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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

ROBERTS NOW AT KROONSTADT— BOERS FLED FROM THE BRITISH

President Steyn, After Finding That the Burghers Would Not Make a Stand, Left for Lindley— No Opposition.

Many Boer Prisoners Were Taken—It Is Believed That the Back of the Boer Resistance Has Been Broken—Another Canadian Killed and Three Others Wounded.

LONDON, May 12.—9.10 p.m.—General Roberts has entered Kroonstadt, meeting with no opposition.

LORD ROBERTS' BULLETIN.

LONDON, May 12.—10 p.m.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Gen. Roberts:

"KROONSTADT, May 12.—2 p.m.—I entered Kroonstadt at 1.30 without opposition to-day, when the Union Jack was hoisted amidst cheers from the few British residents.

STEYN HAS FLED.

"President Steyn fled last evening, after vainly endeavoring to persuade the burghers to continue opposing us. The Transvaalers said they would no longer fight on Orange Free State soil, and made off for the Vaal River.

"The Free Staters accused the Transvaalers of having made use of them and then deserting. Many of the Free Staters have gone to their homes.

ENTERING THE TOWN.

"The procession entering the town was headed by my bodyguard, all of whom were Colonials, and after my staff and foreign officers came the North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, followed by Pole-Carew's division, consisting of the Guards and the Eighteenth Brigade, Navals, the Eighty-Third, Eighty-Fourth and Eighty-Fifth Batteries, two five-inch guns, manned by the Royal Artillery Company and the Twelfth Engineers.

"The rest of the force encamped around the town.

"Before leaving Kroonstadt President Steyn issued a proclamation making Lindley the seat of government of the Free State.

"Generals Botha and Dewet accompanied the Transvaalers."

HEAVY FIGHTING IN NATAL.

London, May 14.—The Standard publishes the following from Durban dated Sunday:

"There are persistent rumors here of heavy fighting in Natal.

"A Red Cross train left last night for the north."

London, May 14.—(4.4 a.m.) The war is practically over, says The Daily Chronicle's Natal correspondent, and in less definite terms it is the view to be gathered from all the correspondents. They believe the Boers as utterly demoralized and disheartened by Lord Roberts' unexpected rapid advance, and by his facile turning of the carefully prepared positions of the Boers.

There was practically no fighting, and there are no further reports to give respecting the occupation of Kroonstadt.

Boer Horses Wretched.

The correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says:

"The Union Jack was hoisted in the market place by Mrs. Lockhead, the American wife of a Scotchman. Most of the horses of the Boers are in a wretched condition, but President Kruger declares he will continue the war."

10,000 Men Fled.

It appears that the Boers at Kroonstadt had been reinforced by 20,000 men from Natal last Friday, and that altogether 30,000 men with 20 guns retreated from Kroonstadt on the approach of Lord Roberts.

Anxiety to Get Away.

The Boers made an ineffectual stand at Boschrand and had elaborate entrenchments in front of Kroonstadt, which were fired from for a year guard station. Their only anxiety, however, appears to have been to get away safely with all their guns and convoys, which again they have successfully accomplished. The few stores they were unable to carry away they burned.

Steyn Fleeing With Rage.

President Steyn is represented as having been frantic with rage and as having kicked and cursed the burghers after vainly imploring them to continue the fight.

Lord Roberts, after a march which is regarded as worthy of being ranked with his famous march to Kimberley, has thus covered another stage of his campaign.

Experience has taught the critics to be very chary in accepting reports of Boer demoralization.

Times Warns British.

The Times says: "The signs point to military breakdown on the part of the Boers, but after what has passed we cannot accept the reports of demoralization."

GEN. ROBERTS' BULLETIN.

Was at Geneva Siding—Broadwood's Brigade Captured Part of a Boer Convoy.

LONDON, May 12.—(11.35 a.m.)—Lord Roberts' report to the War Office under date of Geneva Siding, May 11, evening, is as follows:

"My Headquarters, with Pole-Carew's division, marched twenty miles to-day and are now at Geneva Siding, 14 miles from Kioo, and about six miles from Boschrand, where the Boers are holding entrenched positions. Gordon's brigade is in touch with them; Tucker's division is a short distance southeast and Hamilton's force is still further east.

"Broadwood's brigade overtook a part of the enemy's convoy yesterday afternoon at Potgieter's Laager, southeast of Ventersburg, and captured several wagons and some prisoners.

"French, with Porter's and Dickson's brigades and Hutton's mounted infantry, is some distance east north of this place. The force now at Tucker's division is a short distance southeast and Hamilton's force is still further east.

"The Boers are reported to be entreaching themselves around Kroonstadt, 20 miles off."

