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LONDON, CANADA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1900.

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Births, Marriages, Death

MARRIED

IRWIN-McFADDEN-In Christ Church, London, on Feb. 11, by the Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, the Rev. Sep. P. Irwin, B.A., rector of Dutton, to Mary A., only daughter of Mr. John McFadden, 225 Colborne street, city.

DIED. BIRRELL-At the residence of her brother, James Birrell, lot 8, con. , London township, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1900, Elizabeth Birrell,

Funeral Friday, at 2 o'clock; service at 1:30; from the above residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. FLETCHER-On Feb. 15, 1900, William Flet-

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11 The sixth division was last night

British Invade Boer Territory

Lord Roberts Has Turned the Magersfontein Lines.

War Office Dispatches Sketch the Work of Three Days-Three Fords and Five Boer Laagers Captured With Few Casualties.

Lord Kitchner Eminently Successful in His Arrangements for Transport-Auspicious Opening of the New Campaign-A Large British Force Within the Free State Border.

London, Thursday, Feb. 15, 4:20 a.m. on the north bank of the Riet, at Waterval Drift, and is moving to sup--The British army, for the first time since the war began, is inside the is here and will go on this afternoon.

Four officers and 53 men had to be sent last evening in the returning ox least 40,000 infantry, 7,000 cavairy and 150 guns, has turned the Magersfontein lines, before which the British forces have been encamped for six ed. weeks; and with half his corps he is already operating on Free State territory. A battle has not yet been

fought, but large tactical advantages begun. The movements of Lord Robhave been obtained. The relief of Kimberley is within measurable space. The unexpected presence of the reach, and the way to Bloemfontein sixth division makes Lord Roberts is appreciably easier. The dispatches of Lord Roberts sketch THREE DAYS' WORK.

mah, on the Riet, eight miles from Ja-cobsdal, one of the Boer suply bases. road by Boshof it would be exposed to cobsdal, one of the Boer suply bases.

On Monday Gen. French, with the cavalry division, seized the crossing of the River at Diekel's Drift, south of Jacobsdal, and 18 miles east of Honey Nest Kloof. He skirmished with 000 infantry, who followed across, On Tuesday, with his three cavalry brigades and the Horse Artillery, Gen. French rode to the Modder River, a distance of 25 miles, and took three fords, with high ground beyond the

river, and five Boer camps. He had a few casualties in brushes with the Boer horse. CRONJE'S COMMUNICATIONS EN-

DANGERED. Gen. French has now fixed himself on Gen. Cronje's main line of communication with Bloemfontein, and 20,000 infantry, with 72 guns, pushed up to support him there. Lord Roberts' dispatches, which were wired from inside the Free State, and on the Riet River, left him Wednesday morn-His advance has not been oping. posed by the Boers in force. Their patrols melted away as the British moved forward. The British army is likely to be felt in a day or two, and a battle is consequently imminent. As to what forces Gen. Cronje has now at his disposal, and as to where he purposes making a stand against the invaders, no one here connected with

the war office knows anything. LORD ROBERTS' FORCE. The forces immediately at the disposal of Lord Roberts are placed at 50,-000 in a general way. These figures are included in the command mentioned in the dispatches as being added to the divisions known to be with Lord Methuen. Probably Lord Roberts has 10,000 or 20,000 more. It is now realized that the incidents at Rensburg have been out of all proportion. Merely skeleton lines were there, while troops were rapidly concentrating on the Modder

SUCCESSFUL TRANSPORT * AR-

RANGEMENTS. The facility with which 30,000 men have already been sent beyond the rail terminus shows that Lord Kitchener has been fully successful in organizing the transport. He is now supposed to be down the line, sending forward more troops, and getting together more transports. About five miles of ox and wagon trains are estimated for each division, so that Lord Kitchener has immense labors in hand. The London morning papers take rather sober views of the situation, but are greatly pleased and hopeful of what

THE OFFICIAL DISPATCHES. London, Feb. 14, 11:35 p. m. — The war office has issued the following message from Lord Roberts, received this

evening:
"Dekiel's Drift, Feb. 14, 8:10 a.m.—
Gen. French left this point at 11:30 yesterday morning with three brigades of cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, including several colonial contingents, in order to seize a crossing of the Modder, about 25 miles distant.

"He reports by dispatch, dated 5:35 p.m., that he has forced a passage at Clip Drift and occupied the hills north of the river, capturing three of the enemy's laagers, with their supplies, while Gen. Gordon, of the 15th Hussars, with his brigade, who had made a feint at Rondeval Drift, four miles west, has seized it, and a second drift between that and Clip Drift, to-

iven a proportionate advance. The dvance was entirely voluntary on the ompany's part, no demands having een made by the men.

