

CRONJE AT THE CAPE

Received at Simonstown by General Forester-Walker.

SUPPLIES REACH LADYSMITH

All Eyes Are Now Turned on Gen. Roberts' Movements.

SLIGHT BRUSH WITH BOERS

CAPE TOWN, March 2.—Gen. Cronje and his party arrived at Simonstown yesterday. Gen. Cronje was received by Gen. Sir Frederick Forester-Walker and a representative of Sir Alfred Milner, the governor of Cape Colony.

ORANGE RIVER, March 1.—Gen. Cronje and his wife passed here last night, en route to Cape Town. Elaborate precautions had been taken to prevent the public from seeing him. Even the officers were ordered off the station, and the refreshment room was kept closed before his arrival, to the discomfort of the Kimberley passengers, who were obliged to go foodless. Gen. Cronje looks dejected and miserable and is much grayer. He entered the refreshment room, accompanied by his wife, son and interpreter and Gen. Pretorius and his staff. Taking his seat at a table, Gen. Cronje covered his face with his hands for a few moments as he engaged in prayer.

Supplies for Ladysmith.

LONDON, March 2.—A dispatch from Gen. Buller was received at the war office this morning announcing that seventy-three wagon loads of supplies are now entering Ladysmith, the first eleven wagons containing hospital comforts.

Cronje Expected Here.

LONDON, March 2.—A special correspondent telegraphing from Paardeberg February 28 says:

"A curious piece of news has just been related to me by Gen. Cronje's aid-de-camp. It appears that Cronje was in daily heliographic communication with Gen. Dewet, who, he supposed, was bringing up reinforcements. Yesterday Cronje heliographed that unless he was relieved immediately he would feel bound to surrender."

Gen. Dewet replied with a cheering message, urging him to hold on longer and that he would soon be relieved, but totally failed to effect any relief.

The mounted infantry today reconnoitered, the Boers approaching from the south and, after drawing a shell fire, retreated.

The prisoners all appear to regard the blow as severe than it is regarded by the British. Gen. Cronje's aid-de-camp stated today that he believes the Boers would continue to fight as long as the Transvaal wished. On the other hand, many Free Boers are anxiously seeking for copies of Lord Roberts' despatches.

Butler's Casualties on February 27.

LONDON, March 2.—Gen. Buller's casualties among his officers during the fighting of February were: Killed, Col. O'Leary of the Lancashire, Major Lewis, Capt. Sykes and Lieut. Simpson of the Scots Fusiliers, Lieut. Morrison of the Warwickshire and Lieut. G. H. G. of the Buffs. Wounded, Gen. Barton, Col. Carr of the Scots Fusiliers and twenty-three others.

BOER PRISONERS PARADED.

They Seemed to Be Glad to Get Out of Paardeberg.

PAARDEBERG, Wednesday, February 28.—All the prisoners were paraded yesterday afternoon. They extended in a long trailing line, like a serpent across the plain, and as far as possible were arranged in companies. The Free Staters were kept separate from the Transvaalers. The look upon the faces of the men as they passed made it impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that they were all overjoyed at their release from the daily hell of shell and shot which they had been experiencing lately. Many did not even take the trouble to conceal their delight from the soldiers guarding them. They chatted freely with the British, discussing difficulties and their own views on the war. What might prove useful to the army had been secured, the soldiers were allowed to take whatever they liked. The men carried off from the Boer camp were in a very good condition. The latest reports announce that a large force of Boers is operating ten miles away from the British lines.

ENGLAND LOOKING TO ROBERTS.

Boers Expected to Make Another Stand at Wynberg.

LONDON, March 2, p.m.—With no prospect of any existing news coming in from Ladysmith in the near future all eyes turn to the Boer position at Wynberg. Lord Roberts and his advance into the Orange Free State. The critics of the afternoon newspapers are almost unanimous in expecting the main stand of the Boers to occur at Wynberg, or in its vicinity. Before Lord Roberts' advance on Bloemfontein can become effective the strong force of Boers already gathered in the south-west of Paardeberg must be dispersed. The Boers lack resources, and the necessity of a thorough transport organization may delay a decisive action in this quarter for several days, and perhaps weeks. Making alone now awaits a relief, and a force to accompany it is probably already on its way. No more popular even could now occur for Great Britain than the relief of Col. Baden-Powell's gallant little band. It is believed they are quite able to hold out till succor arrives.

