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Active Operations Against the Boers Are On at All Points—General Buller Pushes the Enemy Back and Establishes His Headquarters on Huzzar Hill—Much Heavy Fighting.

British Capture 100 Supply and Ammunition Wagons From Cronje—Five Canadians May Have Been Captured—Steamer Laurentian Arrives at Cape Town—Lord Roberts' Program For the Relief of Kimberley Was Carried Out on Time With a Loss of Fifty—Brabant's Horse Have Hard Fighting—8 Killed, 4 Wounded.

London, Feb. 18.—It is now amply confirmed that Gen. Cronje escaped. Every detail received, however, proves how admirably Lord Roberts' plans were conceived, and were carried out. But for the unexpected delay at Dekiel's Drift, which was almost impassable for wagons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day there gave them their chance for a hasty retreat.

All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed exactly to time. Apparently Gen. Cronje is retreating with the main army, and even if he escapes altogether he will probably lose all his baggage.

Was British Convoy Captured?

There is still something doubtful about the capture of the British convoy. According to a Daily Mail correspondent with the convoy, which consisted of 200 wagons, each loaded with 6000 pounds of rations and forage, each drawn by 16 oxen, it was quite unexpectedly attacked by a commando, supposed to come from Colesberg. The escort, consisting of 80 of the Gordon Highlanders, forty men of the Army Service Corps, and a few of Kitchener's Horse, maintained a defence until the arrival of reinforcements, sustaining insignificant casualties.

They Got Some Wagons.

The Standard correspondent at Jacobsdal, telegraphing Thursday, Feb. 15th, says: An attack was made yesterday upon the rear guard of our main body by a force of 1400 Boers, who were hurried up from Colesberg. They succeeded in capturing some of our wagons, but Lord Roberts did not delay his march to retake these. There were few casualties on our side.

The last of our supply columns arrived from Honey Nest Kloof yesterday, having met with no opposition on the way.

Boers Moving to Cronje's Aid.

Specials from Ladysmith report an apparent movement on the part of the Boers toward the Free State, presumably with the object of assisting Gen. Cronje. The news that General Buller is attempting another crossing of the Tugela, east of Colenso, after the capture of Hlangwane Hill, therefore, gives great satisfaction.

Buller's losses so far have been about twenty injured. His entire army with the exception of Gen. Hart's brigade is engaged in the operation.

It is announced that the Channel squadron, instead of going to Gibraltar, has orders to remain in British waters until March.

EVERYTHING WORKED WELL.

Roberts' Program to Relieve Kimberley Was Carried Out With Perfect Precision.

Jacobsdal, Orange Free State, Friday, Feb. 16.—Lord Roberts' combinations for the movement of the corps dovetailed with precision, altho obstacles that had not been foreseen had to be overcome.

The execution of his design began at 3 a.m. Sunday. Gen. French rode into Kimberley Thursday afternoon, just when he was due, according to the field marshal's time-table, having in four and a half days marched 90 miles with artillery and having fought two small engagements.

British Loss 50 Men.

The relief of Kimberley was accomplished with the loss of only 50 men. The mounted infantry made splendid marches under a sub-tropical sun thru a dust storm to hold the positions which Gen. French took.

Kitchener With Tucker's Division.

Lord Kitchener was with Gen. Tucker's division, in consequence of his transport arrangements; the four divisions moving over the sandy veldt are fed and watered. It is hardly possible to appreciate adequately the mathematical precision with which every part of the transport department has worked, marching thru the day, toiling almost sleeplessly thruout the night, victualling the army and evolving every hour results from seeming chaos.

Frightful Fatigues.

Everybody did as well as was expected of him cheerfully, the enduring frightful fatigues. Few slept more than three hours. The battalions, hour after hour, toiled thru the heavy sand uncomplainingly, and now and then when a man fell out of the ranks exhausted he would rejoin his company later after he had rested. Some 50 or 60 were overcome by the heat and had to be sent to the rear in the backward defile of empty wagons.

The Problem Solved.

The rapidity of Lord Roberts' movements away from his base has solved one of the problems, perhaps the chief problem, of the war. He and Lord Kitchener have created a mobile force able to move in exterior lines and to outflank the Boers, themselves so wonderfully mobile.

