## ST JOHN, N. B., MARCH 8, 1900 EMI-WEEKLY SON.

# **CRONJE SURRENDERS!**

## The Canadian Corps Given the Place of every man in the leading half of the ocmpany fell wounded. The advance line of the British Honor and Danger by Lord Roberts.

## Suffered Heavily, Having Eight Killed, One a St. John Man, and Over Thirty Wounded.

Buller Meeting With Strong Opposition and Making But Slow Progress-Inniskillings Suffer a Heavy Loss Near Pieters Station.

EIGHT CANADIANS KILLED. OTATWA, Feb. 27 .- A special de-

spatch received here says that eight more Canadians were killed and thirty wounded in the engagement in South Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 27, 7.51 p. m .- The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts :

"PAARDEBERG, Feb. 27 .- In a very successful attack made by the Royal Canadian contingent on one of the enemy's trenches this morning, Major Pelletier was wounded, eight were killed and 29 men were wounded. "General MacDonald is expected to return to dury in a few days."

One St. John Man Killed. OTTAWA9, Feb. 27 .- The following telegram has been received by Lord Minto from Lord Roberts :

PAARDEBERG, Feb. 27 .- In the very successful attack made by the Royal Canadian regiment upon the enemy's trenches this morning the following comulties occurred :

Killed-Page, Withy, Ormond, Johnston, Sectt, Withers, Riggs and Quinn. There were thirty wounded.

### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

PAARDEBERG, Feb. 27.-The list of casualties among the Canadian ron-commissioned officers and men is as follows:

Killed-Corporal S. B. Whitney, Privates F. C. Page, G. Ormon, F. W. Witthers, W. A. Riggs, M. J. Quinn and two others.

Wounded-Corporals W. S. Bradee, F. W. Coombs, C. G. Hulme; Privates A. Bagol, J. L. Bradshaw, H. E. Durant, F. J. LAving, A. Roy, "7,868," Sergeant W. Peppeatt, F Co.; Privates F. W. Sprague, K. Vilkers, E. U: Hugh, J. F. McConnell, A. Pelkey, H. Prout, J. Sievert, A. Theriault, F. Corperal F. H. Rutherford

other from London, Ont. McDonalds number four, but only me, Pte. G. McDonald of the 66th N. S. Fusikiers, is from the maritime pro-

W. of N. B., one from Quebec and an-

rinces N. E. and P. E. I. Killed. Corp. F. W. Withers-St. John. Pite. M. J. Quinn-Fredericton, R. C.

R. I. Pite. W. A. Riggs-Charlottetown. Wounded.

Pite. J. L. H. Bradishaw, P. E. I. Pite. Henry E. Durant, Kings Co. Pte. F. W. Sprague, St. John. Pite. A. Pelky. St. John.

ericton.

Frederick William Withers was 29 years of age and was a son of the late Wm. S. Withers of Fairville. He worked as a machinist in the Maritime Nail Works and was for several years a member of No. 1 company, R. C. A., and was a corporal in the com-pany. He lived with his mother on Paddock street. Mr. Withers was a popular young fellow with all who new him. One of his brothers is superintendent of the city letter carriens. A brother of the deceased, Samuel J. Withers, aged 23 years, went out with the second contingent on the Laurentian, which reached Clape Town some time since. The de-

ceased belonged to Court Union Jack, C. O. F.

M. J. Quinn, who volunteered along with other members of the R. C. R. I., Fredericton, is a son of Martin Quinn, 74 Lockman street, Halifax. He was in the Canadian Northwest for ten years, six years of which time he served in the Mounted Police. Some four years ago he joined the Royal Clanadian Regiment of Infantry at

reached a donga in front of the first Boer trench, which was not apparent until they were actually in it. The Beers retired to the crest and then returned, on either flank of the Inniskillings, enfilading the captured donga with a terrible cross fire.

Finding it impossigle to hold the position, or to advance, the British fell back and entrenched themselves half way up the hill.

