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CRONJESURROUNDED

Stubbornly Resisting the British
at Paardeberg Drift.

GENERAL ROBERTS IS SILENT

General MacDonald Seriously Wounded—
ed-Boers Fleeing From Natal
—Buller's Movements.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 21.—A special cor-
respondent of the Cape Argus says:
"General Cronje is surrounded at Paar-
deberg drift, but is offering a stubborn
resistance. The British are shelling the
Boers vigorously, and expect to capture
the whole force."

LONDONERS WORRIED.

Roberts' Silence Gives Rise to Ap-
prehension.

LONDON, Feb. 21, 4 A. M.—Lord Rob-
erts' list of 48 killed and wounded officers,
including two generals, in the engagements
up to Sunday evening, causes anxiety, es-
pecially as in the officers' list neither the
loss of the Western and Eastern regiments
nor those of the mounted infantry are
included. This is about the number that
fell at Colenso, where the noncommuni-
cated officers and men brought the total
losses to 800.

It is considered strange that, when send-
ing his casualties, Lord Roberts gives no
information as to the result of the fight-
ing. If he has made such a report, the
war office is withholding it. Moreover,
nothing is known as to what took place
Monday, Tuesday and yesterday. The ab-
sence of details from Lord Roberts' dis-
patch, contrasted with his rather full nar-
ratives during the first part of his op-
erations, produces uneasiness among military
observers. All the comment in the morn-
ing newspapers, both official and official,
is threaded with the disturbing sugges-
tion that, despite hard fighting, General
Cronje has been able to beat off his pur-
suer, and that he is being reinforced by
rail from Ladysmith and by force on
foot and horseback from Northern Cape
Colony, as well as the late beleaguers of
Kimberley.

As the correspondents with Lord Rob-
erts are silent, the telegrams from Boer
sources receive some countenance. The
latter aver that Cronje, while the British
were endeavoring to surround him be-
tween Paardeberg and Koedoeskand, re-
ceived reinforcements under De Wit, and
that together the Boer commanders
fought the British to a standstill.

However all this may be, public opinion
here will not be reassured until the war
office issues explicit statements of suc-
cess, which, of course, would clear away
the gathering doubts respecting the dis-
turbance of the Boer advance. No one doubts his
ultimate success, but there is a fear of tem-
porary disappointment, and that a lot of
lives will be lost in the process.

The latest report regarding General Bul-
ler circulated in the house of commons
last evening was that an agent of the
Boers conveyed to him a cablegram from
Cape Town, which must have
passed the censor, to the effect that Gen-
eral Barton's fusilier brigade had reached
the hills commanding Ladysmith. Quite
nearly all this, however, and from every
other rumor, the early relief of the be-
leaguered garrison is thought inevitable.

Many distinguished persons, on the way
home from the theaters and clubs, called
at the war office to inquire for news. The
ladies' lobby was open until midnight.
The arrival at the war office of several
prominent people after 11 o'clock gave
substance to a report that important in-
formation from Lord Roberts had been
received, but an announcement was soon
forthcoming that no further bulletins
would be posted during the night.

Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the mili-
tary situation in the Morning Post, says:
"Sir Redvers Buller can hardly be ex-
pected to follow up the Boer army to
or through the Paardeberg range, but he
can follow it up to the point where it re-
treats into a rout. The net result will be
the addition in a week's time of from 10,000
to 20,000 men to the Boer army confronting
Lord Roberts. The latter probably has
20,000 men available at Paardeberg."

"A prolonged fight from Friday Mon-
day seems to argue something like a bal-
ance between General Cronje's and Lord
Roberts' forces. The question therefore
is which side is to receive the largest
immediate reinforcements. The most sub-
stantial reinforcements available for Lord
Roberts are the divisions now in Natal.
But it will take time to move them.
Would that the Eighth Division had been
held ready at Cape Town instead of at
Aldershot. The purpose of the British
government is to crush the Boer army,
and this purpose is being accomplished."

"The Boer army is in the hands of a
commander-in-chief, an assured and
growing numerical superiority."

MORE TROOPS NEEDED.
Winston Churchill Urges the Necessi-
ty of Men, Guns and Supplies.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Winston Churchill,
in a dispatch from Chevelly, dated Feb-
ruary 21, says he still expects fierce fighting
before Ladysmith is relieved. He says
again upon the imperative necessity of
"pouring a continual stream of men, guns
and supplies" into the Cape. He declares
that soldiers are wanted in South Africa,
and not at Aldershot. Meanwhile he says
many "encouraging signs that the Boers
are wearying of the struggle."