Where Are Cronje's Men?

The position of the Boer army at Spytfontein being untenable, Cronje ordered a retreat. At the moment this despatch is written it is uncertain whether his whole force or only a portion has gone towards Bloemfontein. It is possible that a part is going north of Kimberley. It is supposed that a 20-ton gun is still in the neighborhood of Kimberley. The road from Jacobsdal to Modder Station is now open.

CRONJE FIGHTING IN RETREAT.

Boers Putting Up a Good Rear-Guard Action—British Shelling Vigorously.

Jacobsdal, Orange Free State, Feb. 17.—Further details of the Boer retreat show that the enemy has been fighting a good rear guard action and occupying successive kopjes in order to allow the moving of the convoy, which, however, has been going at a very slow pace, the animals being apparently dead beat.

The latest reports show that the Boers in the neighborhood of Klip Kraal's Drift are undoubtedly disheartened.

French's Magnificent March.

Gen. French's magnificent march is still the subject of admiration, especially in view of the dust storm that all experienced.

Boers Must Come Out.

The work of shelling the Boers proceeded vigorously. Owing to the style of action, the Boers are bound to show in the open, whenever they are obliged to leave the kopjes.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

Unconfirmed Rumor in London That 7000 of Cronje's Men Have Been Captured.

London, Feb. 18.—Rumors have been in circulation at the clubs and elsewhere in London this evening that General Cronje, with an army of 7000 men, has been captured.

Apparently these reports emanated from the Continent. No confirmation of them can be obtained.

War Office Has Nothing.

London, Feb. 18.—(12 p.m.)—The War Office has announced that it has no news from South Africa.

STILL PURSUING THE BOERS.

Gen. French Has Also Left Kimberley and Joined in Pursuit—The Magersfontein Trenches.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 17.—Gen. Kelly-Kenny is still pursuing the Boers. He has now captured more than 100 wagons. The Highland brigade reinforced him after a forced march.

Gen. French has left Kimberley to join in the pursuit of the Boer army.

The Guards have occupied the Boer positions at Magersfontein.

FRENCH'S CAVALRY RETURNS

And Will Take Part in the Pursuit of the Flying Boer Army Towards Bloemfontein.

London, Feb. 19.—The correspondent of The Times at Modder River, wiring yesterday, says:

"Gen. Cronje's army of 10,000 men, with a thousand wagons, is in full retreat towards Bloemfontein, hotly pursued by Gen. Kelly-Kenny. It will probably be a rear guard fight all the way to Bloemfontein. Our cavalry has already returned from Kimberley to join in the pursuit."

LORD ROBERTS' PROCLAMATION.

He Tells the Free State Burghers Why the British Are There and Warns Them.

Cape Town, Feb. 18.—Lord Roberts has issued a proclamation to the burghers of the Orange Free State, saying that he feels it his duty to make known to all the burghers the cause of the coming of the British, as well as to do all in his power to terminate the devastation caused by war, and issues the proclamation in order that if the burghers should continue fighting they may not do so ignorantly, but with a full knowledge of their responsibility before God for the lives lost in the campaign. The proclamation goes on to say:

"The British Government believes that the wanton and unjustifiable invasion of British territory was not committed with the general approval of the people of the Free State, with whom the British Government has lived in complete amity for so many years. It believes the responsibility to rest wholly with the Government of the Free State, acting not in the interests of the country, but under mischievous influences from without.

"Great Britain therefore wishes the people of the Free State to understand that it bears them no ill-will, and that, so far as is compatible with the successful conduct of the war and the re-establishment of peace, it is anxious to preserve them from the evils brought upon them by the wrongful action of their Government."

In conclusion, Lord Roberts warns all burghers to desist from further acts of hostility toward Her Majesty's Government and troops, and he gives directions regarding requisitions and complaints.

BIG GUNS WERE LEFT BEHIND.

Sudden Appearance of the British Threw the Boer Army Into a Panic.

London, Feb. 18.—The Daily News publishes the following despatch, dated Sunday morning, Feb. 18, from Modder River:

"Our sudden appearance seems to have astounded the enemy and thrown them into a panic. All their positions were hurriedly evacuated, and the big guns at Magersfontein and Kimberley were left behind.

