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BOERS ARE MASSING ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

Seven Thousand of Them Were to be Attacked by British Just as Cronje Surrendered, and Lord Roberts Forbade the Action to Proceed.

CAPTURED GERMAN OFFICER IS FRANKLY CRITICAL.

Lord Landsdowne Asks for \$300,000,000 and Another 56,000 Men to be Sent to Africa.

POSSIBLY THE BOER FORCES MAY NOW COLLAPSE.

London, March 2, 4.30 a. m.—Britons feel that they are living in the presence of momentous events. Tomorrow is the day of the Boer campaign...

Mafeking. It looks possible that the Boer forces may now collapse altogether, although that must not be counted upon.

Lord Landsdowne chose the psychological moment to announce estimates exceeding \$50,000,000 rather than started the war office to send out, in addition to the 30,000 troops now afloat, 56,000 fresh soldiers.

It appears that an action was about to begin with the Boer reinforcements at the moment of Gen. Cronje's surrender but Lord Roberts forbade it until all the prisoners should be in safe keeping.

Boers Saved their Guns.

The Boers seem to have gotten quite away from around Ladysmith without losing a gun or their baggage.

Boers Are Active.

Orange River, Cape Colony, March 1.—The restrictions preventing newspapers from reporting news from the Boer side have been enforced since Lord Roberts' advance has been removed.

Whether Lord Roberts is at Bloemfontein now or not, he doubtless soon will be taking his despatches there and using the town as his base.

The Message Which Brought Joy.

London, March 1, 9.25 a. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from General Buller: "Lytleton's headquarters, 1, 9.05, morning—General Buller's composite regiment entered Ladysmith last night. The country between me and Ladysmith is reported clear of the enemy. I am moving on Nelipot."

Some Press Comments.

London, March 1.—The Times says: "The excitement has gone throughout the nation. The credit for our success rests with Lord Roberts as fully as if he had ridden into Ladysmith."

They Have Earned Them.

London, March 1.—The Queen telegraphed her congratulations to Gen. Buller and Gen. White and the Prince of Wales telegraphed his congratulations to Gen. Buller.

French Gun Factory Burned.

Loire, France, March 1.—Five hundred here witness the Boers obtained their powder "Long Tom." Two enormous buildings containing gun material and electrical stores, including a number of artillery models, were destroyed.

The Queen to Roberts.

London, Feb. 28.—In her despatch to Lord Roberts, following the announcement of the surrender of General Cronje, Her Majesty said: "Accept for yourself and for all under your command, my warmest congratulations on this splendid news."

CANADA'S GALLANT SONS WILL BE REMEMBERED BY THEIR COUNTRY.

Ottawa, March 1.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons today whether it is the intention of the government to place a sum in the estimates for the purpose of erecting a monument at the capital in memory of the Canadian volunteers who have fallen, or may fall, on the field of battle in South Africa in defence of the Empire.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said, "Unfortunately the war is not yet over, and though the successes which have lately attended Her Majesty's arms, the last of which was the relief of Ladysmith, (cheers) have brought the end within measurable distance, the government believe that so long as war lasts all our energies should be bent on prosecuting it. When the war is over the government will be prepared to remember not merely the dead but the living as well." (Cheers.)

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London, March 1.—The army estimates issued tonight show a total expenditure of £21,499,400, an increase over last year of £40,882,200. The total number of officers and men is placed at 430,000, an increase over last year of 245,147.

Lieut.-Col. Vidal, acting assistant adjutant general, Pretoria, says the relief should think it is certainly the beginning of the end. He doesn't see how an army like that of the Boers can have any cohesion.

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Adamson's Neglect a Trifling Cold Botanic Cough Balsam and the most serious consequences will follow.

FREDERICK HAMILTON PRAISES MARITIME MEN

Toronto, March 1.—Mr. Frederick Hamilton, correspondent of the Toronto Globe in South Africa, wires the following despatch, which will appear in tomorrow's Globe:

Modder River, March 1 (Paardeberg, Feb. 28).—It is mitted on all sides that the attack made on the enemy trenches by the Royal Canadians yesterday morning helped materially to force the surrender of General Cronje.

Toronto men, ("C" Company)—F. C. Page, G. G. B. G. Ottawa men—W. S. Brady, 43rd Batt.; C. T. Thomas, G. G. B. G.; F. J. Living, 48th Ottawa, ("E" Company); W. Burns, 26th Batt.

Quebec men—R. Wither, R. C. A.; G. Orman, 23rd Batt.; A. Roy, 25th Batt. Maritime Provinces ("G" and "H" Companies)—F. W. Withers, R. C. A.; W. A. Riggs, Charlottetown Engineers; J. B. Scott, R. C. R. 1.; J. M. Johnson, 2nd Batt.

Lieut. Col. Pelletier, staff officer, 84th Toronto men ("D" Company)—C. W. Allen, Q. O. R.; J. R. Vickers, 10th R. G. H. Cozzings, 31st Batt.; N. Gray, Sgt. Ste. Marie Rifles.

Ottawa men ("D" Company)—C. Holland, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. McConnell, G. G. B. G.; G. G. L. Hulme, 15th A. L. I.; Bugler Smith. Montreal men ("E" Company)—Peppart, R. C. A.; J. E. McDonald, 3rd Batt.; A. Bagot, 68th Mounted Royal Rifles; H. Prout, 68th Batt.; R. Harrison, R. C. A.; or C. H. Harrison, 2nd R. C. A.; A. Sutherland, civilian; O. Matheson, 2nd Field Battery; A. Theriault, 90th Batt.; J. Stewart, 3rd Batt.

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