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The Canadians Are In the Very Front Rank.

# GEN. METHUEN HAS ENTERED KIMBERLEY.

General Buller is Now in a Fair Way to Relieve Ladysmith, Having Captured Hlangwane Hill-War Office Will Not Make Announcements But Information Has Been Given Out by a Member of the Cabinet.

Cronje, with a start of a day or two, is French has advanced as far as Abonsseemingly in full retreat from Lord Rob-dam with slight loss, and is pushing on the posts, his rear being held by mounted poort, dated Feb. 13, and delayed in transwith the cavalry, simply stayed over night infantry.

General Roberts adds:with the cavalry, simply stayed over night in Kimberley, and then pushed on to get in touch with the retiring enemy. A long Boer wagon train is moving toward Bloem-Boers, has retired to Arundel to cover Nauwpoort.

Inflatity.

General Roberts adds:—

Clements, having been pressed by the Boers, has retired to Arundel to cover Nauwpoort.

Wery severe fighting occurred on both our flanks near Rensberg. The enemy greatly outnumbered our troops, being about 4,000 in number. They attacked Boer wagon train is moving toward Bloem fontein, followed, presumably, by a large force of British infantry. In their hasty many last quantities of support of the word of the

Military opinion here is that Lord Roberts will not push after the Boers immediately, because of transport problems and whole Kimberley population. He must rebuild the railway from Modder River to Kimberley and revictual the latter. General French lost a few men only in

have probably made many ill.

Lord Roberts has wrought a genuine prel minary success and the impression is that he has done enough for the present. He will need to prepare for another strike.

All over England tonight there have been evidences of public joy over the news. The newspapers are editorially re-

joicing.

Those who have read the news closely see only one disturbing factor in the Cape situation and that is the pressure of the Boers toward Lord Roberts line of supply through De Aar, which was never more important than now. The Boers are making a persistent effort to penetrate to the railway. They have pushed General Clemments back to Arundel and have outflankhard days march of the central railway. Doubtless Lord Roberts has left considerable forces along the line and can send back more if necessary.

In the lobbies of the house last evening,

it was rumored that General Buller had again crossed the Tugela. A special despatch, dated two days back, says that an patch, dated two days back, says that an important move was then pending there, although contrary indications are found in the fact that 750 ambulance bearers have been temporarily disbanded, and the further fact that traction engines are arriving at Durban from the front to be sent to Lord Roberts.

More artillery is being sent to Lord

## DETAILS OF THE ADVANCE.

Outside Jacobsdal, Orange Free State, Thursday, Feb. 15-Jacobsdale is now in possession of the British. Yesterday a found it full of wounded, including several British from Rensberg. The place was occupied by only a small force, which fellback before the patrol. After a series of small skirmishes a battery of artillery shelled the environs and drove out the last

from Colesberg with ten guns attacked a convoy of 200 wagons at the Riet River shelling vigorously and doing damage. But strong reinforcements have been sent hence, and it is hoped they will bring in

the whole convoy in safety.

General French's division seized three drifts on the Modder River. At the third drift the Boers were fairly strongly en trenched. General French bombarder them and drove them off. Today he moved rapidly in the direction of Kimberley. The

and spirits. The hardships and rapid marching appear to agree with the whole army, who are in splendid spirits under the leadership of "Bobs."

## ROBERTS DESCRIBES THE ADVANCE

London, Feb. 16, 9.30 p. m .- The following despatch from General Lord Rob erts, fills in the gaps in the earlier des

Modder River, Feb. 16.-The sixth division left Waterfall drift early vesterday morning and marched here, going on the same evening to Rondeval drift to hole the crossing of the Modder River and leave General French free to act.

Shortly after arriving here the mounterinfantry visited Jacobsdal and found if ull of women and children, with four o our wounded men, doing well.
On the way back the mounted infantr

were attacked and nine men wounded Col. Henry and Major Hatchell and ter men were missing. Both officers were subsequently found at Jacobsdal slightly

The cavalry division is moving in northerly direction and has apparently already reduced the pressure on Kimber ley, and Kekewich signals the enemy has

London, Feb. 17-4.45 a. m.-General | abandoned Alexandersfontein and that he

FRENCH RELIEVED KIMBERLEY. London, Feb. 16, 7.44 p. m.-The war the need of rest for the troops. He has to feed 70,000 persons in his army and the "Jacobsdal, Feb. 16.—The following from General French was received this morn-

"'I have completely dispersed the enfrom Alexandersfontein, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured the enemy's laager and store depot supplies and supplies of ammunition. Casualberley cheerful."