Cronje's Desperate Efforts.

"General Cronje moved his transport, consisting of many hundred wagons, along a bank of kopjes north of the Modder, toward Koffyfontein. It got past our mounted infantry, but, owing to weariness, had to stop. Thereupon our artillery opened upon it. The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight the whole day, vainly trying to escape.

Mounted Infantry Harassed Them.

"Each time their advance guard sought to move off our mounted infantry galloped around and checked them. We never attempted to stop their main movement, contenting ourselves with trying to check them.

"Their position at Koffyfontein is said to be very strong. They entertain a wholesome dread of 10,000 cavalry moving more quickly than they do themselves. We hope to be in Bloemfontein shortly."

Very Hot Fighting.

The Daily News has another despatch from the Modder River military camp, dated Sunday morning, which says:

"At dawn on Friday the Boers were observed moving wagons along the kopjes towards Koffyfontein. Our mounted infantry was sent out from Klip Drift, but was driven back and the enemy's wagons passed.

Knox Kept Them Busy.

"Gen. Knox, 12th Brigade, however, quickly attacked the enemy's main body and severe fighting went on all day over a line which was very extended. The enemy, making a desperate attempt, finally escaped, owing to the serpentine bend of the river.

"The mounted infantry suffered from the trying flanking movement. Our force has now been reinforced."

BRABANT'S HORSE IN ACTION.

A Drawn Battle With the Boers—Eight of the Horse Were Killed.

London, Feb. 18.—A special despatch from Bird's River reports a drawn fight between Brabant's Horse and the Boers at Dordrecht on Feb. 16. The engagement lasted 8 hours, until darkness set in. The British loss was 8 killed and 4 wounded. The Boer casualties are unknown. The latter had burned the grass around the position, so that British khaki uniform showed up distinctly against the black background.

After the fight, the despatch says, the British entered Dordrecht, but left later.

Further Details.

Bird's River, Feb. 17.—Gen. Brabant's Horse, 2000 strong, commenced the march from Pen Hoek Thursday morning, over a trackless veldt, and thru a mountainous and difficult country.

On Friday they were fired on, and the firing kept up all day and well into the night, the British clearing the Boers out of successive positions, under a terrific rifle fire, lasting eight hours.

At the Point of the Bayonet.

Toward midnight, Friday, the British forced the Boers, at the point of the bayonet, out of their position, an important one, overlooking Dordrecht.

The artillery duel was continued to-day. The British casualties were eight killed, including Captain Crallan and Lieut Chandler, and eight wounded.

The British captured some prisoners and a quantity of forage and provisions.

Major Merritt of Toronto is second in command of Brabant's Horse.

PUSHED THE BOERS BACK.

Buller's Brigades Have Been at Work North of Chieveley Shelling the Enemy.

Chieveley, Wednesday, Feb. 14.—(Delayed by censor.)—The movement northeastward began this, Wednesday, morning. Lord Dundonald, with cavalry, infantry and artillery, occupied Huzzar Hill, five miles north of Chieveley. The infantry entrenched the hill.

Gen. Lyttleton worked around to the right, and Sir Charles Warren in front and to the left. The Boers were heavily entrenched on Hlangwane and Monte Christo hills.

A steady, independent fire, with occasional volleys, was maintained for some hours, and the enemy's trenches were vigorously shelled. The Boers had one gun in action during the early part of the day, but when we began shelling they moved across the river. They used one Nordenfeldt in the afternoon. Our casualties were few.

Getting Round the Boer Flank.

The British operations are directed to the capture of Hlangwane Hill, where the Boers are strongly fortified, and from which they are shelling the British with great accuracy.

The British infantry are now disposed along a line extending for seven miles to small kopjes at the base of Monte Christo Hill. From six o'clock Friday morning the British incessantly shelled Monte Christo, with the Nek separating it from Blankkrantz Hill, on the right.

The British infantry is making slow progress up the Nek in an endeavor to occupy Monte Christo, which will enable them to enfilade the Boers on Hlangwane.

Partly Ascended the Hill.