The Times has the following from Lou-
renco Marques, dated February 21:
"According to Boer accounts, General
De Wit claims to have captured, in an
attack upon the rear guard of General
French's column, 200 oxen and 58 men."

The Daily Mail has the following dis-
patch from Lourenco Marques, dated Feb-
ruary 21:
"Boer newspapers, dated February 19,
report that General De Wit won a bril-
liant victory over the British troops at
Modder River. General Dutoit's regi-
ment, being defeated by the British cavalry
column which got into Kimberley. He re-
treated to Riverton, 18 miles north of Kim-
berley, with all his guns lost and seven
men killed. According to the same papers,
General Cronje succeeded in getting
through a message to Kofffontein with
the news that he is holding all his pos-
itions, and that the Boer column is around
Kimberley again. The Boers expect a
general engagement at Tugela. All is quiet
in Ladysmith."

A dispatch to the Times from Cradock,
dated February 19, says:
"It is believed here that all danger of
a colonial rising is at an end."

STRUGGLE ONLY BEGINNING.
Invasion of the Free State Does Not
End the War.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Cape Town cor-
respondent of the Daily News says:
"It is of the very greatest importance
that the British public be not carried
away by recent successes into a belief
that the war is practically ended. Nothing
could be more fatal to a satisfactory
prosecution of the war, and, above all,
to a satisfactory settlement of the whole
country after the war, than any relaxa-
tion of military activity, any stoppage
of reinforcements, any temporizing or bar-
gaining with the Free State or the Trans-
vaal through mistaken ideas of magnani-
mity toward an assumedly beaten foe. The
highest authorities and the soundest
opinion here say that the war has
really only just begun in earnest. Indeed
they say that the real struggle will only
begin when the present military opera-
tions end."

The best reason for asserting
that an attempt is likely to be made by
Boer supporters in the colony to force
easy terms for the Free State, now or
soon, by holding out a threat of a Dutch
rising in the colony. Any idea of leaving
the Free State its independence would be
fatal to British interests. The British
people must not deceive themselves into
thinking that it is now only a walk-over.
They have a dangerously subtle and pre-
servative foe to deal with in more ways
than it would be politic to discuss pub-
licly."

"There should be no halting in sending
out troops. A quarter of a million of
Boer troops will be none the more. The
more we have and the sooner they are
here, the quicker will be the end of the
war, and the surer will be the settle-
ment that is to mean justice and peace
for Dutch and British alike and lasting pros-
perity to South Africa."

BOER ACCOUNTS.
Part of the Official Report of General
Cronje.

PRETORIA, Feb. 19.—A portion of the
official report from Cronje, dated Sunday,
has been given out, as follows:
"Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock,
while removing a larger near Scholtz's
Nek, we were attacked by the British. The
fight lasted until 7:30 in the evening. Al-
though on the whole the British were
driven back, they each time renewed the
attack. The loss to the British must have
been considerable. Thus far the Boer loss
has been eight killed and 12 wounded. This
morning the British shelled us with
ammunition. Chief Commandant Pretorius's
force was too small to stop the cavalry
from entering Kimberley."

Tuesday.—Official reports have been re-
ceived as follows: Commandant Steyn's
force, Saturday and Sunday, at Koedoes-
kand, he fought the British, who tried to
encircle Cronje's laager, and drove them
off. They fought until late Sunday evening.
The Boers and one man killed and one wounded, and cap-
tured booty and 21 horses and mules.

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WAR NEARLY ENDED

Operations in the Philippines
Drawing to a Close.

POLICE WILL REPLACE SOLDIERS

Gendarmes to Be Organized to Pre-
serve Order in the Islands—
The New Policy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—According to
information received at the war depart-
ment from Manila, at the end of the present
expedition of General Bates into the
two provinces at the extreme southern
part of the island of Luzon, military opera-
tions in the Philippines will close. After-
ward, it is stated, there is nothing to do
but to undertake to maintain order
through a police system. Attention is now
being given to that subject, and steps
are being taken to form a thoroughly
mobile, lightly armed gendarmie, some-
thing on the order of the Canadian moun-
ted police, to cover the islands at all points
and conserve the energies of the regular
troops.