The Boers maintained a heavy fire. In the course of the night the Dubin Fusiliers and the Connaughts arriving to support the Inniskillings, another determined effort was made to take the Boer position. This also failed. A heavy fire continued throughout the night. The Inniskillings lost 14 out of 17

officers killed and wounded, and about 250 non-commissioned officers and men killed and wounded.

Gen. Lyttleton's brigade relieved Gen. Hart's brigade in the morning, and the artillery duel was continu vesterday (Saturday), though no great

lamage was done. Today an armistice was agreed upon to enable both sides to collect their dead and wounded. The Boers admit having had very heavy losses, but they scout the idea that the British will compel them to raise the sicge of Ladysmith.

BULLER'S ENORMOUS TASK.

LONDON, Feb. 28 .- A despatch to the Dally Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Monday, describes at considerable length the "cnormcus difficulties of Gen. Buller's task," and says :

"The real advance began last Wedesday. The stupendous mature of the task was only understood when being on the spot, one was able to realize what it means to hurl infantry at positions aligned in every direction with carefully prepared trenches and with breastworks defended by practically invisible riflemen, armed with the most deadly rapid firing weapons and aided by quick-firing guns which put all but our cannon of the argest calibre into the shade." Commenting upon Friday's fight-ing, the Daily Mail's correspondent

says : "As it would have been madness to seek an outlet from the amphitheatre of hills by way of Grobler's

Kloof on the left, a route had to be found on the right and at 2 p. m. on Friday, amid the incessant crackling of rifle and the rear of cannon, the Irish brigade was despatched along

the river to take Railway Hill on the ther side of Pieter's staten. "This hill is commanding enough to ensure our final advance, providing we could hold it securely and could

mount cannon ot in. From Onderdonk Spruit railway bridge the track runs

in the light of Gen. Cronje's capitulawere appalled to find ves engaged in the legal masof men who persisted in choosing death rather than the loss of in-The situation is certainly extremely

favorable to the British. The relief of Ladysmith is regarded cs a foregene conclusion within a few days, perhaps hours. Skilful movements by Gen. French or some other divi-sion of Gen. Roberts' army should succeed in hemming in a large force of Boers between Gen. Roberts and Gen. Gatacre.

It is expected that Gen. Roberts will immediately advance against Bloem-tontein, towards which place a column was advancing before Commandant Cronje's surrender. This column will probably find itself orposed by Gen. Joubert with an army partly drawn from Natal and partly from northern Cape Colony and Pretoria. It would be useless to speculate regarding the Boers' plan of campaign, but there appears to be little reason to credit many rumors that it is the intention of the Boers soon to sue for peace. The correspondents with Gen. Roberts have not yet succeeded in for-

warding details of the termination of andant Cronie's resistance; but there are brief references to a final antack by the Canadians and their mnades, which indicate that they harged among the Boers. Very little comes from Natal. It is reported though that Gen. Buller is still severely engaged with the Hoers

and that he is trying to outflank them As an instance of the recent heavy British losses, it is stated that the In niskilling Fusiliers, in attacking a Boer position Saturday night, lost fourteen out of seventeen ollicers. An armistice was agreed on on Feb. 25 to enable both sides to bury their dead It is reported that the Boers admitted osing six hundred men.

Gen. Brabant's colonial brigade has won another success in the Stormberg neighborhood, having, it is said, occupled Jamestown and captured all the Boer horses. There is a report which partly rests on the authority of natives who have arrived at Sterkspruit that the Boers have been thoroughly

routed and are fleeing on foot. The following isolated and unexplained items are sent by the Daily News correspondent at Lorenza Maruez, under date of Feb. 26: "It is generally stated that the Free State and Transvaal force separated on Feb. 19. Railway freight cars cannot be obtained for business purposes all of them being used for the transportation of the burghers in the republics. Branch lines are being constructed for the convenience of the Free Staters."