Buller's casualties during the last three days' operations have been about eight. The British forces have now partly ascended Monte Christ Hill.

BULLER'S ARTILLERY AT WORK.

Boers in Natal Said to Have Abandoned Several Laagers — Is There a Move on?

Frere Camp, Feb. 16.—The Boers have abandoned several laagers. Gen. Buller renewed bombardment of the Boer position without eliciting a reply. Another forward move is regarded as imminent.

GEN. BULLER ON HUZZAR HILL.

Where He Has Established Headquarters—Infantry Extended in Front—Slight Losses.

Chieveley, Sunday, Feb. 18.—Gen. Buller has established headquarters on Hussar Hill. Heavy artillery firing was maintained at intervals by both sides from Wednesday until Friday. The British slowly pushed the advance and their infantry entrenched new positions in front of Hussar Hill with slight losses.

Lyddite Worked Havoc in Trenches

It is believed the lyddite worked havoc in the Boer trenches. The Boers are supposed to have removed their big guns back over the Tugela. The rifle fire has been very heavy at times. The whole country is thickly wooded.

SITUATION AT LADYSMITH.

The Garrison Delighted to Hear of the Relief of Kimberley—Troops Are Still Fit.

Ladysmith, Saturday, Feb. 17.—(By heliograph, via Weenen.)—The Boers have been very active here during the past few days, and are evidently making a move somewhere.

The garrison, greatly delighted to learn of the relief of Kimberley, is in excellent spirits and fit for anything.

Jameson Has Fever.

Ladysmith, Thursday, Feb. 15.—(By heliograph and native runner, via Chieveley.)—Dr. Jameson has the fever.

The heat is tremendous, but the morale of the camp is excellent.

Major Doveton's wife, who was given a safe conduct thru the Boer lines, has arrived here to nurse her husband. Major Doveton died on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

THE POSITION AT DORDRECHT.

Boers on a Strong Hill North and British in a Commanding Position South.

Birds River, Saturday, Feb. 17.—The position near Dordrecht now is that the Boers occupy a strong hill north of the town, and that the British hold a commanding position to the south. Both are maintaining a brisk firing of shells over Dordrecht.

THE WOUNDED AUSTRALIANS

Are Being Well Cared for at Hebkirk's Farm—Boers Using "Big Game" Bullets.

Arundel, Saturday, Feb. 17.—(Received by despatch rider.)—Captain Longhurst of the British medical corps spent a night at Hobkirk's Farm, attending the wounded Australians. He says that the enemy were remarkably kind to the wounded, provided them with mattresses, and gave them all the fresh eggs they had.

The Boer commander and Captain Longhurst found that they had mutual friends in London, and were soon on the best terms. The Boers and the British wounded fraternized. Noticing that the bandoliers of the enemy were filled with soft-nosed bullets, one of our men said:

"You ought not to bring such things to fire at us."

The Boer replied, "We must use whatever we can get."

This particular Boer contingent had come from the northern district of the Transvaal, where the Boers are used to hunting big game along the Limpopo. The men had obtained their ammunition for that purpose. One Briton whose thigh had been shattered replied to this explanation:

"Well, I wish you had been kind enough to shoot me lower down."

After the retirement of the British forces the Boers held a prayer meeting and thanked heaven for their successes. Then they separated into small parties and moved to their various outposts, chanting hymns as they went.

Captain Longhurst says he was much impressed by their considerate treatment of the British wounded.

Died to the Last Man.

London, Feb. 19.—A despatch to The Times from Naauwpoort, describing the retirement to Arundel, draws attention to the devotion of twenty men of the Victoria Mounted Rifles, who were caught in a trap and died to a man, fighting to their last.

BOER STORY OF KIMBERLEY.

The British Have "Entered" the Beleaguered Town—The Rear Guard Intercepted.

Pretoria, Feb. 16.—(1 p.m.)—It appears from further reports of yesterday's fighting at Jacobsdal that 2000 British troops got thru the Federal position at Modder River and entered Kimberley. The Federals intercepted the rear guard of the British and captured great booty, many oxen and a number of prisoners.

RETIREMENT FROM RENSBERG

Was Carried Out in the Most Orderly Manner—Part of the Wiltshires Return.