London, Feb. 16 .- General Roberts also

sent the following despatch:—

"Jacobsdal, Feb. 16.—I have good reason to believe the Magersfontein trenches have been abandoned and that the Boers are endeavoring to escape. General French is scouring the country north of Kimberley. One of General Kelly-Kenney's brigades of infantry is in pursuit of a large Boer convoy moving towards Bloemfongades of infantry is in pursuit of a large Boer convoy moving towards Bloemfon-

## BOER REPORTS OF THE ADVANCE.

Pretoria, Thursday, Feb. 15-The Transvaal government has made public the following official despatch:— "Yesterday at Rondaval Drift, in the neighborhood of Jacobsdal, the federal troops were engaged in a severe fight with

Kimberley.
"Commandant Delaroy continued the engagement until this morning, the federal casualties being five wounded. "After another two hours of hard fighting, it is reported that the British retired, leaving Col. Henry dangerously wounded. Col. Henry, with his servant, were taken to Jacobsdal."

An official despatch from Colesberg says that fighting was resumed on Tuesday (Feb. 13) and that the British had 60 silled and wounded and lost 80 captured. The federal forces had no casualties during the fighting.

## POUNDED THEM AS THEY LEFT.

Outside Jacobsdal. Orange Free State, Thursday, Feb. 15.—The road between Modder River and Jacobsdal is now open. The distance is only nine miles. The road available for sending reinforcements and supplies.

When the Boes evacuated Jacobsdal

they were obliged to pass over a ridge where they afforded a splendid mark for the British guns, which showered shrapnel upon the retreating enemy.

The convey, which was attacked at Riet River, had been countermanded, but the order did not arrive in time and the experience was a very warm one, although the Boers did very little material damage. As General French, with the strength-ened division, pushed forward toward Kimberley, he found the beleaguered Boers deserting their position at Alexandersfontein, thus allowing a portion of the Kimberley garrison to occupy and en-

## TROUBLE AT COLESBERG.

London, Feb. 16-A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Naauwpoort telegraphing Laurentian sent by Cape Verde. A letter Wednesday says: "The Boers losses in the Citizen evidently written by Editor round Colesberg on Monday are reported

"There are indications of a decis ve move at Colenso. I hear that the Boers rely on heir entrenchments and barbed wire enneir entrenchments and barbed wire enanglements along the principal roads to heck Lord Roberts' progress in the Free State. The roads to Ladysmith are studded with these formidable barriers.

"A British scouting column blew up the contents of the magazine at Nicordhia."

"Were of excellent quality and nearly everything requisitioned for to bring the batteries up to a war strength, seemed to have been supplied by Col. MacDonald and his department."

Two stowaways were found on board of the magazine at Nicordhia.

"A British scouting column blew up the contents of the magazine at Nkandhla, Zululand, to prevent it falling into the hands of the Boers. The magazine considered a large supply of dynamite and ambattery and made to do duty. A large number of members visited th

#### CONDITIONS IN LADYSMITH.

London, Feb. 16-The Associated Press correspondent who escaped from Lady-

In the left throughout the siege.

The total number of people within the British lines is 17,0.0, all of them troops

London, Feb. 19, 4.50 a. m.—It is now

Surformed.

Surfo except 3,000 civilians and 800 blacks.
When the Associated Press correspond-When the Associated Press correspondent left, the stock on hand included 4,000 horses, 700 mules and 650 cattle; and the baggage.

There is still something doubtful about the capture of the British convoy. Active the capture of the British correspondent to the capture of the British correspondent will be avalable of the capture of the British correspondent.

### QUIET AT LADYSMITH.

Head Laager, Near Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 14-The British from Chieveley Blaauw Krantz, east of Colenso, since yesterday afternoon, the bombardment continuing throughout the night.

