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LOCAL BRIEFS

T. C. O'Rourke, of Bloude Bros., is in Thamesville to day on business.

Lieut. Col. Holmes, D. O. C. M. D., No. 1, of London, is registered at the Hotel Garnier.

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

Fred. Stone, of the firm of Stone, Houston & Co., is in Ridgeway to-day holding Division Court for Judge Ross Woods.

Mrs. T. D. Rankin and daughter Leotta, who have been guests of Mrs. A. W. Gould, Joseph St., for the past week, returned to London to-day.

Mrs. Gordon Everett underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Immediately on the receipt of the report 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.

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Society Dress Hints....

The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occurring after 6 o'clock is the full dress suit.

There is but one exception permissible, that is the "Tuxedo" or dinner coat. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively.

The Inverness is worn as an easy top coat over dress suits.

The Paletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while the frock suit is the correct day dress.

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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. 23.—The Transvaal government is reported to be seriously alarmed at the defeat of the Boers at Kimberley and the retreat of their famous general, Cronje.

The newspapers are most reticent, but the Standard and Diggers' News claims that Gen. Cronje's movement is beneficial, as it "increases the mobility of the burghers' army, enabling it to conduct more effective operations on a carefully prepared plan."

There are persistent reports that the seat of the Free State government is being removed to Wyburg. It is also said that 6,000 burghers have been sent from Ladysmith to Bloemfontein.

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BATTLE STILL RAGES.

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 premature. "It is not believed the Boer commander has more than 5,000 or 6,000 men with him. The Rothschilds are the authority for the Tribune's report."

NEWS EXPECTED HOURLY.

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 loss 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 fate in which he has been caught. Even an unexpected strategic attack on Lord Roberts' lines of communication could scarcely, according to the experts, 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 foundation. The severe losses incurred by Gen. Kelly-Kenny Sunday have produced some adverse criticism, but it is pointed out that had he fought his way through the Boer position, the Boers would have been driven 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. Advice received at Cape Town yesterday 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 engagement already reported, in which, according to the Toronto Globe, the Canadians lost 19 killed and 61 wounded, with several missing.

LADYSMITH SHELLS BOERS.

Good Laager, Ladysmith, Wednesday, February 22.—There was very heavy fighting all Monday and Tuesday, and it still continues since early this morning. Our officers hope to dislodge the British from their position.

Last night a body of British troops tried to cross the river, but were beaten 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 effect.

SUNDAY'S BATTLE.

Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—As night fell, after the terrible fighting which lasted all day Sunday, there was a sudden cessation of fire as both sides were thoroughly tired and glad to rest. The work of collecting the dead and wounded proceeded, and the men slept where they had fought the whole day.

The action was one of the most fully 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 well.

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

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. Despatches say that a great number of

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| 3 pos. in fancy black crepon effect, a very special cloth, 42 in. wide, will make a pretty skirt or dress, you should see the value, our prices per yd. 75c. | 3 pos. very special new black serges, in fine pearl founce and cashmere serges, for a solid wearing skirt or coat and skirt, 44 to 54 in. wide, extra value, our prices per yd. 65c, 75c and \$1.00. |
| 4 specials in black poplin cord crepon effect, pretty and bright finish, 42 and 44 in. wide, this season's goods, the best value in the city, our prices per yd. 85c, \$1.00, \$1.20 and \$1.25. | 2 pos. black poplin cord, in small and medium cord, bright finish, suitable for tailor-made costume, extra value, our prices per yd. \$1.00 and \$1.35. |
| 5 pos. new black crepon, in small and medium designs, just passed in to stock nice bright silky effect, very desirable goods for separate skirts, don't miss seeing them, our prices per yd. \$1.00. | 2 pos. Priestley's black poplin cord, fancy, lovely raised designs, 42 and 44 in. wide, a grand cloth for separate skirts or dresses, just past in to stock, see them, our prices per yd. 85c and \$1.10. |

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