Arundel, Friday, Feb. 16.—The retirement of the British from Rensberg was most orderly. The railway had withdrawn the stores on the previous day, and the baggage wagons left before the evacuation took place.

Part of the Men Return.

A part of the two companies of the Wiltshire regiment which were missing and the members of which were presumably asleep after having been on outpost duty have since arrived. The other members of the two companies have probably been taken prisoners.

SPENSER WILKINSON'S SIZE-UP.

Will Take Six Days to Reach Bloemfontein—Will Joubert Strengthen Cronje?

London, Feb. 19.—Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in The Morning Post, says:

Lord Methuen's army can now be used to assist the operations of Lord Roberts. Probably the march from Jacobsdal to Bloemfontein will occupy six days. The British right wing is acting on the defensive in the country south of the Orange River, and is now holding its own, which is all it is required to do for the moment.

The army of Lord Roberts, in pushing thru the Free State, will probably have the effect of disturbing the Boer army in Natal, because if the enemy remains there he will run the risk of being caught between the armies of Lord Roberts and Gen. Buller.

A Possibility.

While the two British armies are several days' marching apart, it is possible for the Boers to throw the bulk of their forces against one, while acting on the defensive with the smaller body against the other. The Boer commander-in-chief must, therefore, now desire to strengthen Gen. Cronje to the point where he might hope to check or delay Lord Roberts. How far he can detach troops for this purpose depends largely upon Gen. Buller's action.

The Besiegers on the Move.

Despatches from Ladysmith indicate a movement among the besiegers. This may mean that they are sending reinforcements to Cronje, or that they are preparing a new assault upon it. It is satisfactory, therefore, to hear than Gen. Buller has occupied Huzzar Hill.

LAURENTIAN AT CAPE TOWN.

First Artillery Section of the Second Canadian Contingent is Now in South Africa.

Cape Town, Feb. 17.—The British steamer Laurentian, Captain Nunan, which sailed from Halifax, Jan. 21, with the first artillery section of the second Canadian contingent of troops for service against the Boers, arrived at this port to-day.

An Official Welcome.

The troops were welcomed by Major John Hanbury Williams, military secretary to the Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, on behalf of His Excellency.

WERE CANADIANS CAPTURED?

Five Men Fell Out in the Advance From Wegedraal—May Be in the Enemy's Hands.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—(Special by cable from Mr. W. Richmond Smith, The Star's special Canadian correspondent at Lord

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DEATHS.

ARTHURS—At Monterey, Mexico, on Feb. 18, of typhoid fever, Walter Telfer Arthurs, eldest son of the late Lieut.-Col. Wm. Arthurs.
Funeral notice later.

FEARMAN—On Saturday evening, 17th February, 1900, suddenly, Elizabeth, beloved wife of F. W. Fearman, Hamilton.
Funeral Tuesday, February 20th, at 2.30 p. m., from the family residence, 90 Stinson-street, Hamilton.

GRAHAM—At the residence of his brother-in-law, G. Atkins, 64 Caroline-street, Feb. 18th, Alex Graham, in his 23rd year.
Funeral at the above address, Tuesday, at 2.30 p. m., to St. James Cemetery.
Quebec Chronicle please copy.

HOBAN—At Port Huron, Mich., on Sunday, Feb. 18, 1900, Mary Hoban, widow of the late Martin Hoban, aged 75 years.
Funeral notice later.

KING—At Whitby, Ont., Mary Ann, beloved wife of Thomas King, agent G.T.R., Whitby, aged 31 years.
Funeral at Island Creek, 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 19.

LEYS—At City of Mexico, on the 17th February, John Leys, aged 67.

MUNZINGER—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Frank G. Kelk, Toronto, Jeanette, widow of the late John M. Munzinger of Hamilton.
Interment at Hamilton from the T., H. & B. Station, Monday, on the arrival of 2.10 train. Funeral private.
Hamilton papers please copy.

NEILSON—On the 10th inst., at the residence of his son-in-law, R. J. C. McIntyre, near Chatham, Mr. Peter Neilson, in his 89th year; formerly stationmaster at Hamilton, Suspension Bridge and other places on the Great Western Railway.