The Boers responded with rifle fire. Particulars are lacking. All is quiet around

HEAVY FIGHT AT RENSBERG. London, Feb. 17.-The Daily Telegraph

the death roll of the assailants must have "A patrol of the Inniskillings Dragoons South Wales Mounted Infantry was unbayonets, however, bearing the impress

of sanguinary conflict with their foes. "Col. Conyngham was shot through the emy from the southern side of Kimberley heart at the outset of the engagement The enemy chose the time of the moon's setting for their onslanght. Out of five colonial officers only one returned to

camp.
"A strategic and concentrative move ties, about 20 of all ranks wounded. Kim-back to Arundel has been decided upon Our guns from Coles Kop have been safel removed, one Maxim being destroyed to prevent its falling into the hands of the

> force before the retirement from Rensberg; and their absence not being noticed on the parade, they were eventually cut

> Nauwpoort, dated Thursday, says noth ing of the return of the Wiltshires.
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> A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Feb. 15, says:-"Heavy fighting has occurred at Raman (Ramdam?) in the Free State, not far from Hope Town, Cape Colony. The Boers

BOER REPORT ON MAFEKING. Pretoria, Tuesday, Feb. 13.—A smarrifle and artillery duel took place at Mafe king February 12. There was no Boer loss The British attacked Fort Eloff, south o Gaberones, at daybreak, February 12, buthe Johannesburg men under Vondelweig forced the British to retire, leaving six dead and four wounded on the field. Capt Friend was among the killed. The Boer

## FLOUR AT LORENZO MARQUES.

Cape Town, Thursday, Feb. 15-The Am erican ship Sea Witch, Captain Howe from Wallaroo Dec. 3. has arrived at Lor evaded the British warsh ps until within

## CABLES TO KIMBERLEY.

New York, Feb. 16-The Commercial Cable Company at 2 o'clock this afternoon sent out the following notice:

"We are advised that telegrams can now

Montreal, Feb. 16—The Canadian Pacific railway's telegraph announce that messages for Kimberley, South Africa, can now be accepted, at sender's risk, messages must not exceed twelve words. FROM OTTAWA.

## Stowaway from Moncton on the Lauren

tian-Strathcona Horse Notes.

Morrison, who was one of the officers of extremely heavy."

The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of "D" battery, says: "Stores of all sorts of the present out to the batteries by the the Daily Mail under date of Feb. 15, were served out to the batteries by the quartermaster sergeants, and it is due to

at the exhibition grounds today.

J. Hobson, son of the chief engineer of bile. as a rancher, is here trying to enlist. Lieut. Col. Myles Cotton, R. C. A., has been appointed in charge of the Maxim guns with the Strathcona Horse.

guns with the Strathcona Horse.

amply confirmed that General Cronje escaped. Every detail, however, proves how admirably Lord Roberts' plans were conceived and were succeeding. But for the unexpected delay at Dekiels Drift,

parently General Cronje is retreating with the main army and even if he escapes

cording to the Daily Mail correspondent with the convoy—which consisted of 200 wagons, each loaded with 6,000 pounds of rations and of forage and each drawn by 16 oxen—it was quite unexpectedly at-tacked by a commando supposed to come from Colesberg. The escort consisting of 80 of the Gordon Highlanders, 40 men of 80 of the Gordon Highlanders, 40 men of the army service corps and a few of Kitchener's horse, maintained a defence until the arrival of reinforcements, sustaining insignificant casualties."

The Standard's correspondent at Jacobsdal, telegraphing Thursday, Feb. 15, "General" "General" "General"

"An attack was made yesterday upon the rear guard of our main body by a force of 1,400 Boers who were hurried up from Colesberg. They succeeded in capturning some of our wagons, but Lord Roberts did not delay his march to retain the control of th

take these. There are few casualties on our side.
"The last of our supply columns arrived from Honey Nest Kloof today, having met with no opposition on the way."

Specials from Ladysmith report an apparent movement on the part of the Boers toward the Free State, presumably with the object of assisting General Cronje.
The news that General Buller is attemption at the Company of the Tweeters "A patrol of the Inniskillings Dragoons was surrounded by some 500 Boers and gallantly cut its way through without being a man; but a company of the New Hill, therefore gives great satisfaction.

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THE NEW'S STORY OF THE MOVID
MENT wounded. H's entire army, with the

engaged in the operation.

It is announced that the channel squadron, instead of going to Gibraltar, has been ordered to remain in British waters

## CRONJE'S CAPTURE RUMORED.

London, Feb. 18.-Rumors have been in circulation in the clubs and elsewhere in London this evening, that General Cronje, with an army of 7,000 has been captured. Apparently they en anated from the con-tinent. No confirmation of them can be

## HOT ON CRONJE'S TRAIL.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 17.-General Kelly-Kenny is still pursuing the Boers. He has now captured more than 100 wagons. The Highland Brigade reinforced h.m after a forced march.

General French has left Kimberley to oin in the pursuit of the Boer army. The Guards have occupied the position at Magersfontein.

