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LOCAL BRIEFS

John A. Brown and family arrived from Nelson, B. C., this morning via C. P. Ry.

George Van Blaricom, of Honor, Mich., is visiting his uncle, T. B. Farley, Colborne St.

W. F. Ireland, Winnipeg, arrived in the city today and will leave for the west to-morrow.

Mrs. Alex. Besume, of Tibury, underwent an operation in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Richardson Bros., printers, of Stratford, have been awarded the Middlesex printing for 1900.

The funeral of the young daughter of Bridges Trudell, will take place to-morrow morning at nine o'clock to St. Paul's Church.

In the curling match now on between the rinks of the president and vice-president, the former's rinks are leading by a slight margin.

There was a large attendance at the Opera House last night. The performance was of the variety character and very good. It kept the audience in raptures.

The Maple Leaf Pleasure Club will give a one o'clock hop in Northwood's Hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th. Pritchard Bros. orchestra will furnish the music.

The Ladies' Aid and Sister Society of St. Joseph's church will give a tea in their rooms on the corner of Queen and Cross streets, on Tuesday evening, February 27th, from 5:30 to 8. As it will be Shrove Tuesday, hot pan-cakes with maple syrup will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to come.

THE DEFENDANTS WON.

A case in which there has been considerable local interest was the suit of the Merchants' Bank of Canada against James Cleave on a promissory note for \$700. This note was made by James Cleave and endorsed by N. Massey. It was claimed by the defendants that value had not been received and it was upon this ground payment was resisted. The case was tried last December and a commission was appointed to take the evidence of J. E. Durand, the late manager who is resident in British Columbia, and this morning Judge Bell handed down his judgment dismissing the action with costs. Scane & Co. for Plaintiffs; Wilson & Co. for defendants.



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

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

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A DESPERATE DEFENCE

Cronje has Been Cornered up and is Making One.

London, Feb. 22, 4:12 p. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Roberts: "The Boers have been driven off in all directions, leaving many killed and wounded."

Paardeberg, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—6:20 p. m.—A Boer kopje has been captured with 50 prisoners. Gen. Cronje's position is unchanged.

A special despatch from Paardeberg, dated Wednesday, Feb. 21, says: "Commandant Botha has been attempting to relieve Cronje. There has been severe fighting. Gen. Botha's force is scattered with heavy losses."

WHAT IT MEANS.

The above despatches show that up to Wednesday night Cronje's force was still intact, but unable to retreat. The rest of the Boers have been scattered, including Botha's force which was attempting to relieve Cronje. It is apparently, therefore, only a question of time when the latter will be compelled to surrender.

SUNDAY'S BIG BATTLE.

The Engagement in Which the Canadians Were Slaughtered.

Paardeberg, Orange Free State, Feb. 20 (via Modder River, Wednesday, Feb. 21).—One of the costliest actions of the war occurred at Paardeberg Drift, Sunday, Feb. 18.

Gen. Kelly-Kenny, in his pursuit of Gen. Cronje, caught his rear guard at Lip drift and followed the burghers to the Boer laager at Koodoosand.

The drift action began at daybreak, the mounted infantry driving the Boer rear guard up the river toward the main body, while another body of mounted infantry maneuvered on the right front and flank of the Boers.

The British main body advanced to outflank the Boer laager on the north bank of the river. Gen. Kelly-Kenny having seized two drifts, found the Boers strongly entrenched and ordered an attack, with the Highland brigade on the left and Gen. Knox's brigade on the right, while Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade, comprising the Canadian contingent, crossed the river and advanced along the north bank.

On both the north and south banks the ground is level and the advance

across this was deadly and the Canadian and British losses were heavy. The battle was an exact replica of the Modder River.

The soldiers were under fire all day long, and all the fighting had no definite result, as the Boers' laager was well barricaded and they remained in it. The British guns shelled the laager vigorously and the Boers confessed to a loss of over 800 men.

The terrific shelling was resumed Monday, when Gen. Cronje asked for an armistice. The shelling was continued Tuesday, over 50 guns pouring lead into the Boer camp.

BULLER'S CASUALTIES.

London, Feb. 22.—Gen. Buller reports that his casualties Monday, Feb. 19, were: Killed—Capt. Thornburn, of the Royal Fusiliers. Wounded—Two officers and 14 men.

ON TO LADYSMITH.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Wednesday, February 21.—The steady progress of the relief column is uninterrupted. The Boers, Tuesday, were forced from their last position south of the Tugela, resulting in the evacuation of Colenso, which was promptly recaptured by the Dublin Fusiliers and Thorneycroft's Horse. A Transvaal flag was captured, as was a handkerchief inscribed with Gen. Botha's name. This is treasured as a great trophy.

The Boers heavily shelled Hlangwana hill and Colenso Wednesday, Feb. 21. The British advanced infantry was subjected to a severe musketry fire, but they had excellent cover and the casualties were few. The Boers had the railroad running from Colenso to Beaufort.

The British continue to discover large quantities of ammunition. The Boers are well supplied with food, and a quantity of provisions was left behind.

It is expected that further resistance will be half-hearted and that Ladysmith will be reached in a few days.

WAR NOTES.

Brief reports say General Joubert's nerves are unstrung and that he no longer exercises the chief command.

A despatch from Sterkspruit dated Wednesday, Feb. 21, says: The prominent rebels in this district intend to surrender and the Stormberg rebels will shortly lay down their arms.

There have been many eulogistic references to the speeches of Laurier and other Canadians on the subject of the losses of the Canadians in South Africa, concerning which curiously enough, there is not a single word, official or otherwise, known or published here, except that two officers were wounded.

The Globe says: "The spirit in which a brave, strong nation should meet trial is admirably illustrated by the tenor displayed by Canada. The war, if it has done nothing else, has killed political bitterness and mere party strife in all the colonies. The contrast between Ottawa and Westminster is painful and humiliating."

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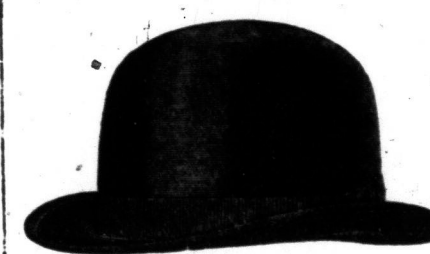
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