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THE ELECTION APPEALS.

Proceedings Hanging Fire in the West Huron and North Waterloo Cases and the Judges Protest.

Toronto. Feb 5.—The judges of appeal have tackn a somewhat novel mode of expressing their displeasure in regard to the delay in prosecuting the election appeals entered by Mr. Breithsupt, of North Waterloo, and Mr. Garrow, of West Huron, against the decisions unseating them for corrupt practices by agents. The court cannot very well discuss the appeals yet for lack of prosecution, but displeasure is indicated in the following notice, and the official law report:—
"The court of appeal has directed that "The court of appeal has directed that the hearing of the appeals in the North Waterloo and West Huron provincial elections shall stand sine die, the parties not being ready to proceed

Astounded the Editor.

Editor S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., was once immensely surprised. 'Through long suffering from Dyspepsia," he writes, "my wife was greatly run down. She had no strength or vigor and suffered great distress from her stomach, but she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and, after using four bottles, she is entirely well, can eat anything. It's a grand tonic, and its gentle taxative qualities are splendid for torpid liver." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach and Liver Troubles it's a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at A. I. McCall & Co.'s Drug Store. Editor S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville

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RELIEF OF THE BESEIGED GARRISON EX-PECTED THIS EVENING.

ALL DESPATCHES STOPPED IN THE MEANTIME-GENERAL ROBERTS WILL STRIKE A SWIFT AND VIGOROUS BLOW WHEN HE GETS READY-GENERAL NEWS OF THE WAR.

London, Monday, Feb. 5.-A special despatch from Durban, dated Sunday and referring to General Buller's recrossing the Tugela in his advance upon Ladysmith, says: -"It is probable that General Buller crossed at a spot above Trichard's Drift, and that, leaving the enemy to the right, he is marching to Acton Homes, whence the road to Ladysmith runs almost due east through a fairly open country. It is expected here that he will reach Ladysmith to-morrow (Monday)/ night.

General Buller crossed the Tugela River Friday night and is marching on Ladysmith. No definite news will be permitted to go out until Ladysmith is relieved. A number of guns have been sent from here to Gen. Buller's forces in Northern Natal.

ermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday,

General Buller has undoubtedly secured the road to Ladysmith, and should reach his objective this week. should reach his objective this week. It is believed here that the object of the Boers in occupying Ngutu, Zululand, is to secure the road from Dundee to Vryheid in case of retreat.

I learn from a reliable source that Gen. Joubert was seriously injured by a shell in the fight at Willow Grange, and that he will never be able to command again on horseback. My informant says that he has in fact retired from the field.

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The Boers admit that the attack on Ladysmith was a serious blunder, and would not have occurred if Gen. Joubert had been in command. Gen. Lucas Meyer played the coward at Talano and sheltered himself in a Red Cross wagen, shamming sickness. He has been unable to face the Boers since, and they threaten to shoot him. The Boers say the British made a mistake in not sending Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood. I understand that they still have thousands of bags of lour stored in reserve at Delagoa

Bay.
The Boers fired from the hills on sev-The Boers fired from the hills on several squadrons of Bethune's mounted infantry, who were reconnoctering. They continued to set fire to the grass on the left of Mount Alice in order to destroy the cover of the British troops and enable the Boers to be troops and enable the Boers to see the advance.

KEEPING BACK REPORTS. London, Monday, Feb. 5, 4.30 a.m.although there is no actual confirmation of the report that Gen. Butler has recrossed the Tugeda on a third desperate attempt to relieve Lady-smith, it is known that the war office has received several South African despatches, which have not yet been published, and if the advance is an ectual fact, the secret is being kept. There are newspaper despatches in plenty from Spearman's camp up to Sunday, but there is no hint that an advance had been begun, and it is assumed in some quarters here that Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance in the district of Honger's Poort may be he only foundation for the statement that Gen. Buller has started. On the other hand, despatches from Lady-smith rather indicate that the advance is it operation by reporting heavy firing on Friday and Saturday from the direction of Potgieter's Drift and Colenso. A despatch to the

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London, Monday, Feb. 5.—The Pietramaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, ays:

Daily Chronicle, dated Durban Yesterday (Sunday), says:—A report hear reached us that one brigade has crossed the Tugela." The reports that the Boers are concentrating around Ladysmith fare also an indithat the Boers are concentrating around Ladysmith are also an indication that preparations are being made to resist Gen. Buller or for an attempt at re-attack from the garrison in anticipation of his arrival. The fact, however, that no firing is reported under yesterday's date either from Ladysmith or Shearman's Camp from Ladysmith or Spearman's Camp might be interpreted to mean that either the attempt had failed or Gena-Buller had merely made a demonstration on Friday and Saturday.