ANOTHER CANADIAN KILLED

And Three Wounded on May 10—Dead Man is A. G. W. Floyd of the 7th Fusiliers, London.

Ottawa, May 12.—(Special.)—The Department of Militia has been notified, through the War Office, that on May 10:

7193—A. G. W. FLOYD, 7th Fusiliers, London.

7015—J. E. ARMSTRONG, R.C.A. Quebec.

7285—P. G. W. LEONARD, 22nd Oxford Rifles.

7221—J. A. R. McLEAN, 35th Dufferin Rifles.

DISINTEGRATION HAS BEGUN.

Free Staters Scattering to Their Homes and Transvaalers Seeking Refuge in the Orange River.

LONDON, May 12.—(Special.)—The situation at the seat of war in South Africa is as satisfactory, from the British view point, as the most sanguine friend could have hoped a week ago. The occupation of Kroonstadt practically places the whole Orange Free State in British possession.

It is evident from Lord Roberts' latest despatch that the disintegration has commenced. The Free Staters are scattering to their homes, while the Transvaalers have gone northward, declining to fight longer in the Orange Free State. What little resistance the former still are likely to make seems to be centering at Lindley, which President Steyn has transferred his Government.

Boers Are Disheartened.

It is evident that the strategy of Lord Roberts and the rapidity of his advance has bewildered and disheartened the Boers, as their resistance since the British reached Zand River has been slight. The only point where they seriously attempted to check the advance seems to have been on the British right, where they defeated two companies with some vigor, which eventually was carried by the East Lancashire and Suffolks, the Boers finally retreating, leaving a group of gunners dead on top of one of the hills.

Enemy in Southeast Held in Check.

The only point in the Free State where the Boers seem in any force, except at Lord Roberts' front, is on the southeast, where Gens. Brand, Campbell and Brabant are holding them in check, west of Ficksburg and Ladybrand, and are gradually pushing them back, as well as effectually defeating all their efforts to break thru and threaten Lord Roberts' communications.

No News From Mafeking.

There is no further news regarding the

ROBERTS NEAR KROONSTADT.

Wires That He Is Now Eight Miles South of the Boer Headquarters.

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"Boschrand, May 12.—(9.05 a.m.)—I am eight miles south of Kroonstadt. The enemy evacuated the first line of entrenchments during the night. We are now reconnoitering towards Kroonstadt.

"Gen. French's cavalry seized the drift over the Vaalch River at 4.20 last evening, just in time to prevent passage being opposed by the enemy."

MORE DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE.

Arrival of Lord Roberts at Kroonstadt Hailed With Enthusiasm—Boers Are Broken.

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LIUT.-COL. A. M. COSBY DEAD

Commander of the 48th Highlanders Passed Away at His Home on Saturday, Night After a Long Illness.

Liut.-Col. Cosby of the 48th Highlanders Regiment died on Saturday night at 8.30 o'clock at his late residence, 200 College-street. When he passed away there were present at the bedside Mrs. Cosby, the children at home and a few intimate relatives.

Col. Cosby has been ailing for the past six months, but it was two months later before his condition became serious. Since then he had been confined to his bed, and at times was able to get up and about. About a month ago he began to sink, and continued to grow weaker each succeeding day. On Friday morning at 5 o'clock he became unconscious, and expired at 8.30 o'clock. He was 62 years of age. During his illness deceased was attended by Dr. J. A. Temple. The direct cause of Col. Cosby's death was liver complaint.

Liut.-Col. Cosby's career.

Liut.-Col. Cosby was born in Pelham, Ontario, Oct. 18, 1837, and was consequently 62 years of age. He was the eldest son of the late James C. Cosby, who was born in Pelham. When a boy he was sent to Toronto, and was educated here. After leaving school he entered the service of the Bank of Montreal in 1855, and some years later was appointed manager of the branch at Port Hope. He held this position until 1878, when he resigned to accept the management of the Toronto and Ontario Investment Company, of which Sir Frank Smith was president. When the big local companies were consolidated about a year ago Col. Cosby was appointed to a prominent position, but illness prevented him from taking up his work. He was made a charter director of the Goodwin & Worts Company in 1882, was a member of the Board of Upper Canada College, honorary treasurer of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, president of the Toronto Cricket Club, and president of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Canadian Society and the Country and Hunt Club.

The late colonel was one of the number who organized the Victoria Club, and was its first president. He resigned this office in 1898, but remained an active member of the club. He began his military career in 1862 when he assisted in the organizing of the 48th Battalion, and was appointed senior major. When Col. John J. Davidson's term expired three years ago, Col. Cosby succeeded him and has been head of the regiment ever since. In military respects he was very popular and was respected by his officers and men.

Col. Cosby was a member of the Canadian Military Institute.

