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Feb. 10.—Lord Strathcona President Kemp of the board of owing to his recent illness, unable to leave London for some months.

Australians Put to Test.

Sharing in Defence Against Great Odds in Northern Cape Colony.

Boers So Numerous That British Are Concentrating at Rensburg.

Garrisons Chafing at Delay of Reliefs—A Commandant's Confiance.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 14.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Rensburg dated yesterday says: "There has been hard fighting for two days near Colesberg, the Boers making strenuous efforts to outflank the British left. The enemy occupy strong positions from Achtrang through Potfontein to a point five miles south of Jansfontein."

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post, discussing the news from Rensburg says: "This intelligence is the natural price paid for a blow elsewhere. The concentration of the Boers in the north is only accompanied by a weakening of the force at Colesberg and of this the Boers have taken advantage to assault the garrisons in the present enterprise against Ladysmith until disaster to the other Boer armies compels him."

A CORRESPONDENT KILLED. Rensburg, Feb. 13.—An Australian newspaper correspondent, Mr. Beaz, paid an interesting visit to the Boer camps Sunday to make inquiries as to the fate of his missing comrade, Mr. Beaz, who was captured by the Boers February 7, at the time Mr. Lambie, of the Melbourne Argus, was killed. Mr. Beaz arrived at the camp blindfolded just as church service was commencing. He sat blindfolded throughout the service, when he was taken before Commandant Delarey and although absent from their native land are wrapped up heart and soul in its progress.

BRITISH TROOPS CHEATING. Military observers do not regard this as more than a menace. Nevertheless the news produces an unpleasant impression here. Gen. Buller has taken the Boers out of Rensburg in December. On January 1 it was reported that he could take Colesberg in two days with reinforcement. These reports were sent but the Boers also were reinforced. Since then the British lines have been extended east and west so that as New Year of this week they constituted a great horse-shoe twenty-five miles in length. The lines were not continuous, but all strong positions were offered to the Boers.

ROBERTS' LINES MENACED. London, Feb. 14.—(4:10 a. m.)—The news of the retreat of the British from the Colesberg district under heavy Boer pressure and possibly after fighting. Thus at a time when Lord Roberts is apparently about to push an army into the Free State, the Boers make a counter-stroke in unknown but seemingly great force not far from the vital line of railway connecting De Aar and Orange River.

BULLER'S INTENTIONS. Indications as to Gen. Buller's intentions are contradictory. One informant who has intimate relations with the war office predicts a movement within the next two days. A number of correspondents who have been with Gen. Buller, however, have gone to Durban for a few days' rest, under the impression that nothing is to be done immediately.

Roberts For Kimberley.

Commander in Chief Personally Directing Operations at Modder River.

Report That Besieged City Lacks Food and Disease Is Rampant.

Boer Assault Strengthened in Hope of Collapse of Weakened Garrison.

By Associated Press. Modder River, Feb. 10.—Lord Roberts is here. Upon appearing before the troops on Friday he was enthusiastically cheered. He visited the camp of the Highland Brigade this morning and complimented Gen. Macdonald and his men on their steady conduct at Koodoosberg Drift. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder River on Friday seems to show the effect that Roberts' independent action in 1895 by the then minister of foreign affairs, Baron von Bismarck, to the effect that Germany's independent action in accordance with the treaty of 1864. He replied that no communication had been received from the German government relative to the convention of 1864, which, he added, as a matter of fact, was terminated by the state of war.

Sick, Wounded and Destitute.

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Patriotic Funds Reaching Great Heights—Appeal to Britishers Abroad.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 13.—As the conviction grows in Great Britain that the war will be long the efforts for providing for the sick and wounded, and the families of the soldiers at the front, are redoubled. There is scarcely a woman in England who is not making articles of clothing for the men in the field and in the hospitals, is not working for aid and contributing to some patriotic fund.

LADYSMITH A MISTAKE. Buller Averse to Pressing Campaign in That Direction, but Circumstances Compelled. London, Feb. 12.—Mr. Winston Churchill sends from France a reply to the Morning Post's review of the situation. He says: "Gen. Buller always thought it impossible to hold the triangle of Natal unless the two brigades were collected at Ladysmith. From the first he regarded the relief of Ladysmith as a forlorn hope. He did not feel justified in ordering a subordinate to perform such a task."

A PRISONER'S SORRY LOT. Deprived of Water by Boer Captors and Subjected to Great Hardships on the March. London, Jan. 30.—The Daily News correspondent at Capetown reviewing the campaign up to January 8 says: "I would like to mention an incident showing the wanton cruelty of our captors. On leaving our camp at Graspan, I took the precaution of taking my water bag with me, and after I had covered some little distance of Boer riding, besides me offered to carry it on his horse. On asking him for it later, he told me that he had found it and his fellows had completely emptied it. Consequently, we had no water for food during the entire distance. Our feet were a mass of blisters, and one of the men gave out about fifteen miles from our destination, which necessitated our carrying him between us for the remainder of the distance. It was made at the fall of a head of forty-two cattle and four horses of flesh, dust and absence of water made our condition almost unbearable."

Officers For Strathcona's List Announced From Ottawa, With Five Places Yet to Fill.

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London, Feb. 7.—The part taken by the Canadian and Australian contingents at Sunnyside is thus described by a correspondent of the Times: "On the day before Christmas Col. Picher, at Belmont, got wind of the assemblage of a considerable Boer force at a place thirty miles away, called Sunnyside Farm, and he determined to try to attack it before the enemy could get wind of his intention. To this end he secured every alger some miles around—which proved his good sense, as the niggers are all in the pay of the Boers, the matter how loyal they may pretend to be to the British, a fact which the British would do well to take heed of, for it has cost them pretty dearly already. On Christmas Eve, he started out, taking two guns of the Royal Naval Artillery, a couple of Maxim's, all the Queen's Landers and five hundred Canadians. Col. Picher's force numbered in all about 800. He marched swiftly all night and got to Sunnyside Farm in good time Christmas Day. 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