The arrest of Tagals on the charge of be-
ing guerrillas as reported from Manila
yesterday, it is said at the department,
marked the initiation of another policy
towards the insurgents who still remain
under arms. As the summary punishment
of guerrillas cannot be had until some
action has been taken to declare the ter-
mination of the application of the rules of
war, it is assumed at the war depart-
ment that General Bates has already issued
some kind of proclamation or notice to
the natives, warning them that if they
defy the rules of war and pursue predat-
ory warfare they will be treated as guer-
rillas when captured.

The president is devoting special atten-
tion to the formation of the new Philip-
pine commission, acting on the advice that
the army has reached the end of its func-
tion in the islands and that the time is
ripe for the establishment of civil gov-
ernment throughout the archipelago. It is
hoped that the personnel can be completed
before the end of next week. It appears
that Mr. Denby was obliged to decline re-
appointment as a commissioner on ac-
count of physical inability to stand the
hard work that will be involved through-
out the visit to all the islands, and the
setting up of local governments.

PHILIPPINE TAXES.
Robert Porter Commissioned to Es-
tablish a Schedule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—It is under-
stood that when Hon. Robert Porter, who
recently returned from an official trip to
Cuba, was in Washington the other day
the president spoke to him in reference to
becoming a member of the Philippine com-
mission. Mr. Porter's private affairs and
his work in connection with Cuban tariff
reform make it impossible for him to be
absent from the United States for a couple
of years, but he has been requested by
the president and Secretary of War Root,
as well as a number of senators, to do the
work in connection with the customs and
internal revenue taxation in those islands
that he has done in Cuba and Puerto
Rico.

As soon as a governor has been estab-
lished in the Philippines, it will be neces-
sary to arrange for revenue and a work-
able fiscal system and this duty will largely
devolve on Mr. Porter.

General Otis' Casualty List.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—General Otis
cabled the war department the following
list of casualties:

Deaths: Malaria fever, January 2, As-
lingham, Twenty-second infantry;
February 10, Willis McMartin, corporal,
Forty-fifth infantry; February 12, Asaiah
Harron, Thirty-eighth infantry.

Wounded: January 12, Art Jay L.
Perry, Forty-second infantry; January 12,
Rio Grande Florida Blanco; 15th, Joseph
P. Carey, Thirty-fourth infantry; Rio
Agno, near San Nicholas, accidental; Feb-
ruary 9, Daniel P. Jenkins, Twenty-second
infantry, gunshot; January 20, William
Crawford, corporal, Twenty-fifth infantry;
Angeles, Luzon, fell on dagger worn by
him; gunshot in action January 27, Amos
O'Neil, Thirty-ninth infantry.

Heat prostration, February 9, Frederick
Hegewen, Twenty-seventh infantry.
Pneumonia, February 11, John P. Hill,
Twenty-ninth infantry; variola, 14th, For-
ster McGuyer, Forty-fourth infantry; 12th,
Cyprus B. Brittain, Thirty-third infantry;
dysentery, 14th, Andrew Anderson, Thirty-
fifth infantry; Carl Neasel, Fourth caval-
ry; typhoid, 14th, Clarence van Borge,
corporal, Thirty-seventh infantry.

Captain of Missouri Suspended.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Captain
Dillon, of the hospital-ship Missouri, has
been suspended by Colonel Long on
charge of insubordination. The charges
against the captain consist principally of
acts of insubordination. There was trou-
ble on this account during the
voyage, and when the vessel
reached here Major Arthur wanted the
transport service officials to investigate
the matter. His request was denied, for
reason that the Missouri is in charge
of the medical department. Now the
charge has come from Washington com-
manding an investigation, pending which
Captain Dillon will stand suspended.

Still Spanish Islands.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Upon repre-
sentations of the Spanish government to
the effect that some of the islands south
of the Philippine archipelago, which had
been taken possession of by the United
States garrisons, were really the prop-
erty of Spain, the authorities of the state
department have examined the charts and
concluded to direct the withdrawal of our
claims to the islands of Cuyayan, Sulu
and Subutu, both of which lie without the
boundary lines laid down by the treaty of
Paris.