Electric Turkish Baths

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port the cavalry. The seventh division wagons to the railway line, prostrated by heat and exhaustion. Another report says the casualties were two troopers killed and Captain Majendie, of the Rifle Brigade, wound-He has since died. One trooper

was wounded. NEW CAMPAIGN. Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, today says: "There is good

news today, for a new campaign has erts are a practical illustration of concentration of action in time and had ventured to hope. Evidently he ordered Gen. Macdonald's reconnoissance to Koodoosberg in order to draw the enemy's attention westward, day, when Col. Hanney set out with a brigade of mounted infantry for Ramah, on the Riet eight miles from Is

yesterday, must have an interesting problem. He will be troubled whether the Boers, and opened the way for 20,- to hold on to his position at Jacobsdal and Magersfontein and to seize Kimberley, or to raise the siege, move off, and, if so, in what direction? Whether is it to be Bloemfontein or

northward across the Vaa!? These events form the brilliant opening of a new campaign, which is being marked by concentration of purpose, and by an energy and rapidity that augur well for the future. The public must wait patiently for the resuit of these operations, remembering that the distance to be covered is considerable and the heat great. Possibly enough there may be no general action | FEAR OF A BOER ATTACK ON

until Friday. TIMES' COMMENT The Times, in an editorial, commenting upon Lord Roberts' dexterous and brilliant movement, says: "The Boers have shown themselves too wary and too skillful for us to assume that the success of these operations must disconcept their scheme of defense or compel them to raise the siege of Kimberley without further struggle, but so far as it is possible to judge, in the absence of detailed information and maps, the operations should be followed by strategic measures of the greatest value. The presence of a large British force within the Free State borders and within relatively striking distance of the capital, must largely alter the whole aspect of the war to the Boers. Lord Roberts' first steps

shows that he is executing, with all his old skill, a plan of operations carefully and ably thought out. The news his next movement will be awaited with interest. profound indeed, but full of hope." BOER MOVEMENTS.

graph has the following, dated Tues-day, from its special correspondent at situation as seen in London is put by London, Feb. 15 .- The Daily Tele-Frere: "On Sunday the Boers advanced down the Ladysmith road toward Potgieter's Drift. Three hundred men on horseback, with others, proceeded to a point where they began to construct new rows of trenches at right angles to the road. This was about two miles north of the drift. A party of Boers also passed the Tugela, now very low, about six miles from Potgieter's Drift, where they sniped the South African Light Horse, who repulsed them. Several other skirmishes have taken place, and the Boers are evidently anxious about their position. They have been throwing up fensive works from Trichard's Drift and the Spion Kop range, eastward to the Hlangwana and Monte Cristo hills, both on this side of the Tugela. They have also two, if not three, wooden bridges spanning the Tugela in the bend, and a wire rope apparatus for

the conveyance of food and ammunition across the river." A dispatch to the Morning Post from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, confirms the report that parties of Boers have occupied the old British camp on Spearman's farm. The correspondent, who identified the wounded Lieut. Churchill as the brother of Mr. Winston Churchill, says he was shot through the right leg. .

SLINGERSFONTEIN EVACUATED. Rensburg, Feb. 13.—Before dawn resterday the enemy opened an attack upon Slingersfontein, assaulting with musketry the hills on the northeast held by three companies of the Worcesters, under Capt. Hovel. The ar-tillery attack began at sunrise. The Boers approached in great numbers, estimated at 7 to 1. The British, under good cover, sustained the attack throughout the day. Meanwhile two big guns on the west opened upon the British at daylight and continued for (Continued on page 2.)

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As a Result of Lord Roberts Operations.

Cronje, the Boer Commander, Has a Difficult Problem to Solve-Fears of a Boer Attack on Zululand Allayed.

London, Feb. 15 .- Intense satisfaction continues dominant in consequence of Field Marshal Lord Roberts' plan of operations in South Africa, as revealed by the dispatches published this morning. There is no further news of the British advance into the Free State or of activity at the Modder River, but a feeling of quiet confidence prevails that the strong hands of "Bob Badahur" and the hero of Khartoum are shaping matters towards a much-need-

ed decisive victory. As the St. James' Gazette says: "Lord Roberts with his own line well guarded, and having little reason to fear only a defense which would deadly, viz., a counter-stroke attack ing his long line as it swings round, will be able to force the Boers to fight under very unfavorable conditions, or

abandon their heavy guns and stores." A special to the Times from Chievley, Natal, dated Tuesday, Feb. 13, says: Gen. Lyttleton has succeeded to the command of the second division during the illness of Gen. Clery, who is suffering from blood polsoning. Col. Northcott, of the Rifle Brigade, temporarily commands the fourth division.

ZULULAND ALLAYED.

The fears regarding a Boer attack on Zululand are somewhat allayed by a special dispatch from Durpan, which says that a column of colonial scouts, after a forced march, has arrived at Eshowe. It is reported that they are in splendid fighting form. They were pursued several miles by Boers during the march, but succeeded in repulsing them.

LOSSES AT RENSBURG. .The official list of the British casualties at Rensburg from Feb. 10 to Feb. 12 shows: Killed 4 officers and 8 men;

wounded, 6 officers and 14 men; missing, 2 officers and 8 men. The officers killed were Col. Coningham, of the Worcestershire Regiment, and Major G. R. Eddy and Lieuts. J. Powell and C. Roberts, all Australians. CRONJE CRAMPED. New York, Feb. 15.—The specials from London to the New York papers printed this morning all tend to the idea that the English military critics believe Lord Roberts to have General

Cronje's Boer forces in a tight place,

and they look for a decisive battle be-

words: Lord Roberts has begun his operations against the Boer army between the Modder River and Kimberley by initiating a flanking movement which up to the present time has proved successful. The drifts referred to Lord Roberts' official messages are all to the east of Methuen's camp, on the Modder River and within Free State territory. * * With this huge (Continued on Page 2.)