The Standard's Brussels correspondent says that at the present moment no fewer than 5,000 European adventurers are now en route to South Arrica, including 3,000 who have just left or are leaving Marseilles. Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, assured a friend that these auxiliaries will increase the Boer army to 100.000 men during March.

(By Associated Press.)

tion, says this morning: "On a moderate estimate, one-tenth of the Boer army has been taken out of account by the capture of Gronje. The battle of Paardeberg is a miniature Soudan. Tomorrow the whole of Lord Roberts' army, say 45,000 men,

will be ready for a fresh advance, if, indeed, the start be not made today. The objective must be the next army of importance which is in Natal. The next move therefore with a view of drawing the Boer army from Natal, implies an advance on Bloemfontein or some point on the railway be-tween Bloemfontein and Winburg, vould sever the connection between the Boers in Natal and those south of the Orange River. If the Boers make a stand west of Bloemfontein, so much the better. With 45,000 men. Lord Roberts may well be able to envelope and to destroy a respectable force there.

"The effect of the Paardeberg vic tory will probably be a movement northward of the Boer forces south of Orange River. In Natal the effect will be moral rather than strategical. The effect of elation on one side and of depression on the other will be equal, for the moment, to the addition of a brigade to Gen. Buller's forces. The Boers in Natal have to face a crisis If they send troops to the Free State, they will sacrifice the whole result of the long campaign before Ladysmith. Not to send them will be to render probable a second and still more important. victory by Lord Roberts a few days hence."

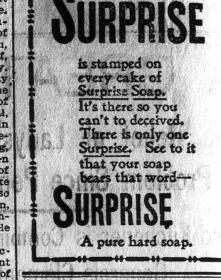
## BOERS COMPLETELY ROUTED.

CHIEVELEY CAMP. Natal. Feb. 26. On Friday the Boers who appeared to have been heavily reinforced, tried to rush the British positions. The attempt was a desperate one, but it failed, and the Boers retired in disorder and were completely routed. It is reported that Gen. Joubert emoving his stores to the drifts of the Klip River. This is consdered to be an indication of his preparation for hurried retirement when his position becomes more critical.

BULLER GOT SUPPLIES THROUGH LONDON, Feb. 37 .- A letter has been receied from a man in the First Dragoons, now in South Africa, confirming the report that a supply transport reached Ladysmith during the engagement at Spicn Kop. He says the Dragoons were the escort of the transport, which was several miles ong, and adds : "That is why Buller engaged the enemy at Spion Kop. Old Buller knows what he is doing, and all are willing to follow him in spite of his reverses."

BOERS MOVING NORTH. ARUNDEL, Monday, Feb. 26 .- The Boers under British pressure have evacuated their positions in this neighborhood, retiring northward. In the fighting hereabouts their loss is thought to have been considerable, as 25 graves were found.

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## CANADA'S LOYAL DEVOTION.

CANABA'S LOYAL DEVOTION. LONDON, Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the British-American Corporation today, at which the Marquis of Dufferin presided, he referred to the surrender of Gen. Cronje, and said that not even on an occasion so unromantic as a business meeting could he refrain from adding his tribute of admira-tion for the spirit of loyal devotion which had induced "that great country, Canada, to despatch across the Atlantic those noble battalions of gallant soldiers who were risk-ing their lives and shedding their blood, as some had already done, in the cause of their Queen and in defence of the integrity of their common Empire."

THE END OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS THE END OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. EUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27.-Montague White of Fretoria, formerly consul general of the Boer Republic at London, who ar-rived here today, in reply to a query, said the surrender of Gen. Cronje marked the close of the offensive operations of the war. The enormous, overwhelming British force has compelled the abandonment of offensive tactics and the beginning of defensive. "How long will the Boers be able to de-fend their country?" "That is impossible to say. I am not a military man. I am informed, however, by men who are competent strategists that

military man. I am informed, nowever, by men who are competent strategists that Pretoria is impregnable. The remainder of the war between England and the South African Republic will be less dramatic and will be of long duration."

