

Cronje Is In Distress.

British Artillery Shelling at the Rear and French's Cavalry Ahead.

If Free State Army Escape They Must Sacrifice Most of Their Equipment.

Robert's Advance Under Trying Circumstances But Cost Comparatively Light.

Our sudden appearance seems to have astounded the enemy and covers them into a panic.

The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight the whole day, trying to escape.

The mounted infantry suffered from the trying flank movement. Our force now now reinforced.

SUFFERING IN RETREAT. Jacobdale, Orange Free State, Feb. 17.

Further details of the Boer retreat show that the enemy have been fighting a good rear guard action and occupying successive kopjes.

The execution of his design began at 5 o'clock on Friday morning.

The 20,000 infantry made splendid march under a sub-tropical sun.

It is hardly necessary to appreciate adequately the mathematical precision with which every part of the transport department has worked.

The rapidity of Lord Roberts' movements away from his base has solved one of the problems.

In the lobbies of the House of Commons last evening, however, it was rumored that Gen. Cronje's army was surrounded.

The Guards have occupied the outer positions at Magerfontein.

Gen. Clements expects that the force confronting him has been greatly diminished.

Second Canacians Have Arrived.

Capetown, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Laurentian, Captain Nunan, which sailed from Natal January 21.

The troops were welcomed by Major John Hanbury Williams, military secretary to the Governor of Cape Colony.

Lord Roberts. He is pressing on steadily towards Bloemfontein.

The Boer force which was operating on the Modder River military camp dated Sunday morning.

Cronje's Trek Bravely Made

Magersfontein Evacuated by Five Thousand Boers at Dawn of Friday.

Exposed to British Shell Fire and Harassed by the Mounted Infantry.

Thursday evening, Feb. 16, the British column, which had been attacking the Boer position at Magerfontein.

The action was continued through the day, the British shells striking the Boer positions.

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Buller Now Triumphs

Enemy In Full Retreat From Their Positions Along Tugela River.

British Again Occupy Colenso After Slight Resistance by Rear Guard.

Suggestion That Boers Unite Forces to Give Battle to Roberts.

London, Feb. 20.—The following despatch has been received at the war office from General Buller:

"Blow's Farm, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4.20 p.m.—The Fusilier brigade yesterday took possession of the position in the Tugela river.

"This morning the enemy had withdrawn all the troops north of the Tugela and practically evacuated Colenso.

"The enemy seem to be in full retreat and apparently are only holding the position in front of Colenso.

"Our casualties yesterday and to-day have I hope been few.

London, Feb. 21.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post to-day, says:

Chiefly, Wednesday, Feb. 14 (by heliograph)—The movement northwards of Lord Buller's forces.

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CARPETS, RUGS, ART SQUARES



UP-TO-DATE GOODS IN EVERY LINE

WEILER BROS., Victoria, B. C.

The Entrance To Kimberley

Signals of Approach of Relief Thought Too Good to Be True.

Sight of Provision Train Most Welcome for Four Months.

Modder River, Feb. 19.—Although the miles of the signal corps they inter-acted by a number of conflicts.

When the British were still eight miles from Magerfontein.

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Commons On Raid

Refusal of Committee on Suggested Complicity of Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Chamberlain Bitterly Re- sents Charges and Motive for Presentation.

Liberal Leader Scores Cecil Rhodes as Author of These Suspensions.

London, Feb. 20.—The House of Commons to-day was crowded everywhere when Mr. David Alfred Thomas, Liberal member for Merthyr-Tydvil, rose to move the re-opening of the inquiry into the origin and circumstances of the Jameson raid.

Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, but he continued, the in- conclusive nature of the first inquiry had created widespread dissatisfaction.

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Colonial office was the work of political advisers but rather of those who for their own objects snaked at nothing in the way of mendacity, forgery and fraud.

Mr. Chamberlain—Yes, he has.

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Gen. Hutton's Off

Premier Says Departing Was Insubordinate Indiscreet.

Wants It Understood That He Is Wholly Subject to His Department.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Sir Wilfrid has given a tart answer this afternoon to a question asked by Gen. Hutton's departure.

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