## THERE WAS NOT A HITCH.

Jacobsdal, Orange Free State, Friday. Feb. 16.—Lord Roberts' combinations for the movement of the corps dovetailed and not been foreseen had to be overcome.

The execution of his design began at a m., Sunday. General French rode in to Kimberley Thursday afternoon, just when he was due according to the field-marshal's time table, having, in four and ne half days marched 90 miles with artil-

lery, and having fought two small engagements.

The relief of Kimberley was accomplished with the loss of only 50 men. Twenty thousand infantry made splendid marches under a sub-trained support of the trying flanking movement. Our force has now been reinforced." nder a sub-tropical sun and through a dust storm, to hold positions which Gen-

eral French took.

Lord Kitchener was with General Tucker's division. In consequence of his trans-port arrangements, the four divisions moving over the sandy veldt are fed and watered. It is hardly possible to appreciate adequately the mathematical precision with which every part of the transport department has worked, marching through the day, toiling almost sleeplessly throughout the night, victualing the army and evolving every hour results from seeming chaos.

Everybody did what was expected of

im cheerfully, though enduring frightful fatigues. Few slept more than three British government believes that the wan The battalions, hour after hour, toiled

About 50 or 60 were evercome with the heat, and had to be sent to the rear in the first government of the free state, and had to be sent to the rear in the free state and the free state the backward defile of empty wagons. The rapidity of Lord Roberts' move fluences from without. ments, away from his base, has solved one of the problems, perhaps the chief problem, of the war. He and Lord Kit bears them no ill will and that so far as is chener have created a mobile force, able

the Grand Trunk, who has had experience The position of the Boer army at Spytfontein being untenable, General Cronje

smith, says that, except for two slight attacks of fever, which never incapacitated him, Sir George White, the British commander in Ladysmith, has been in excel
mander in Ladysmith, has been in excel guard action, and occupying successive kopies in order to allow the moving of the

convoy, which, however, has been going at a very slow race, the animals apparently being dead beat. the main army and even if he escapes altogether he will probably lose all his baggage.

> still the subject of admiration, especially in view of the dust storms and thunder storms that all experienced. Their work of shelling the Boers procoeded vigorously. Owing to the style of the action the Boers are bound to show in the open, whenever they are obliged to leave the kopjes.

#### HARASSING THE REAR.

London, Feb. 18-The correspondent of the Times at Modder River wiring yester-General Cronje's army of 10,000 men

## AUSTRALIANS DIE TO A MAN.

London, Feb. 19—The Daily News publisher the following despatch dated Sunlishes the following despatch, dated Sun-day morning, Feb. 18, from Modder

"Our sudden appearance seems to have actounded the enemy and thrown them into a panic. All their positions were hurriedly evacuated and the big guns at Magersfontein and Kimberley were left

"General Cronje moved his transport. consisting of many hundred wagons along a bank of kopies north of the Modder, toward Koffyfontein. It got past our mounted infantry, but owing to weariness had to stop. Thereupon our artillery opened upon it. The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight the whole day vainly trying to escape.

"Each time their advance guard sought

to move off, our mounted infantry gallor ed round and checked them. We neve attempted to stop their main movement contenting ourselves with trying to check

to be very strong. They entertain a wholesome dread of 10,000 cavalry moving more quickly than they do themselves.
We hope to be in Bloemfontein shortly.'
The Daily News has another despatch from the Modder River military camp. dated Sunday morning, which says:—
"At dawn on Friday the Boers were observed moving wagons along the kopie toward Koffyfontein. Our mounted in fantry was sent out from Klip Drift, but was driven back and the enemy's wagon-

ever, quickly attacked the enemy's main body and severe fighting went on all day over a line which was very extended. The enemy, making a desperate attempt

## PROCLAMATION TO THE FREE

Cape Town, Feb. 18-Lord Roberts has issued a proclamation to the Burghers of the Orange Free State, saying that he feels it his duty to make known to all the Burghers the cause of the coming of the terminate the devastation caused b the war; and that he issues the proclamation in order that, if the Burghers continue fighting, they may not do so ignorantly, but with a full knowledge of their responsibility before God for the lives lost in the campaign.