PROUD CANADIAN PRIVATE. PROUD CANADIAN PRIVATE. LONDON, Feb. 27.—There is no prouder person in England tonight than Private A. E. Cole, of the Second Royal Canadians, who is the only wounded Canadian so far known in Englend, and who was specially honored by the Queen and other members of the royal family who visited Netley to-day. Noticing his regimental name, the Queen asked to see him. Cole, who is a lyight fellow, 25 years of age, was ushered into Her Majesty's presence, and she ten-derly inquired as to the circumstance under which he was wounded. Cole saluted and replied. replied.

"It was on the occasion of Col. Pilcher's march to Sunnyside, Your Majesty. Our regiment advanced to the attack, and while crossing the open ground I was shot through the foot."

The Queen expressed sympathy with Cole's suffering, and showed a keen appreciation of the loyalty displayed by his comrades and himself in volunteering for active ser-

vice. The Princess Beatrice also spoke in a kindly manner to the young Canadian, who arrived in England a week ago and is proarrived in England a week ago and is pro-greasing favorably. A newspaper representative who asked for Ccle's opinion of the Boers, received the following reply: "I guess they are sticking to it all right. But of the 42 prisoners we captured at Sun-nyside, all were English." nyside, all were English." Immense crowds awaited the Queen at Netley and cheered themselves hoarse. The village was gaily decorated with flags, and Her Majesty's reception on the hospital grounds presented a scene of enthusiasm. the brilliant and bright uniforms adding color to the surroundings. The Sovereign was visibly affected as she made a tour of the wards, and spoke in the most kindly terms to numbers wounded

Corp. F. W. Coombs, St. John. Pte. H. Fradsham, R. C. R. I., Fre-

and ten others to follow. Killed.

Corp. S. B. Whitney (B. Withey ?). F Co., Quebec.

Pte, F. C. Page-C Co., Toronto. Pte. G. Orman, F Co., Quebec, late 93rd, N. S., Cumberland, Batt. (Corp.) Pte. F. W. Withers-G Co., N. B., late 3rd Regt. C. A.

Pte. W. A. Riggs-G Co., late Charlottetown Engineers. Pte. M. J. Quinn-G Co., late R. C.

R. I., Fredericton.

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Scott. ----

(There are four Johnstons in the contingent. Two from St. John, one from British Columbia, and one from London. Ontario.

There are likewise four Scotts: John of Golden Grove, St. John; J. B. of the R. C. R. I., Fredericton; J. A. of Nova Scotia, and C. R. of London, Ontario.

## Wounded.

Major Pelletier (slightly)-Sergt. Peppeatt-F Co., late R. C. A Corp. W. S. Brady-D Co., late 43rd, Ottawa and Carleton Rifles. Corp.-F.W.Coombs-G Co., St. John, 62nd Batt.

Corp. G. G. Hulme-D Co., late 15th Argyle Light Infantry. Corp F. H. Rutherford-C . Co., To-

ronto, late 13th Batt. Pite. A. Bagot-F Co., late 65th Mount Royal Rifles.

Pte. F. Wasdeil-E Co., late 3rd Victoria Rifles.

Pte. J. L. H. Bradshaw-D Co., late 16th Prince Edward Batt.

Pte. Henry E. Durant-G Co., N. B., late 74th Batt.

Pte. F. J. Living-D Co., late 43rd Ottawa and Carleton Rifles.

Pte. A. Roy-F Co., late 89th Temis-

couata and Rimouska Batt. Pte. F. W. Sprague-G Co., N. B.,

late 3rd Regt., C. A.

Pte. J. R. Vickers-C Co., Toronto, late 10th Royal Grenadiers. Pte. E. N. Hughes-A Co., B. C., late

90th. Winnipeg Rifles. Pte. J. F. McConnell-D Co., Ottawa

late Governor General's Foot Guards. Pte. A. Pelky-G Co., N. B., late 62nd, St. John Fusiliers.

