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Trying to Save Buller's Guns at Chieveley.

## CRONJE'S STILL AT BAY.

### No News Received by the War Office From Lord Roberts Since Wednesday.

London, Saturday, Feb. 24, 4.15 a. m.—Mr. Balfour announced in the House of Commons at half-past twelve this morning that no further news regarding Gen. Cronje had been received by the Government. He had sent to the War Office during the night, and he asserted that nothing had come to hand there. Gen. Cronje, then, is apparently still unharmed. No other construction is placed upon the three days' silence of Lord Roberts. Yet no one sees how it is humanly possible, judging from the descriptions of his situation Wednesday morning, for him to resist so long. "Englishmen feel something like pride in Cronje, even as a foe," says the Daily News. In a position covering only a square mile, hemmed in on all sides, circled with a chain of fire from rifle, Maxim and Howitzer, played on by deadly lyddite, bursting in its own sickly green light, his hastily built trenches enfiladed by a stream of lead sweeping down the river from

the north bank, Gen. Cronje still elects to fight. It is a magnificent courage. Gen. Cronje's wife is described by the prisoners as urging him to surrender in order to save the lives of his men, but he would not. The British cavalry patrols sent by Lord Methuen north of Kimberly discovered the Boers concentrating, whether for offence or defence, is simply conjecture. The Boers seem to be retiring from Gen. Gatacre's front at Storkstroom in order to reinforce the Free Staters. BIG FIGHT IN PROGRESS. A correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder River Thursday morning says:—"As I left Koodoosrand heavy shell and rifle fire was in progress. Last night the Boer laager was a mass of flames, and the Boers were seen making shelter in the trenches." The Daily News affirms that the above despatches refers to Wednesday morning. Possibly a big may be fighting from 10,000 to 15,000

Boers. This would account for the long silence, as all experience has proved that the battles occupy some days. The Boers are expert at digging cover, and Cronje, in his desperation, may have risked a sortie in the night.

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Tuesday says:—"We are in a state of doubt and anxiety regarding events in the Free State. We hear that the telegraph wire between Gen. Cronje and Bloemfontein is cut, and the news from the front is conflicting. It is a symptom of the present trend of events, that storekeepers in the United States have wired here stopping the forwarding of goods. I learn that the Transvaal Government has 500,000 in bullion and Pretoria over 35,000 sovereigns a month."

NO NEED FOR ALARM.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says:—"From Boer despatches we might infer that Gen. Dewet has gathered quite a force of scattered Boers at Petersburg, about 17 miles east of Koodoosrand, with a view of relieving Gen. Cronje. It is probable that a battle is also raging in Natal. Anyway, there is no need for alarm. It is quite possible that after the fight Lord Roberts may be engaged in pursuing the Boers, which would take him away from the telegraph wire."

The Ladies' Aid and Altar Society of St. Joseph's church will give "a tea" in their rooms on the corner of Queen and Cross streets, on Tuesday evening, February 27th, from 5.30 to 8. As it will be Shrove Tuesday, hot pan-cakes with maple syrup will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come. d. 5t

## WHITE IS AGGRESSIVE.

### He is Harassing the Retreating Boers From the Shelter of Ladysmith.

London, Saturday, Feb. 24, 1.30 a. m.—Ladysmith had not been relieved at the latest news which left Natal two days ago. The Boers had then retired half-way between Ladysmith and Colenso, if only 6,000 went to the Free State, as both the Boer and British accounts assert, the 12,000 who are left may purpose to retain the siege and resist Gen. Buller with contracted lines, although the impression at Gen. Buller's headquarters is that the Boers are merely covering a retreat. A despatch from Chieveley, dated Feb. 22, to the Daily Chronicle, says:—"At dawn on Tuesday we found that the Boers had vacated all their positions south of the Tugela, and were in position among the high hills midway between Ladysmith and the river, and making a determined stand. The Creusot guns were in action. All the British naval and other heavy guns were brought to bear upon the new positions, and we believe that this show of Boer strength was only intended to cover a retreat. Yesterday (Wednesday) the Boers were retreating all day. Gen. Buller continued to harass them, compelling them to give way. The Berliner Tageblatt published a despatch from Brussels saying that the Boer commandant-general, Piet Joubert, had given orders for the im-

## THEY NUMBER 18.

### Canadians Killed in the Recent Fight at Paardeberg Drift.

#### Lord Roberts' Official List—The Wrong Smith Was Also Reported Killed in the First Despatch.

London, Feb. 24.—Lord Roberts has sent an official list of those killed in the Royal Canadian Regiment in the battle at Paardeberg Drift on Sunday last. The total killed numbered eighteen, and not nineteen, as reported. The complete list of killed are as follows:—

"A" Company, Western.  
Sergeant W. Scott, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. F. E. Jackson, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. A. Munnich, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. J. H. Somers, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. J. Todd, Victoria, B. C.  
"B" Company, London.  
Corp. J. Smith, 22nd Oxford Rifles, Woodstock.  
Pte. J. A. Donegan, London, Ont.  
Pte. J. W. White, Windsor, Ont.  
"C" Company, Toronto.  
Pte. J. H. Findlay, Barrie, Ont.  
Pte. W. T. Manion, Toronto, Ont.  
"D" Company, Ottawa.  
Pte. Z. R. E. Louis, Ottawa, Ont.  
Pte. O. T. Burns, Ottawa, Ont.  
Pte. C. E. E. Jackson, Toronto, Ont.  
"E" Company, Montreal.  
Corp. R. Goodfellow, Montreal, Que.  
Pte. C. P. Barry, Montreal, Que.  
Pte. C. Lester, Montreal, Que.  
Pte. A. McQueen, Quebec, Que.  
"G" Company, New Brunswick.  
Pte. Roland N. Taylor, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

February 23rd, 1900.

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