

## The British Have Taken The Free State Capital!

The Boers Beaten at Driefontein.—Cronje will be sent to St. Helena.

The War Office received the following despatch from Lord Roberts at midnight on Wednesday last:—  
POPULAR GROVE March 7.—We had a very successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat. The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged, with a second line of entrenchments which would have caused us heavy loss had a direct attack been made. The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and horse artillery horses are much done up. The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which as usual did exceedingly well, and General French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy. Our casualties were about fifty. I regret to say that Lieut. Kewick was killed and Lieut. Bailey severely wounded, both of the twelfth Lancashire. Lieut. Deerpigny of the Second Life Guards was severely wounded. Remaining casualties will be telegraphed tomorrow. General Dwyer and Delany commanded the Boer forces.

The London Standard published the following despatch on Friday, dated Popular Grove March 8th.—The movements of the mounted men were somewhat too rapid for the supporting infantry, and as a result the Boer position was turned before the main body could strike effectively.

"The Boers fell back precipitately, and, extending to the southeast, they checked the advance of the British cavalry with a heavy rifle fire at 800 yards."

"Accordingly, Gen. French moved southward and outflanked them again, but the Boers repeated their tactics."

Another despatch from Popular Grove dated the 8th says:—President Kruger, who at present is far in the rear, yesterday tried to stop the retreating Boers, who refused to stay. The Bloemfontein police tried to stop the retreat of the Free Staters, but they declared that they were not willing to fight any longer. They blamed President Kruger. Russian and Dutch military attaches arrived at the British camp yesterday.

A London despatch of the 8th says: The military authorities have decided that General Cronje and the other Boer prisoners should be sent immediately to the Island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war. Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathurst, colonial secretary at the front, to command the escort to St. Helena, which was last month placed in cable communication with Cape Town and London. It is also asserted that the Cabinet resolved neither to propose nor to entertain proposals at the present juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

The naval brigade from Ladysmith arrived at Durban on Thursday last in command of Captain Lamberton. They were about 200 and were enthusiastically received. The railway station was lined with men from H. M. S. Terrible, and the meeting of comrades caused many a touching scene. When the gunners who played such an important part in the defence of Ladysmith marched down the street, headed by the band and flag of the Terrible, and carrying the tattered Union Jack from H. M. S. Powerful, which had flown through the siege of Ladysmith, the cheering

was tumultuous. The crowd which was assembled, was of immense proportions. Lunch was prepared and served in a shed adjacent to the railway station and the men ate heartily. The majority of them looked well, but showed signs of the rough work and fatigue they had undergone. Their uniforms bore many tokens of wear and tear. After lunch, headed by Captain Percy Scott, the naval commandant at Durban, the men marched to the place of embarkation for Simonston.

A London despatch of the 9th says: Lord Roberts has moved ten miles nearer Bloemfontein evidently with the view of seizing and utilizing the railway. With this he could reach the Free State capital in three or four days and begin repairing the railroad southward to meet the British advance from Cape Colony which is expected to be hastened as soon as General White takes control. The British occupied Jamestown Thursday, and the Boers are reported to be retreating beyond Almo North, so Cape Colony is practically clear of armed Boers. Reinforcements from Natal are going to Lord Roberts. General Warren's division and some artillery have already been ordered to join the commander in chief, who is preparing for all eventualities, including possible desperate opposition to his crossing the Vaal River. Thousands of natives are reported to be employed at the Transvaal capital in the construction of defensive works concerning which such secrecy is maintained that no one is allowed to walk or drive on the outskirts of the town.

VICTORY AT DRIEFONTEIN!

A despatch from Driefontein, Orange Free State, dated March 12th says:—

The Boers fought a stubborn rear guard action yesterday, but just as our parallel advance threatened to envelop them, they fled. We advanced from Popular Grove with three columns, each of which had a brigade of cavalry attached to it. Gen. Tucker to the southward occupied Petrusburg unexpectedly and met no opposition. Kelly-Kenny, after moving along the river bank, turned his forces in the direction of Abraham's Kraal. He then moved across the country to Driefontein, where he found Gen. Colville coming along the higher Bloemfontein road. The enemy posted themselves strongly on the ridges connecting a series of kopjes. They had mounted seven guns, with which they opened on our infantry and cavalry of both columns who were unable to outflank them until the infantry arrived. Soon afterwards Kelly-Kenny's corps crossing to the spot attacked the kopjes and ridges on the left of the Boer position. The Welsh regiment gallantly rushed some of the entrenched kopjes and then the Highlanders coming up to the front, the Boers fled.

