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Windsor was very jubilant at the news, which the queen disseminated immediately after it reached her and the inhabitants seized the occasion of her majesty driving through the town on her way to take a train for a visit to the wounded South African soldiers at the Netley hospital to given vent to their delight.

Supplies Reached Ladysmith. A letter has been received from a man in the first dragoons, now in South Africa, confirming the report that a supply train reached Ladysmith during the engagement at Spion kop.

Nearly Four Thousand Captives. It is now announced that Roberts has notified the war office that the number of Boer prisoners approximates 4,000.

Twenty-nine Transvaal officers were captured and eighteen Free State officers were made prisoners. The guns captured from the Transvaal forces were 75-centimeter Krupp, nine one-pounders and one Maxim gun.

Cronje's Attempt at Escape. A special dispatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, says: "Gen. Cronje last night attempted to escape with a party of Boers, but he was driven back."

Casualties at Paardeberg. The war office has issued a list of 721 noncommissioned officers and men wounded in the fighting at Paardeberg Sunday, February 18, including sixty-three Canadian and 273 Highlanders.

British Occupy Jamestown. STERKS SPRUIT, Feb. 26.—Boer reports say the British under Gen. Brabant have occupied Jamestown, Cape Colony.

Paris is Disappointed. PARIS, Feb. 27, 6:30 p. m.—The news of the surrender of Gen. Cronje made a considerable impression in Paris, especially as although the press dispatches represented the Boer commander's position as hopeless, Lord Roberts himself had been so unexpectedly reticent during the last few days that he misled people here into the belief that Cronje's situation was less critical than it really was.

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Transvaal Leave for Holland. The Lourenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "Many foreigners are leaving the Transvaal, and numerous government officials have started for Holland."

Emperor William's Congratulations. LONDON, Feb. 28.—It is understood that the queen and the Prince of Wales have received a telegram of generous congratulation from Emperor William on the victory at Paardeberg.

King Humbert and Queen Margherita also wired congratulations to the queen.

Rejoicing in Ottawa. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 27.—There was general enthusiasm and rejoicing all over the city today when the news of the surrender of Gen. Cronje was received. Flags are floating from the parliament buildings and all the principal buildings in the city.

Great Joy in Montreal. MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—News of the surrender of Gen. Cronje was received with the greatest joy.

Flags Up in Toronto. TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 27.—Every flag in the city today was raised high from the news of the surrender of Gen. Cronje became known.

ROBERTS' OFFICIAL STORY. Dashing Advance by the Canadians Caused the Boer Leader to Finally Give Up.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The war office received the following from Lord Roberts: "Paardeberg, Feb. 17, 11 a. m. 'From information furnished daily to me by the intelligence department it became apparent that Cronje's force was becoming more depressed and that discontent of troops and discord among leaders was rapidly increasing. This feeling was doubtless accentuated by the disappointment caused when the Boer reinforcements, which tried to relieve Cronje, were defeated by our troops on February 23. I resolved, therefore, to bring pressure to bear upon the enemy. Each night the trenches were pushed forward toward the enemy's laager, so as to gradually contract his position and at the same time bombard it heavily with artillery, which was yesterday materially aided by the arrival of four six-inch howitzers, which I had ordered up from Deuar. In carrying out these measures the captive balloon gave great assistance by keeping us informed of dispositions and movements of the enemy.'"

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Today an armistice was agreed upon to enable both sides to collect their dead and wounded, the Boer army having had very heavy losses, but they stoutly insist that the British will compel them to raise the siege of Ladysmith.

## BULLER HAS A HARD TASK.

Enormous Difficulties Which Remain to Be Overcome Before He Reaches Ladysmith.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg dated Monday describes at considerable length the "enormous difficulties of Gen. Buller's task," and says: "The real advance began last Wednesday. The stupendous nature of the task was only understood, when being on the spot one was able to realize what it means to hurl infantry at positions aligned in every direction with carefully prepared trenches and with breastworks defended by practically invisible riflemen armed with the most deadly rapid firing weapons and aided by quick firing guns which put all but our cannon of the largest caliber into the shade."