The proclamation goes on to say: "The ton and unjustifiable invasion of British territory was not committed with the through the heavy sand uncomplainingly, and when, now and then a man fell out State, with whom the British government the country, but under mischiveous in

"Great Britain therefore wishes the peo hears them no ill will and that so far as is compatable with the successful conduct of

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#### Strathcona contingent in their quarters to move in exterior lines and to outflank the war and of the re-establishment of war office, having been selected for spe peace, it is anxious to preserve them from ful action of their government." In conclusion Lord Roberts warns all VOLUNTEERS OFFICERS' COURS Burghers to desist from further acts of hostility toward her majesty's govern-ment and troops and he gives direction-regarding requisitions and complaints.

BRITISH SUCCESS NEAR STORM-BERG. Birds River, Saturday, Feb. 17—The position near Dordrecht now is that the Boers occupy a strong hill north of the town and that the British hold a commanding post to the south. Both are maintained to high positions of the south.

ing a brisk exchange of shells over Do General Brabant's horse, 2,000 strong ommenced the march from Pen Hoo

Thursday morning over a trackless and through a mountainous and difficul Early on Friday they were fired upon and the firing continued all day and well into the night, the British clearing the Boers out of successive positions under errific rifle fire lasting eight hours.

Towards midnight Friday the orced the Boers at the point of the bayonet out of their last position, an important one overlooking Dordrecht. The artillery duel was continued today. The British casualties were eight killed, neluding Captain Crallan and Lieut.

## handler, and eight wounded. The British capured some prisoners an quantity of forage and provisions.

NOUNCEMENT.

Pretoria, Friday, Feb. 16-It appear from further reports of yesterday's figling at Jacobsdal, that 2,000 British troop ot through the federal position at Mod River and entered Kimberley. The rederals intercepted the rear guard of the British and captured great booty, many

## WOUNDED TREATED WELL.

Arundel, Saturday, Feb. 17-(Received by despatch rider)—Captain Longhurst, of he British Medical Corps, spent a night thobkier's farm, attending the wounded Australians. He says that the enemy were remarkably kind to the wounded provided them with mattresses and gave

hem all the eggs they had. The Boer commander and Captain Long in London and were soon on the best of terms. The Boers and the British wound d fraternized. Noticing that the bandoners of the enemy were filled with soft esed bullets, one of our men said:—
"You ought ot to bring such things to

The Boer replied: "We must use what ver we can get."
This particular Boer contingent had ome from the northern district of the fransvaal, where the Boers are used to unting big game along the Limpopo. The had obtained their ammunition

that purpose. One Briton whose thigh had been shattered, replied to this ex-"Well, I wish you had been kind enough o shoot me lower down."

After the retirement of the British force he Boers held a prayer meeting an hanked Heaven for their successes. The

## lynins as they went. Captain Longhurst says that he wa much impressed by their considerate treatment of the British wounded. LAURENTIAN AT CAPE TOWN

poved to their various outposts, chantin

Cape Town, Feb. 17-The British steam er Laurentian, Captain Nunan, whice sailed from Halifax, Jan. 21, with the irst artillery section of the second Canadian contingent of troops for service against the Boers, arrived at this port to

The troops were welcomed by Major John Hanbury-Williams, military secretary to the governor of Cape Colony and the British high commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, on behalf of his

A CABLE FROM THE MAYOR.

## St. John, N. B., Feb. 19, 1900

Ogi'vie, Canadian Artillery, Cape Town: Congratulations; bless you. SEARS, Mayor. THANKS FROM LANSDOWNE.

Toronto, Feb. 17.-Mayor MacDona today received the following cable fro Lord Lansdowne, secretary for war, reply to a cable sent yesterday, congra Kimberley:-

hares the feelings with which we have heard the good news. Please convey or ordial thanks to your citizens, Pern me to say how proud I am of the manner which Canada is standing by us."

MENTS.

Frederick W. Hamilton, corresponder of the Toronto Globe with the first Canadian contingent, and whose account of the captur of Douglas by the Torontos and Queens landers was published a short time age has since contributed to his paper a ver nteresting account of the return of th column under Col. Pilcher to Belmont Among other things he says: "When we arrived in camp at Thornhill on Wednes day night, it must be mentioned, we foun a reinforcement awaiting us of Lieut. C W. McLean of G Company, who had brought up some thousand rounds o brought up some thousand rounds of reserve ammunition in a wagon train, with a party of twelve men and non-com. Sergt. Russell, from G Company. Lieut. McLean was very welcome in camp, and he had made a capital road sketch as he came along. Late on Thursday evening extra rations came into camp from Bel-mont under escort of a party of eight men

#### of E Company, under Sergt. Adams. GENERAL HUTTON SAILS

New York, Feb. 16-Aboard the steam ship Eturia, which sailed today, was Major General E. T. H. Hutton, who had just resigned his post as commanding the militia in Canada. He had been recalled by the

Kingston, Feb. 18—Owing to the that so many Royal Military College ers are either doing special service or are likely to be needed by the mi department at any time, the course volunteer officers which was opened ago has been adjourned indefinitely most of the officers have left the city.