The enemy is estimated to have been several thousand strong. The Welsh took fifteen prisoners, a part of a Pretoria commando—Kriger's Own. The Boer losses were considerable. Our advance is proceeding. Yesterday's engagement was a surprise apparently to both sides. The fighting seemed likely at Petrusburg, where some took place; while the direct line was reported yet a strong opposition was made. The Boers were surprised by our double line of advance. They had taken their position ahead of the right flank of Gen. Kelly-Kenny, thinking his force represented the general advance. They found afterward that a parallel column threatened their rear.

Unfortunately our infantry moving slowly were unable to arrive in time and the Boers thus succeeded in escaping. Kelly-Kenny's force sustained the brunt of the fighting, advancing against a horse-shoe shaped position. It was not until the Welsh carried the Boer

right that the position was cleared. But it was then impossible for General Colville's infantry on Kelly-Kenny's right to have entered the action in time to crush the retreating foe.

Lord Roberts in his despatch to the War Office adds: "I cannot get the precise number of casualties before I march, but will communicate as soon as possible. The Boers suffered heavily, 102 of their dead being left on the ground. We captured about twenty prisoners."

W. Richmond Smith, correspondent of the Montreal Star who is now with the Canadian contingent sends the following:—  
DRIEFONTEIN, Orange Free State, March 12.—The Canadian with the headquarters staff of Lord Roberts' army arrived here after dark last evening too late to take part in the unexpected engagement with the Boers, who were come upon by the advance guard strongly entrenched in the neighboring kopjes. It was expected that the battle would be resumed this morning, in which event the Canadian troops would have been actively engaged. When daylight came, however, it was found that under cover of darkness the enemy had retired, taking his guns with him. It was about ten o'clock in the morning when the cavalry division which has been proceeding by the roads to the north came upon the Boers entrenched on the ridges beyond Driefontein, eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal. The British artillery was at once brought up into action, and the vigorous shelling of the Boer defence began. Shelling proceeded continuously from noon till dark when the Boer fire was completely silenced.

During the early part of the engagement the British 12 pounder guns of the Boers outgunned the British.

The Boers, however, although they made a vigorous defence and succeeded in saving their guns, were unable to withstand the British attack all along the line and were forced to retire.

The Boers fired continuously under the cover of the white flag, adding another to their long list of breaches of the recognized rules of civilized warfare.

This morning the Canadians, as part of the ninth division of the headquarters staff, left for Aarvogel, which is twenty-five miles from Driefontein.

One of the Boer prisoners taken by the Essex Brigade yesterday, reports that the siege of Mafeking has been raised. There have been no further casualties among the Canadian troops.

(Sgd.) W. RICHMOND SMITH, FREEMAN'S JOURNAL, BLOEMFONTEIN.

A London despatch of yesterday announces that Gen. French entered Bloemfontein Monday evening, and now occupies the Free State capital.

The War Office has a despatch from Lord Roberts announcing that General French reached Bloemfontein Monday evening and occupied two hills close to the railway station. There are 321 men killed, wounded and missing. The women are of a more serious nature than usual, owing to expanding bullets, which have been used freely by the Boers.

A despatch from Mafeking dated March 5th in the London Times' second edition yesterday, says the suffering of women and children is terrible. Women are dying daily and the native population are starving. The only food in the town is horse meat and bread made from horse forage. All water is parabolically contaminated. The report that the Canadians were marching to the relief of the town proves to be incorrect.

The Montreal Star's correspondent cabled yesterday that the Canadians have been victorious in the battle of Driefontein. Lord Roberts' army, and are quartered at Gregorowski Farm, where Lord Roberts has established his headquarters. The march via Kael Spruit was made without opposition. The Canadians are well and cheerful.

A despatch received today announces that General Cronje and other prisoners captured at Paardeburg will sail tomorrow for St. Helena, where they will remain till the war is over.

"Safe bind, safe find." Fortify yourself by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla now and be sure of good health for months to come.

Mr. Wm. Cousins, of Baltic, met with a painful accident while saving wood one day last week. As he was in the act of steadying a log, the circular saw suddenly struck the log and turned it over, with the result that his hand was thrown against the saw, and his thumb and first two fingers were almost completely cut off while the third finger was torn considerably.

## LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

THE Queen will visit Ireland next month.

GEORGETOWN is to have a new railway station, so it is reported.

SENATOR Lewis, of St. John, N. B., died on Sunday, aged 88 years.

The new Prince Edward Island Hospital was opened for occupation on Friday.

A NEW Chinese Laundry has opened on Grafton Street. The proprietor's name is Wing Lung.

FIRE broke out in the Massachusetts Muscovy building, Boston, on Sunday and entailed damage of \$150,000, and the death of fireman P. J. McCarthy. Several others were injured.

