

Advance in Cape Colony

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THE ROUT OF THE BOERS.

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"The total casualties were: Killed, Lieuts. Keswick and Friesick, wounded, Lieuts. Bailey, of the 12th Lancers, and Macgregory, of the Second Life Guards, both severely, and Lieut. Smith, of the Shropshires, who is believed to have been picked up by a Boer ambulance. Two men were killed, forty-six wounded, and one man is missing. "Gatcaze reports that the tents occupying Burghersdorp to-day. "The repairs to the railways towards Stormberg and Strinsburg are being pushed forward. "Clements has now occupied Norval's Pont, on the south bank of the Orange River. The bridge was blown up by the Boers on the evening of the 6th, and the enemy are holding the north bank of the river, but, not, it is believed, in any great strength. "Burghersdorp Occupied. "London, March 8.—A special from Mofene says that the British occupied Burghersdorp unopposed last night."

REITZ TELLS OF SITUATION.

Pretoria, March 8.—Secretary of State Reitz has issued war bulletins in which, after saying the government has no official tidings of the surrender of General Cronje and must accept it as a fact, however painful, adds that the government remains assured that the surrender will not discourage the burghers in their defence of their independence and standing of a nation. The struggle thus far has shown that the Republics have indicated themselves as an independent people. This reverse will not stagger it. In the struggle for our rights, our belief remains. Whatever happens the Lord still reigns. "Owing to the invasion of the Free State by a large force of the enemy and other circumstances it became necessary to take up other positions, hence the burghers in Natal have retired to Biggarsburg. All the commanders have retired in the direction of Van Reenan's Pass. Thus Ladysmith and Kimberley are no more besieged. "In spite of all reports the spirit of the fighting men as to the outcome remains unchanged. Among the commanders in Natal the burghers are full of courage. General Dewet now commands all the commanders at the Modder River. "The president started yesterday evening for Bloemfontein to visit the laager of the Free State. "It is understood that President Kruger's visit to Bloemfontein was to try to arrange a compromise of the differences between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters."

SUFFERING AT MAKEKING.

Makekang, Feb. 19.—Horse meat now composes a considerable part of our rations. There is little grumbling. The first pinch of the siege is over, and the town has settled grimly to stick it out. "What may be typhoid malaria has broken out in the women's laager, and dysentery, due to the absence of vegetables, is rife among the garrison. "Such incidents as we had have been commended for the hospitals, which are filled to overflowing. "The children's graveyard, close to the women's laager, grows weekly as the young lives are cut short prematurely by shell and fever. "We look with hope deferred, for relief. The cheerfulness which was characteristic of the early days of the siege has almost deserted us, the men preferring to remain at their posts rather than move about and work up an appetite which can't be satisfied. "The natives are in the worst plight. Those who are unable to obtain work are allowed a small handful of meal daily. Many braving the danger wander

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