In church work he always took an active interest, and at the time of his death was



The Late Col. Cosby.

on the Board of Managers of New St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

At present in South Africa with the Canadian contingents. Lorne was an inspector of the Northwest Mounted Police prior to his enlistment with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and sailed from Halifax for South Africa on the steamer Portlandian, Nov. 18, 1870, and went to the front as a gunner in "C" Battery, second contingent Crawford Cosby and the three daughters.

Messrs. W. H. Beatty, E. Strachan Cox and Robert Miles are the surviving sons-in-law of Mr. Cosby.

Two Sons Notified.

Immediately after Col. Cosby had passed away, a telegram was sent to his two sons, but it may be some time before they receive the sad news of their father's death.

At the service in St. Andrew's Church last night, Rev. Armstrong Black made a feeling reference to the memory of the late colonel. The pastor spoke of his long connection with the church, and the time he had so willingly devoted to its interests. In referring to his military life, the speaker said that Col. Cosby was an ardent soldier, who will be greatly missed from the ranks.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. James' Cemetery, and will be strictly private.

Rev. Armstrong Black and Rev. Canon Sanson, rector of Trinity Church, East King-street, will officiate.

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Minister Fisher's Troubles are Many—What Had Hodgson to Do With the Draft?

Someone Tore Down His Telephone in the Commons Building—Mr. Mulock is Irritable.

Ottawa, May 12.—(Special.)—There is trouble in the Department of Agriculture. Hon. Sidney Fisher desired a week ago to introduce a bill amending the Copyright Act of 1901. Mr. Fisher, the collaborator of Mr. Fisher of the act, has been haunting the corridors for a like period. But everything has been stamped. The draft bill sought for could not be found.

J. W. Hodgson, formerly Superintendent of Farms, Institute in Ontario, and now general farmer agent here, had the draft in his keeping. But he is in Manitoba on a business trip. His desk in his office has been ransacked, but no bill could be found. His private papers at his residence, 114 Elgin street, have been turned over, but still no bill. So acute has the matter become that on Saturday Hodgson was wired by Fisher to come home and find the draft bill.

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There is Said to be a Scarcity of Money in Stock Exchange Circles in the Big Canadian City for Speculative Purposes—Details of the Scheme.

Montreal, May 12.—(Special.)—There are authentic rumors about here to the effect that several leading members of the Montreal Stock Exchange have been in correspondence with New York people with a view to bringing a large sum of money to Montreal, the movement being intended, of course, to revive the activity of funds which has existed for some days past. Several members of the board were interviewed on the subject, and while they stated that nothing definite had yet been done, most of them have been turned over, but still no bill. So acute has the matter become that on Saturday Hodgson was wired by Fisher to come home and find the draft bill.

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Who Tore Down Jim's Telephone? There always was a certain amount of mystery about Hon. James Sutherland's room, but at present there is more than the usual amount of mystery. It is claimed that the telephone in the room was on Saturday morning found torn from the wall, the total wreck. Hon. James is growing thin worrying over who could be the miscreant, while in No. 16 the speaker has given way to the equally perplexing investigation, Who ruined Sutherland's phone, and why?

Mulock is Worried.

Hon. William Mulock is overworked. There is no doubt about it. The worries of his own department, coupled with those of his friends, Mr. Tarre's, are making him irritable. To the Opposition this may not be evident, but to the Government supporters it is annoying. A prominent Liberal today said in respect of this remark: "Mulock is a peculiar man. You can't approach him unless he is in the right humor. There is a postmaster's vacant in my riding, and I have had hundreds of applicants, but he has not dared to have a word with him about it yet. The other day I approached him concerning an office likely to be vacant, which he turned on me and said: 'Do you want me to club the man out of his job? Then I came away.'"

The fact that the Government expects a tussle at the coming election was made evident in the same conversation, when the Liberal M.P. pressed his claims to a postmaster's vacant. Such is the order issued to the Opposition by their whip. It has been whispered abroad that Mr. Mulock is the greatest opponent to granting an investigation with the election cases.

Quebec Policeman Who Killed His Wife Last February Convicted by the Jury.

A Blander Twine Scandal.

After the wrangle over the West Huron and Brockville election cases will come a case of a twine scandal. Such is the order issued to the Opposition by their whip. It has been whispered abroad that Mr. Mulock is the greatest opponent to granting an investigation with the election cases.

Was Strangely Contended for by the Lawyers for the Defence, Without Avail.

Quebec, May 12.—On the 24th of February last the sergeant of Police Station No. 1, on the 24th of February, was notified by a telephone message that a man was in a helpless state of drunkenness and furious on Charest street. Two constables went there immediately. One (naming her son) has killed his wife. Come in and look for yourself. They were then stepped