Commenting upon Friday's fighting the Daily Mail's correspondent says: "As it would have been madness to seek an outlet from the amphitheater of hills by way of Groblers Kloof on the left, a route had to be found on the right, and at 2 p. m. on Friday, amid the incessant crackling of rifle fire and the roar of cannon, the Irish brigade was dispatched along the river to take Railway hill on the other side of Pieters station."

This hill is commanding enough to insure our final advance, providing we could hold it securely and could mount cannon fire. From Onderboskruis railway bridge the track runs along the Tugela and is perilously open to the Boer marksmen disposed on the kopjes back from the river and after passing Pieters station many men were bound to be hit.

Beyond the station the line passes over another small bridge crossing a deep gully and it was in the approach to this bridge that the greatest danger from exposed exposure obtained. It was necessary to cross by the bridge at the mouth of the Donga which, besides being difficult of access, ran into the Tugela. The path between the railway and the river was almost always in full view of the enemy.

"Every man of the Irish brigade had, therefore, to run the gauntlet of Boer marksmen and numbers dropped on the bridge where the Boer's bullets fell dangerously and only one man allowed on it at a time.

"Very soon fifty men were put out of action in the race from the bridge to the start of the railway, and the Boer reinforcements, which tried to relieve Cronje, were defeated by our troops on February 23. I resolved, therefore, to bring pressure to bear upon the enemy. Each night the trenches were pushed forward toward the enemy's laager, so as to gradually contract his position and at the same time bombard it heavily with artillery, which was yesterday materially aided by the arrival of four six-inch howitzers, which I had ordered up from Deuar. In carrying out these measures the captive balloon gave great assistance by keeping us informed of dispositions and movements of the enemy."

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## SECRETARY ROOT'S APPEAL.

ASKS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THE ARMY BILL.

Points the Necessity for the Proposed Changes in the Methods of Promotion and in the Assignment of Officers to Staff Duty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Secretary Root today appeared before the house committee on military affairs and made a strong appeal to the committee to report favorably the bill drafted by him to increase the pay of the army. The secretary said in part: "The bill is limited to three subjects: '1. Promotion in the line. '2. Tenure of staff appointments and the relations between the staff and the line. '3. Reorganization of the artillery. 'Provisions for Promotion. 'It is carefully framed to avoid raising the question of the size of the army, which it is understood congress is not now ready to discuss, and its provisions are made applicable to any army of whatever size congress may determine upon. The provision for promotion to the office of major, lieutenant colonel and colonel shall be by selection, leaving the other two-thirds to be as at present, by seniority. This is designed to afford some slight opportunity for recognition of exceptional ability and gallantry. Under the present law, which permits promotion only by seniority, the president is prohibited from recognizing meritorious or brilliant service must go unrewarded, the thoughtful, devoted and ambitious young man is precluded from advancing himself by his own exertion a halfbread beyond the indolent, but the indolent and inefficient are just able to perform duty to keep from being turned out of the service."

Guards Against Favoritism. "The only objections to the proposed measure are that there may be favoritism in selections. The impartiality of the selection is safeguarded by the provision of the bill that the promotion shall be made by a list of three officers selected from the grade from which the promotion is to be made by a board of officers of superior rank convened for that purpose and sworn to make the selection according to the merit and fitness of the candidate as shown by his service records. 'From these three the president is to make the nomination which has again to pass the ordeal of confirmation by the senate. The officers of the army have its efficiency and honor and justice to their fellows more deeply at heart than anyone else in the world, and this bill puts in their hands the means for the improvement of the army, the solemn duty of confining these promotions strictly within the lines of justice."