THE house on the corner of Grafton and Water Streets, belonging to Mr. P. Doherty, proprietor of the Hotel Davier, has been sold at private sale to Mr. Wm. Grant. It has to be removed by the 20th inst.

THE Postmaster, Charlottetown, will be pleased to have any information respecting Captain Wm. Causeman, of Prince Edward Island, at one time captain of the brig, Jane which plied between New York and Liverpool.

ONE of the horses for which the government paid \$130, for the Canadian Mounted Police, was purchased a few days before the sale to the militia department for \$30, just \$100 being made by the deal. The speculator was in the employ of the government at the time.—Halifax Herald.

THE Halifax Herald of Saturday says: Mrs. James A. Scott was made happy yesterday. It was announced that her husband, who enrolled in the First Canadian Contingent, had been killed. His name was telegraphed from Ottawa to the Halifax press, as being among the dead. Today Lieutenant Colonel Irving received word from Ottawa that it was James A. Scott who was killed at Paardeburg, and not James A. Scott. The regimental number of the man who was killed was 6582, and not 7777 as published. Mrs. James A. Scott whose husband's number is 7777, was a sad woman when she called at the militia office this morning to obtain particulars of her husband's death, but when she saw the official information as received by Colonel Irving today she became overjoyed.

THE new Prince of Wales College was formally opened on Friday evening last, in the presence of an immense throng of people. His Honor the Lieut. Governor, occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were Premier Farquharson, Attorney-General McKinnon, Hon. B. Rogers, M. P. P., Supt. McLeod, Dr. Anderson, Prof. Caven, Rev. A. P. McLellan, Rector of St. Dunstan's College and several others who all spoke in complimentary terms of the new college, and wished for the future. The college was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The addresses were interspersed with singing and instrumental music, which made the time pass very pleasantly. After singing the National Anthem the audience dispersed.

THE second of the course of Lenten Sermons in St. Dunstan's Cathedral, was preached on Sunday evening last by Rev. Dr. Monaghan. His theme was the Incarnation, and his text these words from the Gospel of St. John: And the word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. The doctrine of the Incarnation, the Rev. preacher pointed out, was clearly inculcated by St. Paul in his first Epistle to the Corinthians, where he so emphatically speaks of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. This is eternal life, says the apostle, to know God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent. From all eternity the second person of the Blessed Trinity became man. The Rev. preacher pointed out that we had the strongest proof of belief in the Incarnation in the constant warfare of the Church against those who denied this divine mystery. Scarcely had the Church emerged from the catacombs, when heretics denying this mystery made their appearance. From the fall of Adam, said the Rev. preacher, the Incarnation was foreshadowed in the Sacred Scriptures; all Scriptures bore testimony to the human appearance of the Son of God. The preacher next dwelt upon the union of the human and divine nature in the divine personality of Christ. The Catholic doctrine of the Incarnation admits two natures in the divine person of Christ, Nestorius failed to make the distinction between the nature and person of our Lord; hence he fell into error. In our divine Lord there were two natures and two wills always conformable to one another. His human nature was subject to His divine nature, and in Him was none of that consciousness of which St. Paul speaks. It was by His human nature that our Lord was born, suffered and died. By the mystery of the Incarnation we are elevated to the dignity of the sons of God, but this is due to the hypostatic union by mere human nature. By following the doctrine of the Incarnation and participating in its privileges in this life we prepare ourselves to enter on the joys of life eternal.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

RUSSIA PREPARING.

Lloyd's cable agent at Sebastopol has sent a cablegram to London which says that Russia is making surprising warlike preparations. What these portend nobody knows, but the belief grows that England may soon be called upon to face a more important struggle than that of South Africa.

A CLOSE CALL.

The life of Private Humphrey, of the 2nd Lancashire, was saved at Grafton. Kloof by a bullet imbedded itself in a box of chocolate he was carrying in his haversack. The box was one of those which had been sent to South Africa by the Queen as a Christmas gift to the soldiers.

\$198,000 FOR A HORSE.

At the sale in London the other day of the late Duke of Westminster's string of race horses, Kingsclere, England, Flying Fox, winner in 1889 of the Derby, the two thousand guineas, the Eclipse stakes, and the Doncaster, St. Leger was purchased by Edmund Blane for 37,500 guineas, about \$198,000. Blane is a son of the founder of Monte Carlo and brother-in-law of Roland Bonaparte. His competitor in the bidding for Flying Fox was a man named Gipsy, who was bidding for an American, probably William C. Whitney.

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Solicitor for the Applicants.  
Dated at Ottawa this 27th day of November, A. D. 1899. [dec. 13 98.]

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