Pte. H. Prouix-F Co., late 65th Mt. Roval Rifles.

Pte. J. Sivert-F Co., late 93rd, Cum-

berland, N. S., Batt. Pte. A. Theriault-F Co., late 9th

Voltigeurde, Quebec. Pte. H. Fradsham-G Co., late R. C.

R. I., Frederictor .

As the companies are not given, it is impossible to locate the following : Harrison, Sutherland, McDonald (possibly McConnell), Repiate, Holland, Croft, Thomas, Harris, Lovitt, Simpson, Donahue, Holland, Wendill. The names of Lovett, Repate and Wendall are not to be found in the official service list of the contingent. There is a Harison in H Co., Nova Scottia, and two in F Co., Quebec.

The only Sutherlands are from British Columbia and Quebec.

Only two Thomases went to the front, one from Montreal and one from

Ottawa. There are three Hollands, two from Toronto, the other from Ottawa.

There are three Harrises, all irom the maritime provinces, Benjamin Harris, Newcastle, N. B., John of P. E. I., and Pite, J. Harris of N. S. Of the three Simpsons, 'Alfred and Percival are in the N. B. Co., and the

third is from Toronto.

Fredericton, and when the government sent troops to the Yukon he was one of the Yukon field force of artillery, where he served 18 months. He was very popular in Fredericton.

Allfred Simpson is twenty-two years of age, and a member of the 3rd Reg. C. A. Mr. Simpson came to this province from England while but a young boy. He lived in Woodstock for some time, and about a year ago came from there to the public hospital in the city for treatment. Upon his The path between the railway and the recovery he obtained work aboard the Prince Edward as a fireman, and while in town boarded with Spence Miller, 39 Hilvard street, Mr. Simpson is an orphan, but has several brothers and sisters, one of the former

being a major in the British army. Fred Coombs, twenty-four years of

age, is the son of F. W. Coombs of this city, and was a member of the 62nd Fusiliers. At the time of his joining the first contingent he was employed with the Massey-Harris Co., Ltd. He was well known throughout the city and provinces as a splendid

athlete, and was for some time a member of the Mohawk Hockey Club Frank Wallis Sprague, a member of

the 3rd Reg. C. A., lived with his mother, Mrs. Lowe, 79 Sheriff street. Mr. Sprague is twenty-two years of age and used to drive a wood cart.

Ambrose Pelkey, twenty-two years old. was a member of A. Co., 62nd

Fusiliers. He lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Matthew, 345 City road.

An announcement that touched a soft spot with the Fredericton regulars is the wounding of Pte. Fradsham. The official list does not give the name correctly, but there is 10 doubt that it refers to the R. C. R. I. man. Fradsham returned from service in the Klondike only a few days previous to the departure of the first Canadian contingent, and as he was leaving the Fredericton station, off handedly remarked to the Sun correspondent: "I've escaped Jack Frost in the Yukon and I don't think Kruger can hold a

candle to him without getting wet.' A MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27. -- Hon. Mr. Chamberlain has wired Lord Minto as follows:

"Her Majesty the Queen desires you to express to the people of Canada her admiration of the gallant conduct of her Canadian troops in late engagement, and her sorrow at the loss of so many brave men."

A MESSAGE FROM H. R. H. PRIN-CESS LOUISE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 .- H. R. H. Prin-

cess Louise telegraphed to the goveror general as follows: LONDON, Feb. 27 .- Desire to expres

congratulations on Cronje's surrender, effected by the gallant Canadian aid. and deep sympathy with Canadians for their losses. Am proud to have lived among them.

(Signed), LOUISE.

INNISKILLINGS LOST HEAVILY.