Improvement in the Staff. "The sections relating to staff organizations provide for the abolition of the present system of permanent staff appointments and for the substitution of details from the line for the staff for periods of four years, unless sooner terminated by the president, with the requirements that upon the expiration of one year in the line before he is eligible for another detail. The advantages of these provisions, I believe, will be manifold. I think the changes will be made and prevent the division between bureaucratic government, of which there is always danger, and will increase the efficiency both of the line and the staff, by breaking down the division between them by bringing to each a more intimate and personal knowledge and appreciation of the difficulties and the needs of the other, and by creating a larger body of officers trained in every branch of the service and competent for any command, instead of men who have been trained in one branch only. The provision which permits the president to terminate a detail to the staff is of the highest importance. Nothing could be more impractical than the present permanent tenure of the chief of a bureau."

No Power Over the Staff. "The president, as commander-in-chief, is responsible for the efficiency of the great majority of them, he is expected by the country to produce results by its use. He can determine who shall command the armies and can change generals in command as often as he chooses, but he is absolutely powerless as to the heads of these great departments which organize and assemble and feed and clothe and transport and arm and equip and care for the army. Efficiency or defect is organized in the staff departments before a shot is fired. Inefficiency in them means necessary disaster at the beginning, and the expenditure of countless lives. Yet no matter how plainly inadequate to the task the head of one of these departments may be, the president is powerless to make a change unless the senate commits some distinct and heinous offense upon which he can be court-martialed and dismissed from the service."

Protection to Incumbents. The secretary said care had been taken to protect the rights of present incumbents of staff positions. They had understood the great majority of them were satisfied to accept the change cheerfully, but he understood there were a very few who were dissatisfied. Their opposition, he said, is purely personal and of the same kind which has been undermining every attempt of improving army organization. Such considerations should not prevail.

Increase in Artillery Force. He then explained the provisions of the bill in detail, dwelling especially on those relating to the artillery. An increase of 6,000 men, almost all in the coast artillery, had been provided for, but the increase would be spread over five years, and in order to avoid raising any question as to the size of our army at this time, the 1,200 increase each year would be made up by recruiting that many fewer in other arms of the service. The regimental organization was abandoned as to the artillery and the battery or company adopted as the unit of organization, substantially all military authorities being agreed that there was only a multiplication of red tape and no sense in trying to administer the artillery arm on regimental basis when only one battery as a rule was in one locality. A chief of artillery was provided in order that the like other important branches, should have a responsible head. Members of the committee asked many questions and showed great interest in the secretary's statement.

Opening Up the Philippines. Globe-Democrat. The opening of the ports of the Philippines to the commerce of the world is going right ahead. There has been a little deafening to the Americans in some of the other islands than Luzon, but it is not formidable, and never has been. It does not prevent years opening of the ports to the world's trade. Even in Luzon the serious part of the fighting is believed to be ended permanently. Some guerrilla warfare may be kept up in Luzon for a year or two, but this will not prevent the organization of a civil government in that island and in the rest of the archipelago. Judge Taft's commission will have the whole Philippine held to itself when it starts to work.

## TERRIBLE TRAIN DISASTER.

WOMEN CREMATED IN A WRECKED AND BURNING CAR.

Others Terribly Scalded, and Two Women Will Lose Their Sight, Even if They Recover From Other Injuries—All Well Known People.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—The fast St. Louis day express, due to arrive in Kansas City at 5:45 this evening, was delayed by a freight train, which struck in a snow storm two miles south of Independence, Mo., about nine miles out of Kansas City. The St. Louis local passenger train, running forty minutes behind the fast express, came on through the blinding snow storm and crashed into the express train ahead, the engineer having failed, through the driving snow, to see the danger signal which the fast train had sent back.

Parlor Car Cut in Two and Afire. The parlor car, in the rear of the first train, was literally cut in two. When Engineer Frank Raymond and his firemen escaped from the wreck they crawled out through the windows of the parlor car. Fire added to the horrors of the wreck, coals from the furnace of the shattered engine having fallen among the debris of the splintered car, and soon the whole wreck was ablaze. Two or more persons, it is believed, were burned.