Various rumors are current. One says that Gen. Buller is again attack-ing Spion Kop from the side of Gen. Lyttleton's camp. 'Another is that he Lyttleton's camp. Another as that he received information from the owner of Spion Kop farm and crossed by fords further west than Tritchard's Brift. The military authorities in London think it is more likely that the crossing would be made east of Speculation, however. Zwart's Kop. Speculation, however,

NEWS FROM LADYSMITH.

Ladysmith, Feb, 3, (by heliograph via Signal Hill.)—Gen. Buller's guns have been heard again. Otherwise it is very quiet. We are awaiting furhave been nextu og-is very quiet. We are awaiting fur-ther news of his progress. There have been no futher developments here, very few Boer's remain northeast of the camp. The majority are concen-trated south and west. The health of the garrison is improved.

Sunday, Feb, 4.—The garrison was much cheered by hearing Gen. Bul-er's guns yesterday. The result of the engagement is not known. The Boers are again massing near Lady smith, adso moving another gun to-wards Surprise Hill. We are ready for them if they comtemplate another

WILL STRIKE SUDDENLY.

London, Feb. 5 .- Lord Roberts will Cape. He will first complete the as-sembling of his forces, which will not all have arrived for another three weeks. Then he will have transport properly organized and in working order before he will stir. After that he will probably make a rapid move; but no outcry will induce him to start until he considers all is ready. Last week's report that Mafeking had been relieved seems to have arisen from Col. Plumer's skirmish near Crocodile Col. Piumer's skirmish near Crocodile Pools. The report came from Boer sources, and this origin of it seems to show that the Boers are not San-guine of success in the northwest. They have probably reduced their forces in that region in order to strengthen themselves against Gen. Methuen and Gen. Buller.

Methuen and Gen. Buller. THE EXPERT AGAIN.

London, Monday, Feb. 5,—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post to-day, predicts that the war will end rightly, in spite of all bungling. He says:—When Lord Roberts is ready for the advance a new complexion will be put on the campaign. There wild be a strategical idea, and as this idea: gradually reveals itself, what seemed an inextricable tangle of difficulties will in time present itself as seemed an inextricable tangle of diffi-culties will in time present itself as a comparatively simple problem. Then at great length Mr. Wilkinson proceeds to criticize "the three great blunders of policy strategy and tac-tics, to which all the disasters are directly attributable."

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The principle that competent military observers deduce from our assaults on the Boer positions is that, with modern magazine rifles, using smokeless powder, the defence is 10 to 1 as compared with the attack, while formerly the rule was 3 to 1. The results at Mafeking and Kimberley are evidence of this principle, equalling with British experience at Magersfontein. A wonderful change is taking place in the army. The British are grasping the new conditions of warfare. Our Scots, Mounted Infantry, Remington Guides, little corps of Australians and New Zealanders are quite able now to cope with the Boers. Our infantry, when moving into action, now instinctively endeavor to get cover. The depression in England over the British reverse does not exist in the camp where the men are truly anxious to meet the enemy.

MURDERED BY BOERS.

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amongst its death notices to-day, prints the following:—
"McLachlan.— On Christmas Day, shot in Market Square, Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa, for refusing to fight against his own countrymen, John McLachlan, jun., aged 30, eldest son of John McLachlan, of Wandsworth, and grandson of the late John McLachlan, of Lambeth.

The Spectator, commenting on the above, says that if the statement contained in the notice is true, "the whole English-speaking," world should ring with denunciation of a crime so detestable." Especially, it adds, should Americans speak out on such a matter, "for they showed the true way in their treatment of technical rebels in their treatment of technical reb and set an example to mankind.

WILL RELEASE HIM. Cape Town, Feb. 4.—Correspondence has been exchanged between Lord Roberts and the commandant general of the Boer forces at Pretoria regard-ing the release of Commandant Pre-Lord Roberts says he does not wish to detain so gallant a soldier, and asks where he shall send him. The reply to this communication states that Commandant Pretorius' wife 4that Commandant Pretorius' wife de-sires to thank Lord Roberts for his kindness, and asks him to send Pre-torius to Gen. Methuen, stating that Gen. Cronje will then arrange for his

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