## FISHERMEN IN RESERVE.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 17-The par prepared for the meeting of the collegislature on Monday show the name nearly 1,200 fishermen enrolled for naval reserves. It is expected that a regular session of the legislature be in April the British government plan give practical effect to this scheme will ready for submission to the legislat Well informed authorities expect that number of the reserves will be drain nto warships next spring when these

#### SMUGGLING POWDER.

London, Feb. 18—A despatch from swaziland border, dated Friday, Feb. says: "The Boer agent at Bremered has been maintaining regular commun tion with Delagoa Bay via Swazik I'wo coolie carriers have been bea sacks supposed to contain salt, throughland. On examination it was for hat the sacks contained gunpowder.

WORKING TOWARD LADYSMIT Chieveley, Wednesday, Feb. 14,—(layed by censor.)—The movement noi eastward began this (Wednesday) me ing. Lord Dundonald, with cavalry, fantry and artillery, occupied Huzzar five miles north of Chieveley. The

antry entrenched the hill.
General Lyttleton worked around to ight and Sir Charles Warren in front the left.

to the left.

The Boers were heavily entrenched Hlangnape and Monte Cristo hills. A steady, independent fire, with cosional volleys, was maintained for so hours and the enemy's trenches wiggrously shelled.

The Boers had one gun in action ding the early part of the day, but where began shelling, they moved it acre the river. They used one Nordensfeld the afternoon. Our casualties were few

he afternoon. Our casualties were fe BULLER RECEIVES NO REPLA

Frere Camp, Feb. 16—The Boers had and oned several laagers. General Burenewed bombardment of the Boer ption without eliciting a reply. Anotherward movement is regarded as a princept. MESSENGER FROM LADYSMIT

Ladysmith, Thursday, Feb. 18-heliograph and native runner via Chi ley)—Dr. Jameson has the fever. The heat is tremendons, but the mo of the camp is excellent. of the camp is excellent.

Major Doveton's wife, who was git safe conduct through the Boer lines, urrived here to nurse her husband.

Ladysmith, Feb. 17—(By heliograph Weenan)—Major Doveton died Wedray, Feb. 14.

The Boers have been very active huring the last few days and are widently making a move somewhere.

vidently making a move somewhere.

The garrison, greatly delighted to he of the relief of Kimberley, is in excelepirts and fit for anything.

# BULLER AGAIN AGGRESSIVE. London, Feb. 18, 3.50 a. m .- The ng reports of the renewed fighting of ng reports of the renewed agiting on fugela, where the censor stopped all elegrams. Arrivals at Durban from fugela say that important operations progressing and that fighting has occur

since the commencement of ies have been comparatively light. According to these unconfirmed repo General Buller had reoccupied V Krantz and the Boers had retreated the direction of the Free State. In the direction of the Free State. In the meantime wounded officers and men a diriving daily at Durban and are placeboard the four hospital ships now the Despatches from Zululand received Durban say the country is quieting down certain and stayed their advance.

## BOER GRASP ON LADYSMITH

Chieveley, Sunday, Feb. 18—General Baller has established his headquarters thus ar Hill. Heavy artillery firing we maintained at intervals by both sides frow ednesday until Friday. The Britishowly pushed the advance and their intropolation occupied entrepolation was positive. antry occupied entrenched new position front of Hussar Hill with slight loss It is believed that the lyddite work the solution the Boer trenches.

The Boers are supposed to have most their big guns back over the Tugels. I day afternoon. The rifle fire has be heavy at times. The whole country thickly wooded.

Montreal, Feb. 19-The Star's spec able from Modder River says: Royal Canadian Regiment is in the mir of hard work, being involved in the vance of Lord Roberts' column. It m be because of evidence given by our m during their stay at Belmont, but it see as if we get our share of all hard w that is going. We left Gras Pan w Nineteenth Brigade of the Seventh vision on Tuesday last and that marched thirty miles to Wegerad Dr There we were enabled to render valuable services by hauling the na twelve pounders across the difficult dr

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