The Dead and Injured. A list of the dead and seriously injured, so far as known, is as follows: Mrs. J. G. Schmidlapp, Cincinnati, O., instantly killed; body recovered. Unknown woman, body consumed in wreck. Injured: J. G. Schmidlapp, Cincinnati; will recover. Miss Schmidlapp, Cincinnati, scalded; will lose sight of both eyes. Mrs. J. Baleck, Cincinnati, mother of Mrs. Schmidlapp, badly scalded; eyesight lost; may recover. Wm. A. Vaughan, Cincinnati, newspaper reporter, scalded and right arm crushed; amputation necessary. L. F. Sheldon, Sedalia, assistant superintendent of telegraph of the Missouri Pacific, painfully scalded. Brakeman Frank McAfee, St. Louis, badly bruised. Mrs. Elizabeth Peters, Kansas City, badly scalded. Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, Cincinnati, badly scalded.

All of the injured have been brought to the University hospital, in Kansas City.

Three Women Probably Killed. Wm. Root, a farmer near whose place the wreck occurred and who was one of the first to render any assistance to the injured passengers, is quite sure that at least three women were burned in the wreck. When he reached the car flames were crackling through the splintered woodwork of the car at one end, while at the other end a cloud of blustering steam was issuing from the locomotive which had tipped the coach open from end to end. On every side were men and women crying for assistance.

Mr. Root's first act was to pull from the wreck a woman whose legs were sticking out through a broken window. She was not badly hurt. By the time this had been accomplished other passengers from the forward coaches had come back and helped out all of those in the burning car who could be reached.

Mr. Root states that he saw the body of one woman jammed in the roof of the burning coach and that it was not reached by the rescuers.

The body of another woman was consumed in full view of the passengers who gathered about the wreck. Mr. Root and others tried to draw her out, but she was pinned under heavy wreckage. Mr. Root says the young woman was apparently dead, as he reached her hand and there was no response to his efforts at rescue.

Were Well Known Cincinnati People. CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—J. G. Schmidlapp is president of the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company in this city. For years President McKinley had been his guest when he visited this city. Mrs. Schmidlapp was a patron of literature and music as well as of nearly all the charitable organizations in the city. The Schmidlapps left yesterday for a month's absence at Pasadena, Cal.

Mrs. Bailek, the mother of Mrs. Schmidlapp, is the widow of the late Julius Bailek, of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company.

Not a Pleading Spectacle. Philadelphia Record. It does seem a little grotesque for a nation that will not permit its citizens to buy ships from foreign shipbuilders and sell their surplus steel to be building itself with building free ship canals through foreign soil open to the use of all nations. While we are preparing to dig the canals why should not our merchants be permitted to get ready to use them?

A Society Woman Undergoes a greater strain than is generally realized, and every woman is a society woman in her own circle. The debts of society are many and must be paid or there will come social bankruptcy, and it is in the punctual payment of social debts, regardless of health or feelings, that women often lay the foundation for serious illness.

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**HOT FIGHTING AT COLENZO**  
 British Suffer Heavily in Attempting to Carry a Strong Boer Position by Assault.  
 COLENZO, Feb. 25.—In the attempt of the Janiskillians on Friday evening to rush the Boer position on Pieters hill, the Boer fire was so terrible when the infantry emerged from the cover of the trees that almost every man in the leading half of the company fell wounded.  
 The advance line of the British reached a donga in front of its first Boer trench, which was not apparent until they were actually in it.  
 The Boers retired to the crest and then returned on either flank of the Janiskillians, enfilading the captured donga with a terrible cross fire.  
 Finding it impossible to advance or to hold the position, the British fell back and intrenched themselves half way up the hill.  
 In the course of the night the Dublin Fusiliers and the Connaughts, arriving to support the Janiskillians, another determined effort was made to take the Boer position. This also failed. A heavy fire continued throughout the night.  
 The Janiskillians lost fourteen out of seventy officers killed and wounded and about 250 noncommissioned officers and men killed and wounded.  
 Gen. Lyttleton's brigade relieved Gen. Hart's brigade in the morning, and the artillery duel was continued yesterday

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