Salisbury's reply to Lord Teynham's question, regarding the assertion in Great Britain was bound by a secret treaty with Germany, which would secure some measure of independence for the Boers, the Times says: There would be no precedent for any interference unless the Boers were crushed, even if they felt bold enough or strong enough to try to rob the victors under unctious pretexts of humanity and mercy of the booty which was theirs. It is hard to see how the Boers could be strong enough or bold enough to try who is at the same time hostile enough to England to wish to try. The Times then proceeds to argue that the British war was never stronger than it is at present, adding: "This war has given an immense experience, which will tend to make Great Britain stronger than ever before in a military sense, while

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the Indian troops and the colonists have evinced their loyalty in a time of adversity, which gives additional strength. What Germany has accomplished in the reichsland will be accomplished in the Boer republics. It is not enough for us to conquer the Boers; we shall not rest satisfied until they are loyal and patriotic Britons.

Carnage!

Graphic Description of the Battle of Paardeberg Drift.

And of the Two Days' Fighting That Followed.

Sunday's Death List Includes 18 Canadians and 63 Highlanders.

London, Feb. 23.—The official report gives 146 men killed at Paardeberg Drift Sunday, including 63 Highlanders and 18 Canadians.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 22.—(Further details)—As night fell, after the terrific fighting which lasted all day Sunday, there was a sudden cessation of fire. Both sides were thoroughly tired and glad to rest. The work of collecting the dead and wounded proceeded, and the men slept where they had fought the whole day. The action was one of the most fearfully contested in the history of the war. The Boers were fighting solely for their lives and the British determinedly harassed them. The mounted infantry did good work, and the Highland brigade fought steadily and sternly. The whole force behaved well.

Sunday evening the cordon around the Boers was completely closed on every side in perfect silence. A few Boers came into camp during the night and confessed they were

SICK OF FIGHTING,

and that Gen. Cronje was being urged to surrender. Gen. Cronje's force occupies the river bed. All the animals and the men suffered terribly from thirst. It was impossible to transport water. A heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon, however, considerably relieved their sufferings.

LORD KITCHENER WAS PRESENT with the force. Gen. Macdonald was wounded in the foot, but not severely. Our men marched splendidly to overtake the retreating enemy. Deserters say that a great number of Boers lost their horses. Trek oxen are daily seen wandering over the plain, and may come into our lines. Monday morning found the Boers in the same place. During the night they had constructed entrenchments around the laager which was still threatened by Gen. Smith-Dorrien. The infantry rested after the terribly hard day's fighting on Sunday.

The mounted infantry and a battery of horse artillery started to observe the enemy, who was holding a kopje, but while riding around the southern side of the kopje they received a heavy fusillade and were obliged to move further out. They sustained no casualties. This was attributed to bad Boer marksmanship.

Pushing on, the detachment found that the kopje extended a considerable distance west, sloping gradually to the plain. They seized a good defensive position, which was garrisoned. They continued the movement, and

COMPLETELY TURNED THE BOERS.

whose left was held strongly by a farmhouse. This was vigorously shelled. The detachment returned to camp at nightfall, leaving a garrison on the ridge. Meanwhile a desultory bombardment of the Boer position was kept up and a good deal of rifle fire concentrated where the Essex were attempting to rush up the river.

About midday a cry that General French had arrived was passed down the ranks, but his division operated out of sight of our forces. When Lord Roberts arrived, he addressed several regiments, and was vigorously cheered.

BOERS WANT AN ARMISTICE.

Then followed the most wonderful scene it was ever this correspondent's lot to witness. Once before in the Boer war 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.

Clouds of green smoke, completely filling the bed of the river. The shrapnel burst on the edge of each bank, except for a short space where the proximity of the British infantry made it dangerous. Our shells searched every ravine of the river-bed. The enfilading guns must have done

TERRIBLE EXECUTION.
The roar was deafening, yet with a spirit of desperate madness the Boers would now and again attempt to snipe the naval guns which were firing at a range of 1,000 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.

What loss the Boers suffered is not yet known. This dispatch is being written in the middle of a sleeping camp. Not a sound disturbs the slumber of the tired soldiers. Down the river bed not a fire is seen, not a cry heard. There is something tragic in the stern resistance which Gen. Cronje is hopelessly offering. It is impossible to admire his pluck, but all condemn the wickedness of uselessly sacrificing the lives of his brave followers.

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TUESDAY WAS THE THIRD DAY of Cronje's imprisonment and grim resistance. Early this morning the infantry engaged the enemy in the bed of the river, and drove him back a short distance. The morning sun disclosed the Boers toiling like ants on the entrenchments around their laager. A few shells were fired to prevent them continuing the work, but most of the day was quiet.

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engaging the Boer reinforcements. Every opportunity was given the Boers to surrender; but when towards afternoon there was no sign of any such intentions Lord Roberts determined to crush once and for all Gen. Cronje's resistance.

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