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Ward Stanworth is the first to occupy the new offices in the I. O. O. F. build-ing. He moved in yesterday.

Fred. Stone, of the firm of Scane, Houston & Co., is in Ridgetown to day holding Division Court for Judge R

Mrs. T. D. Bankin and daughter Lectta, who have been guests of Mrs. A. W. Gould, Joseph St., for the part week, returned to Baldoon to-day.

Mrs. Gordon Everett underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday. Immediately on the receipt of the re-

port of Commandant Cronje's surrender this morning the flag on the Kent Mills, which had been trailing at half mast for the Canadian dead, was lifted to the very top of the pole and proudly unfurled in the breeze. It was followed by the flags on the Post Office and other buildings.

A TOBACCO DEPUTATION.

The mayor this afternoon received a telegram from Ruthven, signed J. S. Bruner, asking him if he could meet a deputation here to-morrow about noon re the location of a tobacco factory in Chatham. This makes four firms his worship is to negotiation with.

SICK AND WOUNDED. A Cape Tows despatch says that Pte.
C. E. Finch, of "B" Company, the
London company of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, is seriously ill. He was a member, before enlisting, of the 9th Fusiliers, London.
Private Beers, of Windsor, is believed
to be among the wounded. The name to be among the wounded. The name "Threeves" was probably meant for



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DIED SUDDENLY The sudden death occurred yesterday afternoon of S. D. Fisher, at the residence of his son-in-law, James Innes, King street west. He came here from Toronto about six years ago. He was aged 73.

TRANSVAAL ALARMED.

Lorenzo Marquez, Thursday, Feb. corted to be seriously alarmed at the lefeat of the Boers at Kimberley and the retreat of their famous general,

the newspapers are interest that the Standard and Diggers' News claims that Gen. Cronje's movement is beneficial, as it "increases the mobility of the burghers' army, enabling t to conduct more effective operations a carefully prepared plan. There are persistent reports that the seat of the Free State government is being removed to Wynberg.
It is also said that 6,000 burghers have been sent from Ladysmith to

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TAILORS and IMPORTERS

Report That Cronje had Surrendered With His Whole Force not Confirmed.

New York, Feb. 23.-The Tribune has a special from London, stating that Cronje had surrendered with 10,000 men. There is no confirmation of this report and it may be prema ture. It is not believed the Boen commander has more than 5,000 or 6,000 men with him. The Rothschilds are the authority for the Tribune's re port.

the Boers lost their horses. Trek-

alty, another proof of the bad Boer marksmanship.

REFUSED ARMISTICE.

Early in the day Gen. Cronje asked for a 24-hours' armistice in order to bury his dead. Lord Kitchener refused, and a little later came another messenger with word to the effect that if the British were inhuman enough to refuse an armistice for the parameter of buying the dead 'General'

could protect them from such accurate and deadly fire.

The howitzers especially dropped lyddite shells with marvellous precision into the very bed of the river, and

the trenches were soon filled with ter-rible fumes and green smoke, but

Again during the night deserters ar-Again during the hight deserter arrived. They were terribly frightened and shaken by their awful experience. They reported that they had water in

abundance, but were only able to draw scanty supplies from their laager dur-ing the night.

GRIM RESISTANCE.

of the river, driving him back a short

The morning sun disclosed the Boers toiling like ants on entrenchments around their laager. A few shells were fired to prevent them from continuing the work, but most of the day

Gen. French's artillery was heard off to the east, presumably engaging the

Every opportunity was given the Bogrs to surrender, but when toward afternoon there was no sign of any such

intention, Lord Roberts determined to

On the south bank of the river at a

range of about 2,000 yards three field batteries and two naval 12-pounders

were positioned. On the corth bank, and enfilading the whole river, one howitzer, three field tatteries and three naval 4.7 guns were placed. Then

followed the most wonderful scene it was ever my lot to witness. Once before, in Thessaly, I had seen 110 guos

powerful guns concentrating their fire on a spot about a mile square. TERRIBLE EXECUTION.

The exploding lyddite shells raised great clouds of green smoke, completely filling the bed of the river. The shrapnel burst on the edge of

each bank, except for a short space where the proximity of the British

in action, but never such a number

crush once and for all Gen. Cronje's re-

distance.

was quiet.

Boer reinforcements.

Tuesday was, the third day of Gen. Cronje's imprisonment and grim re-sistance. Early this morning the in-fantry engaged the enemy in the bed

ngain the enemy held grimly on.