COLENSO, Sunday, Feb. 25 .- In the ttempt of the Inniskillings Friday evening to rush the Boer position on Fieter's Hill, the Boer fire was so terrible when the infantry emerged There are three Donahues-William from the cover of the trees that almost

along the Tugela, and It was pe ly open to the Boer marksmen disposed on the kopjes back from the river. and, after passing Pieters station, many men would be bound to be hit. "Beyond the station the line passes over another small bridge, crossing a deep donga, and it was in the approach to this bridge and onward to the base of Railway hill that the greatest danger from enforced exposure obtained. It was necessary to cross by the bridge at the mouth of the donga, which, besides being difficurlt to access ran into the Tugela

river was almost always in full view of the enemy. "Every man of the Irish brigade had, therefore, to run the gauntlet of Boer marksmen and numbers dropped on the bridge, where the Boer bullets fell dangerously thick, until the bridge was sandbagged and only one man al-

lowed on it at a time. "Very soon fifty men were put out of action in the race from the bridge to the rendezvous, and several members of the volunteer ambulance corps were wounded in following the troops." "It was late in the afternoon when

Gen. Hart's brigade gathered for the ascent of the hill. It was a fearful kopje to storm-a series of rugged ridges terminating in a precipitous kopje, with the railway which begins

its ascent at Ladysmith on the left, winding underneath." The Daily Mail has the following from Ladysmith, dated Saturday, Feb.

24: "Yesterday the Boer retreat contin-

ued. A party of about 70, en route for the north, drew rem near limit Hill. A pattery of 15 pounders, placed not far off, suddenly opened fire and practically annihilated the party. A Boer ambulance was later on seen col-

ecting the dead and wounded. "The Boers are trying to form a bridge or drift across Klip River, south of Umbulwana, evidently for the purpose of permitting the passage of wagons and artillery in their retirement from Colenso. Our guns are

preventing this work being carried on.' SEVERE FIGHTING CONTINUES. LONDON, Feb. 28 .- A special de-

spatch from Colenso, dated Tuesday, Feb. 27, says: "The Boers are endeavoring to out-

flank us, and severe fighting continues."

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, Feb. 27.-After repulsing a terrific night attack and suffering from a renewal of the British bombardment at shorter range, Commandant Cronje surrendered what remained of his army at daybreak yesterday to the besieging forces. Gen. Roberts, in his lucid, detailed official report of the event, is silent upon the losses of the Boers. What is the record of the slaughter wrought by the downpour of shot and shell upon the Boer army during the past week ? If the British estimate that the

burghers numbered 8,000 ten days ago was correct, then half of them must have fallen, for Gen. Roberts says that about 4,000 are prisoners, but there is no other indication of the losses of the Boers.

The official story of the day's events is the best that has yet reached London. Commandant Cronje's surrender has given immense relief to England, rot because it was any longer feared that he might escape, but because

LONDON, Feb. 28, 4.30 2. m.-From John O'Great's to Land's End there has been cheering today for the Queen and a universal singing of the national anthem. This, with mutual congratulations, is the Briton's way of celebrating the most cheerful day of the war.

Already he is taking stock of the situation and measuring the future. There is no disposition to over-estimate the success The government entertains no illusion. As announced in the house of commons, 10,000 additional troops will immediately go out and the effective will be kept near 200.000.

Lord Roberts has done more than to capture 4,000 Boers and a few guns. He is within striking distance of one of the Boer capitals, and is master of a large district of the Free State. He has given a shock to Boer con-Idence and immeasurably restored the spirit of his own troops. In capturing Cronje, he has taken a leader whose presence alone was worth thousands to the Boer cause.

The best opinion here is that the Trensvaalers are certain to continue the fight with undiminished valor; but it is not so certain about the Free Staters.

