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RECEIVED BY WIRE BOERS ON THE RUN

Gen. French Drives Them Away From Kimberley.

BRITISH LOSSES WERE COMPARITIVELY INSIGNIFICANT.

Boers Taken Completely by Surprise Leave Ammunition and Supplies.

French Remains One Day in Kimberley and then Starts in Full Pursuit—Cronje is Retreating in the Direction of Bloemfontein—Kelley Kenny in Pursuit.

London, Feb. 16, via Skagway, Feb. 26.—At last one of the objects for which the British have been striving for the past 90 days has been accomplished. Kimberley has been relieved and the Boer forces which have been pressing the town so hard are in full retreat. To Gen. French, with his 20,000 troops, mainly cavalry, belongs the honor of achieving this first important British triumph. The appearance of French on the 16th inst., was a complete surprise to the Boers, who imagined that the British commander was still in the vicinity of Modder river.

There was only a brief struggle before Kimberley, the Boers retreating in haste. The British losses were small, while the Boer casualties were considerably larger. A large quantity of ammunition and provisions was found in the Boer camp.

French in Pursuit.

London, Feb. 17, via Skagway, Feb. 26.—After remaining over night in Kimberley and taking measures for strengthening the defences, Gen. French with almost his entire force has left in pursuit of the Boers, who are in full retreat toward Bloemfontein. Meanwhile Gen. Roberts, with the main body of 70,000 men, is coming up slowly. In view of the fact that Roberts has this enormous number of men dependent upon his commissary in addition to almost the entire population of Kimberley who were practically out of provi-

sions when the town was relieved, it is believed that he will not attempt an immediate advance into the interior. Preparations are already under way for repairing the railway from Modder river which the Boers had destroyed, and until that is accomplished and though communication established no decisive movements on Roberts' part are anticipated.

Cronje on the Run.

London, Feb. 17, via Skagway, Feb. 26.—Gen. Cronje who has been contesting the advance of Gen. French upon Kimberley, is retreating in the direction of Bloemfontein. Cronje is being pursued by Gen. Kelly Kenney, who expects to overtake the Boers and face them to a decisive battle. The only thing that prevented the capture of Cronje's forces some days ago was the unavoidable delay of the British at De Kail's Drift, thus allowing Cronje time to plan his retreat.

Buller Moving Up.

London, Feb. 17, via Skagway, Feb. 26.—Gen. Buller is again advancing from Chevely in the direction of Ladysmith. The Boers have been exceedingly active for some days in the neighborhood of Ladysmith, but it is impossible to ascertain whether they have been renewing the attack on the town or are preparing for a withdrawal. Heliographic signals from the town report the garrison cheerful and provisions still holding out.

News From San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Smith's Cash Store located on Market street, near the ferry, and one of the oldest and largest outfitting establishments in the city, has failed. The liabilities are \$128,000. Stockholders expect to pay 25 per cent of this amount from the sale of unencumbered assets.

The property known as the Blythe block on Market street, has been sold to the Mutual bank. The new owners will clear the site of the numerous small buildings which now occupy it and will erect a modern eight story block.

San Francisco is now being governed according to the terms of the new charter, which provides the civil service regulations. All the employees of the city—even the street laborers—are re-

quired to pass civil service examinations.

Slept on Duty.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Another report has been received from Col. Otter, in command of the first contingent. The report is up to January 1st. This is the second report that has been received from Col. Otter. A good deal of what is contained in it has been received by cable, such, for instance, as the necessity of sending to Capetown a Halifax man, Private Shaw, on account of ill-health. He also speaks highly of those Canadians who took part in the Sunny-side affair.

The most serious part of the report is that which refers to the necessity of court-martialing three of the contingent who were found asleep on sentry. This is a serious offence. Two of them belonged to A company, and one of them to B, all three being Western men.

Leprosy in New York.

New York, Feb. 8.—Dr. A. S. Ashmead, who was called on by President Murphy, of the board of health, to substantiate the statement that there are many cases of leprosy in that city, has sent his report to Mr. Murphy. He repeats his assertion, and specifies several cases: One, a cook on a Xenuzuela steamer, living in an East Side tenement house; a nurse in Bellevue hospital; two Chinamen; two freaks in a Bowery museum; a Cuban mulatto cigarette maker, and a young Southerner, who is a guest in a big Broadway hotel.

Want Lynchers Punished.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The Italian government, through its ambassador here, has intimated strongly to the state department that it regards the punishment of the persons engaged in the lynching of five Italians at Talulah, La., as necessary to the full redress which Italy has asked. Owing to the fact that the crime is within the jurisdiction of the state courts, the government is obliged to await the action of the Louisiana tribunals.

A Much Owned Dog.

Some less than a dozen claimants were pulling and hauling at one inoffensive looking dog on the street in front of the Aurora this morning. Each of the many men claimed the animal either by right of purchase, deed, gift or some other equally tenable grounds. As it was evident that trouble was brewing, Constable Allmark who chanced along about that time, "dipped in" to the extent of taking the bones of contention, the dog, into custody and taking him to the barracks, where he will be kept until the various claimants decide which of them is entitled to his possession or until such question is decided by due process of law.

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RECEIVED BY WIRE.

FIERCE BATTLE FOUGHT

Cronje Turns and 800 British Soldiers Killed.

EIGHTEEN CANADIANS

AMONG THE DEAD.

Cronje is Being Reinforced from Ladysmith and Kimberley.

Report Current That Buller Has Relieved Ladysmith, but Lacks Confirmation—Much Anxiety Prevails in London.

Skagway, Feb. 26.—3 p. m.—The steamer City of Seattle arrived at 2 p. m. today. News from the war is brought up to the 22d inst. Gen. Cronje, reported in this morning's wire as being in retreat towards Bloemfontein, made a strong stand between Paardeberg and Koodasrand. Reinforcements arrived in the meanwhile and a fierce battle ensued the British being compelled to desist from the pursuit. Gen. Roberts reports the loss of 800 men, but does not state the result of the battle. The London war office gives out no news and in consequence great anxiety prevails. Eighteen Canadians were killed in the engagement and 60 were wounded. Cronje is being reinforced by railroad from the Boer forces now engaged about Ladysmith and scattered hands from around Kimberley are constantly arriving to his aid. The report is current that Buller has succeeded in relieving Ladysmith, but is not confirmed. The Boers are said to be preparing for a general engagement along the Tugela.

Missing Persons.

Deputy U. S. Consul John Q. Adams recently received two communications in regard to missing persons.

Hilder S. Bergman, of Milwaukee, Wis., inquires for his brother Charles M. Bergman, from whom nothing has been heard since August 28th, 1899. Mr. Adams has a letter in his office, which is addressed to Charles M. Bergman.

The United States consul at Frieberg, Baden, Germany, writes concerning Joseph Klapper, formerly owner of the Columbia brewery at Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. Bechtold, of Frieberg, the sister of Mr. Klapper, is anxious to learn of her brother's whereabouts.

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