WALLACE—At her family residence, 19 McKenzie-Crescent, on Saturday, Feb. 17, in her 53rd year, Helen, beloved wife of P. B. Wallace, Esq., traveler for Beal Bros.
Funeral from Parkdale Station at 8.30 a. m., Monday, 19th inst., to Goderich. Goderich papers please copy.

HAS TARTE RESIGNED THE WORKS PORTFOLIO?

Report Says That the Minister Handed in His Resignation at Five o'Clock on Friday.

The Boys Who Run La Patrie Are Said to Be Pleased With Their Father's Move—Will Be Able to Study French Matters.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Hon. J. Israel Tarte, is out of the Government, for good authority states that the Minister of Public Works suddenly sent in his resignation at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, and that the ex-Minister will be appointed without delay as Canadian Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, leaving Canada ere long for a year's residence in Europe. It is stated that Mr. Tarte's leaving the Cabinet was a thing so suddenly accomplished that his own close friends were unaware of the Minister's resignation until 24 hours after it had been brought about.

His Health the Cause.

A great many reasons are given for Mr. Tarte's retirement from office, but those who are best qualified to appreciate the event declare that ill-health is the cause, coupled no doubt with the fact that the Minister of Public Works did not receive that support from his party of which a strong Minister is so much in need.

Tarte Boys Pleased.

It is further stated that the sons of the ex-Minister, the proprietors of La Patrie, are more than pleased with their father's decision and that at an early date the present Government organ will assume a much more independent tone than in the past. Mr. Tarte will, it is stated, contribute a series of letters from Paris touching exhibition matters as well as public affairs in France.

Who Will Succeed?

Who will succeed Mr. Tarte is the question of the day, and it is generally supposed that the late dictator settled that matter before he left. Mr. Brodeur, M.P. for Rouville, being sure to turn up well in the shuffle that is sure to follow.

BORDEN'S ROW WITH HUTTON

The General Wanted to Recognize the Militia Department Only in Money Matters.

RESPONSIBLE TO THE WAR OFFICE

Premier Laurier Denies That Minister Tarte Has Sent in His Resignation, as Reported.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Dr. Borden is reported to have given a reason for the recall of Major-Gen. Hutton. It is to the following effect: Hutton considered himself an Imperial officer, responsible in general to the War Office, and in particular to the Canadian Minister of Militia only as to the accounting for money entrusted to him. It was on this large question and not a minor departmental clash that Hutton was recalled. There were departmental clashes, as was evinced by an order issued by Hutton forbidding militia officers from leaving their districts without leave from the G.O.C. at Ottawa. This was irksome, and prevented a banker living in Toronto or Montreal going to New York on urgent business without Hutton's permission.

It is said that shortly after the issue of this order Hutton brought to Dr. Borden a list of about 30 militia officers whom he wished dismissed from the service. This is the Government's story.

Dominion Rifle Association.

The annual report of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association has just been issued. The receipts for 1899 were $21,495; the expenditures amounted to $21,777. The Bisley team cost $4050, as against $5529 in 1898. This saving was made by the team proceeding direct to Bisley and sailing from Canada a week later than the team of the previous year.

A Silly Rumor, Sir Wilfrid Says.

The report that Mr. Tarte had resigned was characterized by Sir Wilfrid to-day as "a silly rumor, without a word of truth." He declared a denial of the report was superfluous.

Climbing the Ladder.

Albert Harper, Ottawa correspondent of The Montreal Herald, will succeed J. T. Walsh as editor of that paper. Mr. Harper is a graduate of Toronto University, and has been in newspaper work since 1895.

Canada's Trade for Seven Months.

The aggregate trade of Canada for the seven months ending Jan. 31 last shows an increase of $31,616,476 over the same period in 1898-99. The total aggregate trade for the seven months was $227,655,832, as against $196,017,356 for the same seven months in the last fiscal year. The imports increased by $18,375,057, and the exports by $13,240,519. There was an increase in the duty of $2,668,612, or from $14,408,030 to $17,076,642.

Beet Root Sugar Factory.