> Lord Roberts has not allowed the corps of descriptive writers with him to supplement his plain narrative as yet and there are some points in doubt. It is not clear whether the 4,000 prisoners include those taken in small parties before the capitulation. What has become of the rest of the Boers who held the Magersfontein lines, and where are the big guns

The smallness of Crenje's forces causes some wonderment. The morning papers without exception comment on the achieve-Boer leader and of the ment men in holding off for ten

days a force from six to eight times as large as their own. British opinion is far more generous in victory than in defeat. Sir Redvers Buller is having a hard time in Natal. It is evident now after

a fortnight's fighting that he was misled when he wired that there was only a weak rear guard between him and Ladysmith. Apparently some of the hardest fighting of the war took place at the end of last week, as an armistice was agreed upon to allow attendance upon the wounded and burial of the dead. Both sides must have lost heavily.

At any moment, however, news may come of Gen. Buller's success. Friday will begin the fourth month of the siege of the garrison, which is seemingly in a position where it is unable to do enything to help Gen. Buller.

> SPENCER WILKINSON'S RE-VIEW.

LONDON, Feb. 28 .- Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation

Before. After. Wood's Phosphodine. Wood's Phosphodine is sold in St. John Wood's Phosphodine is sold in St. John

ty all wholesale and retail druggists.

STERKSPRUIT, Monday. Feb. 26 .-Boer reports say that the British under General Brabant have occupied Jamestown, Cape Colony.

CRONJE TRIED TO ESCAPE. LONDON, Feb. 27.-A special despatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, says: "Gen. Cronje last night attempted to escape with a party of Boers, but he was driven back."

CRONJE SURRENDERED.

LONDON, Feb. 27, 6.25 p. m.-It is now announced that Lord Roberts has notified the war office that the number of Boer pris-oners approximates 4,000, of which about 1,150 are citizens of the Orange Free State. The remainder are citizens of the Transvaal. The war office has received the following desnatch from Lord Roberts:

despatch from Lord Roberts: "PAARDEBERG, 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.—From information furnished daily, to me by the intelligence department is be-came apparent that General Cronje was be-coming more deprosed and that the discon-tent of the troops and the discord among the leaders were rapidly increasing. This despointment that the Boer reinforce-rients which tried to relieve General Cronje were defeated by our troops on Feb. 23. I were defeated by our troops on Feb. 23. I resolved, therefore, to bring pressure to bear on the enemy. Each night the trenches were pushed forward towards the enemy's laager, so as to gradually contract his posi-tion, and at the same time I bombarded it heavily with artillery, which was very ma-terially aided by the arrival of four six-inch howitzers, which I had ordered from De In carrying out these measures a cap-Aar tive balloon gave great assistance by keeping us informed of the dispositions and move-ments of the enemy. At 3 a. m. today a most dashing advance was made by the Canadian regiment and some engineers, supported by the First Gordon Highlanders and Second Shropshires, resulting in our gaining a point some six hundred yards nearer the enemy and within about eighty nearer the enemy and within about eighty yards of his trenches, where our men en-trenched themselves and maintained their positions till morning-a gallant deed worthy of our colonial comrades, and which, I am glad to say, was attended by comparatively slight loss. This apparently clinched mat-ters, for at daylight a letter, signed by General Cronje, in which he stated that he surrendered unconditionally, was brought to our outposts under a flag of truce. In my reply I told General Cronje he must present himself at my camp and that his force must come out of their laager after laying down himself at my camp and that his force must come out of their laager after laying down their arms. Fy 7 a. m. I received General Cronje, and despatched a telegram to you announcing the fact. In the course of con-versation he asked for kind treatment at our hands, and also that his wife, grandson, private secretary, adjutant and servants might accompany him wherever he might be sent. I reassured him and told him his request would be commised with L informed

that a general officer would be sent him to Cape Town to ensure his being with him to Cape Town to ensure his being treated with proper respect en route. He will start this afternoon under charge of Major General Prettyman, who will hand him over to the general commanding at Cape Town. The prisoners, who number about 3,000, will be formed into commandos under our cwn officers. They will about under our cwn officers. They will also leave here toiay, reaching the Modder River leave here today, reaching the Modder River tomorrow, when they will be sent to Cape town in detachments. The above despatch was read in both the house of lords and house of commons to-day. The reference to the Canadians evoked immense and prolonged cheers. Twenty-nine Transval officers were cap-tured and eighteen Free State officers. The

tured and eighteen Free State omders. The guns captured from the Transval forces were seven 5-centimeter Krupps, one 9-pounder and one Maxim gun. From the Free Staters the British captured seven 5-centimeter Krupp and one Maxim gun.

