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GEN. CRONJE IS NOW MAKING HIS LAST STAND IN DRAGONAGE, HEMMED IN BY BRITISH INFANTRY.

All the White Shells From Fifty Guns Are Falling Into the Boer Camp-It is to Be a Fight to the Finish or Unconditional Surrender.

Boers Asked for an Armistice, but Lord Kitchener Said "No"-Cronje's Situation Desperate-Both Forces Concentrating-British Losses at Koodoosrand Were 700-London Times Says Great Britain is Now Stronger Than Ever.

London, Feb. 22.-Gen. Cronje is seemingly making his last stand. He is lying hard, hemmed in by British infantry, with shells from 50 guns falling into his camp.

On the third day of the fight the Boer chief asked for an armistice to bury his dead. "Fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally," was Lord Kitchener's reply.

Will Fight to the Death. Gen. Cronje immediately sent back word that his request for a truce had been misunderstood, and that his determination was, as before, was to fight to the death.

The battle went on. This was the situation of Gen. Cronje's army on Tuesday evening, as sketched in the scintillating telegrams that have emerged from the semi-silence of South Africa.

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Boers rapidly drawing together to attack Lord Roberts. Gen. Cronje held out for the Boer masses appear, or if he does, will they then be able to snuff him? The British are facing the Boers on grounds where the arms, tactics and training of the British are expected to give them the advantage.

Strange News From Buller. Gen. Buller, according to a despatch from Chieveley, dated Wednesday, finds the Boers in positions north of the Tugela, largely unimpaired. This seems strange.

British Losses 11,208 to Feb. 17. The War Office, for the first time, has given out an official compilation of the British losses. The total is 11,208 to Feb. 17. This does not include, therefore, Lord Roberts' recent losses, nor the Whitehorse prisoners.

The Press Association learns that the British losses at Koodoosrand were 700. More Troops for Africa. Three thousand fresh troops will embark for South Africa today.

The relative position of the combatants is likened to chess players, one of whom, from time to time, adds pieces to the board, while any loss to the adversary is irreplaceable.

The morning papers allude to the thoughtfulness of Lord Roberts in sending a despatch to the Earl of Minto, the Canadian Governor-General.

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DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING. Cronje Said He Would Surrender, and When Asked to Come Into Camp Refused.

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The Boer general sent a reply telling him to come into camp. Cronje refused, saying there had been a misunderstanding and that he would fight to the death.

The bombardment was then re-opened and our lying shells set fire to the Boer works. We continued shelling the laager thru the night, and in the morning we resumed with Maxim and rifle, principally from the north-side.

Waste of Life on Sunday. "On Sunday there was much waste of life in attacking and the same result will be achieved without it. During Monday night seven Boers made an attempt to break thru our lines, but they were captured and their leader killed. Four were carrying letters. It is believed that there was one other who got thru.

Canadians Made Gallant Charge. "The Canadians made a gallant charge at the laager, but were driven back with loss. Gen. Macdonald and Gen. Knox are slightly wounded.

Lord Roberts Scattered the Boers in All Directions. Cronje's Position. London, Feb. 22.-The War Office has received from Lord Roberts the following message, which was delayed in transmission, dated Paardeberg, Wednesday, Feb. 21:

"Yesterday afternoon I was satisfied by a careful reconnaissance in force of the enemy's position that I could not assault it without very heavy loss, which I was most anxious to avoid. Accordingly I decided to bombard him with an artillery and turn my attention to the enemy's reinforcements.

"The result was most satisfactory. The Boers were driven off in all directions, losing a good many killed and wounded, and about 50 prisoners, who say they arrived from Ladysmith two days ago by rail-road.

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The Times says editorially: "The fact that the Boers are unable to maintain Cronje from Natal days ago is additional reason why Roberts should finish with him as promptly as possible. Small bodies of Boers, such as have already been broken up, are not very formidable, but a large body, with guns and supplies, would call for serious treatment, in which, no doubt, Gen. French would find congenial work."

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Liberal Ministers' Excuse for Shady Work in the Use of Franking Is That the Tories Used to Do It!

An Unseemly Scene Follows the Reply of the P. M. G., in Which Mr. Casey and the Premier Are Participants—Roberts' Message.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.-A disgraceful scene was presented this afternoon, when Mr. Mulock, in answer to a question regarding the violation of the franking privilege by Sir Richard Cartwright in sending out 200,000 political circulars, excused this action by a reference to an alleged violation on the part of the late Conservative Government.

Mr. Casey rose and interrupted Mr. Mulock, while cries of "Sit down!" "Chair!" were heard from every hand. Mr. Casey stood. Pandemonium ensued. The Speaker strove to quell Mr. Casey, but Casey stood. Finally the whole House rose at him and he subsided.

An Unseemly Scene Followed. Mr. Casey continued and declared that the question on the paper contemplated a breach of the rule that Ministers had no greater franking rights than private members.

The Ministerial benches shouted, "Order!" "Sit down!" "Chair!" "Order!" "Sit down!" "Chair!" "Order!" "Sit down!" "Chair!"

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The Ministers lent their voices to it. An unseemly scene was presented. Mr. Foster was heard to say that a fair question had been asked, and a fair answer should have been given, but the P.M.G. had brought in irrelevant matter.

Mr. Mulock arose amid cries of "Order!" and without the sanction of the Premier. The reason he had referred to the action of the Conservatives was to give legal information by way of illustration.

Mr. Haggart said that the Conservatives had not violated the law, because the campaign literature was associated with a patent medicine circular and was sent out during a session. He declared Mr. Haggart was convicted on his own words. He held that the statutes supported Sir Richard Cartwright's action.

A Hypothetical Case. Sir Charles Tupper put the case: Would the M.P. present a manifesto, or a number of stamps from the department, the culprit was present, the P.M.G. could prove it.

CRONJE MUST FIGHT TO A FINISH NOW.

Boer General Asked Kitchener for an Armistice, But the Hero of Khartoum Says "No"—The Boers Wanted Time.

Cape Town, Thursday morning, Feb. 22.-In reply to Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice for 24 hours to allow him to bury his dead, Lord Kitchener told the Boer commander that he must fight to a finish. The Boers having said that their intention had been misunderstood, and that they would fight to the end, the battle was resumed.

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