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London, Feb. 23—2.10 p. m.—
Every hour is expected to bring news of Gen. Cronje's surrender. On all sides wonder is expressed that the gallant yet ghastly battle at Paardeberg Drift has not yet ended in what is considered to be the inevitable.

With 50 guns bearing on the devoted band within the terribly short range of 2,000 yards, surrender or utter annihilation can be the only result, unless all reports of the strength of the Boer reinforcements are wrong. The critics canvass every untoward contingency that can affect Field Marshal Roberts and see nothing that can save Gen. Cronje from the terrible vise in which he has been caught. Even after the Boers last their horses. Treken are daily seen wandering over the plain and many come into our lines.

BOER FLANK WAS TURNED.

Monday morning broke finding the Boers in the same place, they having during the night constructed entrenchments around the laager, which was still threatened by Gen. Smith-Dorien.

The mounted infantry and a battery of horse artillery started to observe the Boers wno were holding a kopje, but whike riding around the southern side of the copje they received a heavy fusillade and were obliged to move further out. They sustained no casualty, another proof of the bad Boer

save teen. Cronje from the terrible vise in which he has been caught. Even an unexpectedly strong attack on Lord Roberts' lines of communication could scarcely, according to the ex-perts, materially alter the result. Rumors were current this morning that the end of the struggle had actually come; but these emanated from information received by the Rothschilds, which they subsequently discovered to be utterly without founda-

tion.

The severe losses incurred by Gen. Kelly-Kenny Sunday have produced some adverse criticism, but it is pointed out that hat he fought less furiously he would have given the Boers the opportunity to entrench themselves and perhaps effect further flight to a more advantageous position.

Gen. Buller's progress toward Ladysmith is so slow that, it scarcely appeals to public interest. Gen. White appears to be still full of fight and to be endeavoring to assist Gen. Buller by a vigorous bombardment.

Advices received at Cape Town yes-terday said it was reported the British were gradually driving the Boers out of northern Cape Colony and that many of the burghers have recrossed the Orange River. CASUALTIES SUNDAY.

The official report gives 146 men killed at Paardeberg Drift, Sunday. Feb. 18, including 63 Highlanders and 18 Canadians. This undoubtedly refers to the en-

gagement already reported, in which, according to the Toronto Globe, the Canadians lost 19 killed and 61 wounded, with several missing. LADYSMITH SHELLS BOERS. Hoofd Laager, Ladysmith, Wednesday, February 21—There was very heavy fighting all Monday and Tues-

day, and it still continues since early this morning. Our officers hope to dislodge the British from their posi-Last night a body of British troops en back with heavy loss. Our loss

was slight. Our positions are being bombarded from Ladysmith at a point where the Klip river passes—through the hills. Our Long Tom is replying with good

SUNDAY'S BATTLE.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20 -As night fell, after the terrific fighting which lasted all day Sunday, there was a sudlen cessation of fire as both sides were thoroughly tired and glad to rest. The work of collecting the dead and weund ed proceeded, and the men slept where

ed proceeded, and the men slept where they had fought the whole day.

The action was one of the most fearfully contested in the history of the war, for the Boers were grimly fighting for their lives, while the British determinedly harassed them. The mounted infantry did good work and the Highland brigade fought steadily and sternly. The whole force behaved really are the steady and sternly.

Sunday evening the cordon around the Boers was completely closed on every side in perfect silence. A few Boers came into eamp during the night and confessed that they were sick of fighting and that Gen. Cronje was be

ing urged to surrender.
All the animals and the men suffered terribly from thirst, as it was impossible to transport water. A heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon, however, considerably relieved their suffer-

Lord Kitchener was present with the force. Gen. Macdonald was wounded in the foot, but not severely. Gen. Cronje's force occupies the river bed. Our men marched splendidly to overtake the retreating Boers Deserters say that a great number of

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Pushing on, the detachment found that the kopje extended a considerable 3 pos. in fancy black crepon effect, a very that the kopje extended a considerable distance west, sloping gradually to the plain. They seized a good defensive position, which was garrisoned. They continued the movement and completely turned the Boers, whose left was held strongly by a farm house, which was vigorously shelled.

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About midday the cry that Gen.
French had arrived was passed down
the ranks, but his division operated out of sight of our force. When Lord Roberts assived he addressed several regiments, and was vigorously cheer-

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