APPRECIATES THE COLONISTS. LONDON, Feb. 27.-William St. John Broderick, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, when addressing the vol-unteers at Guilford this evening, referred to the "gratifying turn of the tide in South Africa," and paid a high tribute to the services of the colonial forces. He said services of the colonial forces. He said that long marches would still have to be to deritaken, and there might be privations and further vicissitudes in store, but the country would never forget the deeds of her sons nor the great achievements of Lord Roberts.

GERMAN PAPERS DISAPPOINTED. BERLIN, Feb. 27.-The German newspa-pers are disappointed at the surrender of Gen. Cronje. They admit that Lord Robshown real military ability and DR. LEYDS DOES NOT LIKE IT.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 27.-Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent, declines to be interviewed on Gen. Cronje's surrender. His associates in the legation say that Cronje's overthrow will not stop the struggle. They still hope for final success, and say that it will be war to the knife.

UNTARIO'S GIFT TO THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

TORONTO, Feb. 27.—The Ontario govern-ment has included in its estimates a grant of \$10,000 for the national patriotic fund. It also has included an item of \$4,000 for salaries of members of the civil service who members of the various Canadian contingents.

A MAINE TOWN'S ENTHUSIASM.

SANFORD, Me., Feb. 27 .- With a popula SANFORD, Me., Feb. 27.—With a popula-tion largely of British-Americans, the resi-dents of this town received the news of the surrender of Gen. Cronje and his forces with great enthusiasm. No general demon-stration has taken place as yet, but an effort is being made to hold a jubilation meeting within a few days, for the purpose meeting within a few days, for the purpose of passing resolutions in commemoration of the averaging of the battle of Majuba Hill, and paying tribute to the British com-mander and his troops. The resolutions are to be forwarded with another contribution for the aid of the widows and orphans of soldiers who lost their lives during the war in South Africa. It is expected the contri-bution from this town will be fully \$800, including that recently sent to London.

UNAVCIDABLY POSTPONED.

the Pretoria, was posted commons this afternoon:

LONDON, Feb. 27.-The following skit, which it was alleged had been received

from the secretary of the sports committee

"Sports unavoidably postponed owing to the retirement of Cronje from the tug of

war and Roberts' walkover in the obstacle

LOST NINE HORSES.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 .- The second battalion,

which arrived by Pomeranian at Cape Town yesterday, lost nine horses.

MADE A BIG IMPRESSION IN PARIS.

PARIS, Feb. 27, 6.20 p. m.—The news of the surrender of Gen. Cronje made a col-siderable impression in Paris. The newspapers of this city pay the highest tribute to Gen. Cronje's valor, and

express the opinion that his surrender is far from ending the war. They add that it will make the resistance of the Boer nation all the more desperate.

Several newspapers, however, urge that

Great Britain accept mediation, now that she has secured an important victory, and stop further bloodshed.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27.-Lord Curzon, the Viceroy, at a dinner given this evening at

Viceroy, at a dinner given this evening as Government House, said: "I propose on this greet occasion to break the crdipery rule. I ask you to drink the health of that brave soldier and former In-dian commander in-chief, who, on the an-niversary of Majuba, has wiped out more stain and gained a notable, yes, a glorious victory."

Children Cry for

CASTORIA.

AFFECTED HIM.

talking so loud against the rise in

Luke Warm-That's Drone. His wife supports him by making paper flowers.

Mack O'Rell-Who was that man-

A GLORIOUS VICTORY.

victory.

-Chicago News.

posted in the house of