WOMEN IN THE TRENCHES.

One Found Dead and Another Fatally Wounded.

COLENSO CAMP, Wednesday, February 28.—The Boers lost heavily during yesterday's fighting. The hydric wrought-iron fuel hove in the trenches. Many of the wounded were quite yellow from the effects of the fumes. Over a hundred prisoners were taken. Many of them were Hollanders, and a few were genuine Boers. Considerable ammunition for rifles fell into the hands of the British, as well as a damaged Maxim gun. Boers of sixteen years of age were among the wounded. The prisoners had not heard of the surrender of General Cronje and dislodged it. The majority seemed to be glad to be captured. They admit heavy losses recently. The women remained with the Boers in the trenches until three hours before the British charged. Two women were found, one dead, the other fatally wounded. Before she died she said to her husband, "I would not let her go, as she was such a good shot. The woman was only nineteen years old."

MERRYCK KEEPS HIS SEAT.

Darr Contest Recommitted to the Committee on Elections.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
STATE HOUSE, Annapolis, Md., March 2.—The contested election case of Darr, democrat, against Merrick, republican, from Prince George's county, which came up on a report to unseat Mr. Merrick, was decided yesterday in the house of delegates by the recommission of the whole matter to the committee on elections, which leaves Mr. Merrick in his seat.

Rev. M. N. Gilbert Dead.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 2.—Right Rev. Mahlon N. Gilbert, bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Minnesota (Episcopal), died here today.

A TALK WITH OTIS

Good Prospects for Early Peace in Luzon.

NATIVES BECOMING MORE TRUSTFUL

Trade Reviving and Insurgent Brigands Scattering.

AMERICAN PATIENCE NEEDED

Editorial Correspondence of The Evening Star.

MANILA, P. I., January 1, 1900.

Among my New Year's calls of 1900 was a visit to the busiest man in the restful tropics and one of the busiest men in the whole world. The duties and responsibilities which burden the commanding officer of the American army in the Philippines and the military governor of the islands are almost crushing in their weight. Military operations here involve the direction of a force of 65,000 men, so scattered as to cover numerous points in the vast area of the Philippines and confronted by varying conditions in the different islands. When distances and difficulties of transportation and numbers of men equipped and moved are considered this expedition ranks among the most notable in military history. Civil administration as governor involves the task of creating a sound and wholesome system adapted to existing conditions and of gradually substituting it for that against which the people have revolted, and, in the interim, in order that anarchy may not ensue, of enforcing with absolutely essential modifications the old Spanish laws and customs.

THE "SAPHO" HEARING.

The Prosecution Has Introduced All of Its Testimony.

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FOLLOW MR. BRYAN'S VIEWS

Resolution Adopted by State Democratic Convention of Utah.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF

Customs Receipts to Be Applied to the Island.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APPLAUDED

Bill Carrying Out Its Purpose Promptly Passed.

DEMOCRATS SURPRISED

In his invocation today the blind chaplain of the House prayed for Mr. Epes of Virginia, who was operated upon in this city at the Garfield Hospital in this city this morning.

"A special message from the President was read recommending that all the revenue collected on importations from Porto Rico since the evacuation of the island by Spain (amounting to over \$2,000,000) should be placed at the disposal of the President for the relief of the island.

The Republicans greeted the conclusion of the reading of the message with demonstrations of enthusiasm.

"I hope the recommendation will meet with favor on that side of the House," said Mr. Richardson, the minority leader.

"I'll see if it meets with favor on that side of the House," retorted Mr. Cannon sharply. "I'll now ask for unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of that message in force."

The suddenness of the request spread confusion on the democratic side. There were many "no" or "constituted" replies.

Mr. Richardson stood hesitating a moment. "Better do it at once," said Mr. Cannon, "before you change your mind."

This shift raised a laugh. Mr. Richardson said he would not object, but wanted to know how much time would be allowed for debate.

Mr. Cannon replied that he hoped there would be no debate. The bill contained no explanation. He then suggested twenty minutes on a side. To this Mr. Richardson assented, observing: "I do not suppose the majority will object to the suggestion of one mind long as the other side can be given a fair opportunity to be heard."

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