The establishment of a $500,000 factory for the manufacture of beet root sugar in Canada will shortly be undertaken by American capitalists, who are working with Messrs. J. E. Askwith and James Fowler of Ottawa in the interests of the enterprise. The factory will be located in Ontario, and will be capable of handling daily 500 tons of beets. When the factory is started it will pay $250,000 out every season to the farmers.

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Facts for Insurers.
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Presented on His Deathbed.

An interesting event took place at New Toronto a few days ago, when, hearing of the serious illness of one of their comrades, a deputation of the Veterans of '66 went out and presented Mr. Isaac Greensides with his long-expected medal on his deathbed. His funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, the Union Jack of the association draping the coffin, and a deputation of veterans attending. Mr. Greensides was present at Ridgeway, and was the man who carried Capt. Boustead off the field when he was wounded.

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JOHN LEYS DIES IN MEXICO.

Was Formerly a Well-Known Toronto Lawyer—A Victim of Typhus Fever.

Word has been received here from Mexico City of the death on Saturday of John Leys, who was, some years ago, a prominent lawyer in Toronto, and was associated in business with the Hon. S. C. Wood. The cause of death was typhus fever, but it is not yet known whether Mr. Leys was sick for any length of time, or not. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. Duncan Coulson, general manager of the Bank of Toronto, and a brother of Col. Leys, M. L.A., of London. He leaves a son and a daughter. Mr. Leys has been living in Mexico since he left Toronto, and was 67 years of age.

TORONTO MEN AT HALIFAX.

Their Train Was Delayed by the Snowstorm—All Are in Good Health and Spirits.

Halifax, Feb. 18.—The Kingston artillerymen and Toronto quota of "A" squadron arrived to-day, the former at 10 a.m., and the latter at 5 p.m. The latter train was delayed by the furious snowstorm. The men are quartered at the new Armoury, and the officers at the hotels. All are in good health and spirits.

The smoking concert given by the Elder, Dempster Co. to the second contingent on Saturday night was attended by about three thousand people and was a big success.

On account of the storm to-day, the church parade had to be abandoned. Rev. W. J. Armitage held a special communion service at the Armoury for Anglican members.

The troopship Milwaukee is scheduled to sail Wednesday.

TROOPERS OWN THE TOWN.

Ottawa Citizens Are Paying All Deference to the Men of the Strathcona Horse.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Crowds of persons visited the Barracks to-day to fraternize with Strathcona's troop. The men have not all been supplied with uniforms, and hence no church parade was held. The men are not allowed to leave barracks, except on pass, for the same reason. The second detachment, consisting of 142 men and 500 horses, is expected in to-morrow morning. The whole city will turn out to receive them—as it is, the soldiers already own the town.

Triumf of Fonetics.

London Daily Mail: The Toronto World, the leading Conservative daily of Toronto, has adopted the phonetic spelling, on the ground that it saves the time of the type-setting machines and several hundred dollars a year in lead.

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Another Cold Day.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 18.—8 p. m.—It was stated on Saturday that a low area near the Atlantic coast would probably develop into a storm and move northeastward. This has occurred, and violent gales, with snow, have prevailed to-day in the Maritime Provinces. From Quebec, westward to the mountains, the weather has been fair and cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Victoria, 34—44; Kamloops, 26—34; Calgary, zero—12; Prince Albert, 8 below—8; Qu'Appelle, 4 below—8; Winnipeg, 18 below—8; Port Arthur, 6 below—12; Parry Sound, 6 below—16; Toronto, 8—20; Ottawa, 16—18; Montreal, 8—20; Quebec, 8—22; Halifax, 20—36.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Winds mostly north and west; fair and cold.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Winds mostly north and west; fair and cold.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Decreasing northwest and west winds; fair and colder.

Maritime—Decreasing northwest and west winds; fair and colder.

Lake Superior—Continued cold, with light local snowfalls.

Manitoba—Light snowfalls, turning colder again.

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Ethiopia	Glasgow	New York
Norge	Swinemunde	New York
La Champagne	Havre	New York
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St. Louis	New York	Southampton
La Touraine	New York	Havre
Phoenicia	New York	Hamburg
Astoria	New York	Glasgow
Cervona	London	Portland
Dalton Hall	London	St. John

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