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AGUINALDO IN JAPAN.

Said to have escaped from Northern Luzon by way of Formosa.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—A special from Hong Kong to the Evening World says:

United States Consul Willman has informed that three members of the Philippine junta, Lino, Ponse and Agoncillo, leaders of the revolution, recently left for Japan to meet Aguinaldo.

This gives credence to the story that Aguinaldo escaped from the island of Luzon to Formosa when hunted by General Lawton's expedition through the northern part of the island.

A sleep at His Post.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 22.—A dispatch to the News from Batavia says:

A dispatch has been received at Batavia stating that Edward K. of Stafford, who had enlisted in the Fortified Volunteer Infantry, had been found sleeping at his post, tried by Court-Martial and sentenced to be shot. It is said that a number of Filipinos rebels sheltered the camp while Kingdom was asleep and killed two or three American soldiers.

Archbishop Hennessy Dyngar.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Feb. 22.—Archbishop Hennessy's condition is such tonight that he expects his recovery to be imminent.

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## HIS LAST STAND

Cronje in a Trap, Forced to Surrender.

## HEMMED IN BY BRITISH

His Only Hope Reinforcements, Roberts Keeps Them Off.

## ASKED ARMISTICE TO BURY DEAD

Kitchener Replied to the Boer Generals: "Fight to a Finish or Surrender Unconditionally."

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Daily News second edition says that General Cronje has surrendered.

### His Last Stand.

LONDON, Feb. 22, 4 A. M.—General Cronje is seemingly making his last stand. He is dying hard, hemmed in by British infantry, and with shells from 60 guns falling into his camp. On the third day of the fight, the Boer chief asked for an armistice to bury the dead. "Fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally," was Lord Kitchener's reply. General Cronje immediately sent back word that his request for a truce had been misunderstood, and that his determination then, as before, was to fight to the death. The battle went on.

This was the situation of General Cronje Tuesday evening, as sketched in the scantly telegrams that have emerged from the semi-silence of South Africa. Officially, Lord Roberts wires that he has scattered the advance commandos of the reinforcements that were striving to reach General Cronje. It is regarded as singular that Lord Roberts, wiring Wednesday, should not mention the appeal for an armistice on the previous day, and also that the war office should withhold good news, if it has any.

Without trying to reconcile even the scanty materials at hand, it seems plain that General Cronje is in a bad, and even a desperate situation, and that the British are pressing their advantage.

While the attack on General Cronje proceeds, there is a race for concentration between the Boers and the British. The engagement with General Cronje's 500 to 800 entrenched men is likely to become an incident in a battle between the masses.

The separate fractions of the Boer power are rapidly drawing together to attack Lord Roberts. Will Cronje be able to hold out until the Boer masses appear, or if he does, will they then be able to succor him?

The British are facing the Boers on ground where the arms, tactics and training of the British are expected to give them the advantage.

General Buller, according to a dispatch from Chevilly, dated Wednesday, finds the Boers in position north of the Tugela largely reinforced. This seems strange.

The war office, for the first time, has given out an official compilation of the British losses. The total is 11,280 to February 17. This does not include, therefore, Lord Roberts' recent losses, nor the Witshire prisoners. The Press Association learns that the British losses at Koedoe's Rand were 70.

Three thousand fresh troops will embark for South Africa today.

MONDAY morning broke finding the Boers in the same place, they having during the night constructed entrenchments around the laager, which was still threatened by General Smith-Dorrien. The infantry rested after the terrible hard day's fighting of Sunday. The mounted infantry and battery, after the advance, were ordered to observe the enemy who was holding a kopje, but while riding around the southern side of the kopje they received a heavy fusillade, and were obliged to move further out. They sustained no casualty, another proof of the bad Boer marksmanship.

Pushing on, the detachment found that the kopje extended a considerable distance to the west, sloping gradually down to plain. They took up a defensive position, which was garrisoned. They continued the movement and completely turned the Boers, whose left was held strongly by a farmhouse, which was vigorously shelled.

The detachment returned to camp at midnight, leaving a garrison on the ridge.

Meanwhile a desultory bombardment of the Boer position was kept up, and a good deal of rifle fire concentrated where the Boers were attempting to rush up the river bank.

About midday the cry that General French had arrived was passed down the ranks, but his division operated out of sight of our force. When Lord Roberts arrived he addressed several regiments and was vigorously cheered.

Early in the day General Cronje asked for a 24 hours' armistice in order to bury his dead. Lord Kitchener refused, and a little later came another messenger with word to the effect that the Boers were sufficient enough to refuse an armistice for the purpose of burying the dead. General Cronje saw no other resource but to surrender. Upon receipt of this message Lord Kitchener proceeded to the Boer laager in order to arrange the capitulation.

They were met by a messenger who announced that General Cronje had not the slightest intention of surrendering, but would fight until General Kitchener returned and ordered a bombardment of the Boer position.

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