TO RECOVER DUTY.
Suit Brought by Importers of Puerto
Rican Goods.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—S. S. Lancelotti
& Co., of this city, dealers in Puerto
Rican products, have commenced an ac-
tion in the United States circuit court to
enjoin Collector Customs Birdwell from
collecting duty on goods brought from
Puerto Rico, on the ground that Puerto
Rico is not now a foreign country, and
there is no authority to collect any duties.
The suit was served on the collector Fri-
day, and the motion will be heard Friday.

WHIPPING IN VOTES

Republicans Working Hard for
the Puerto Rico Bill.

SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Hermann and the Senate—Ob-
jection to Lending Hills—The Pop-
ulist Committee Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Members of
the ways and means committee favorable
to the Puerto Rican tariff are insisting
that the president is taking an active
hand in support of that proposition, and
assert that all of the doubtful republicans,
with few exceptions, will be secured by
being called in by the president and urged
to support what a majority of the party
want. This cannot yet be verified, but
the confident manner in which the advo-
cates of the bill assert it is saving a
tendency to weaken the opposition. The
position that Senator Culver took today,
by introducing an amendment to the sen-
ate bill for free trade, gives the house
members a little strength. Among those
engaged in the "whipping-in" process on
the house side is Chairman Payne, of the
ways and means committee, and he is in-
sisting some of the opposition becom-
ing of his methods. Payne, as floor leader
of the majority party, first introduced a
bill for absolute free trade with Puerto
Rico, and then, as chairman of the com-
mittee on ways and means, he introduced
and supports a tariff measure. It is being
pointed out that such curious methods will
not tend to strengthen the republicans in
their coming campaign.

THE KENTUCKY TANGLE.
Agreement by Both Sides to Expedite
Legal Proceedings.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 21.—The con-
tests over the state offices are very much
simplified by an agreement entered into
between the attorneys for the republicans
and the democrats today, representing
both sides, and straightening out the legal
tangle over the multiplicity of injunction
suits for the title to the governorship.

The agreement is that there will be a
speedy trial by the courts, on an agree-
ment made involving all the issues, the
first to be before Judge Emmet Field, at
Louisville. The suits now pending in the
state court are not to be considered, all be-
ing heard together, and the same evidence
to apply in all the cases. It is agreed that
the pleadings shall be made up by next
Tuesday, and that every effort shall be
made to expedite the proceedings.

It is also agreed by the parties to the
suits that they will submit to and abide
by all the orders and judgments of the
courts made in these suits, reserving, how-
ever, the legal right to set aside or modify
on such orders or judgments in any man-
ner provided by law. The agreement is
signed by the attorneys in behalf of con-
testants.

Ex-Chief Justice W. S. Pryor, one of
Governor Beckham's attorneys, said to-
night he thought it probable that the
agreed case would be settled, so far as
the state courts are concerned, within
three weeks. The attorneys on that side
all say they have no fear that the su-
preme court of the United States will
grant a writ of error to that court after a
decision by the court of appeals, but the
republican attorneys are laying much store
by the belief that the supreme court of
the United States will take jurisdiction
and hear the case.

THE PHILADELPHIA ELECTION.
Victory for the Candidates of the
Municipal League.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—Returns of
yesterday's election in this city did not
come in from some of the outlying wards
until almost daylight today. Sixteen mag-
istrates were voted for, and the result
shows a decided victory for the candi-
dates nominated by the municipal league,
in opposition to the regular republican and
democratic nominees. While the republic-
ans elected by reduced pluralities the 16
candidates they were entitled to under the
present election law, the municipal league
was successful, the municipal league electing
the other four. The four men elected by
the municipal league are: Albert H. Laren,
William Esselbrenner, J. E. R. German,
and John M. O'Brien. German, before
whom ex-Senator Quay was first arraigned,
was denied support by the republicans.
Esselbrenner is the magistrate before
whom the ballot-box snuffers have
been arraigned and held in heavy bail.

Texas Legislature Adjourns.
AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 21.—The Texas leg-
islature, after a 30 days' session, adjourned
tonight near the midnight hour and dis-
without having accomplished the object
for which it was convened. The session
was convened to pass a tax-adjustment
bill, which has been the subject of the
greatest lobby legislative fight ever fought
in Texas. The bill was kept in the house
all of the 30 days, and little progress was
made in its consideration, owing to the
successful attack of the house. Gov-
ernor Sayers declined to reconvene the
legislature for another 30 days, on the
ground that he had no assurance that it
would pass a bill.

Bryan at Jacksonville.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21.—William
J. Bryan addressed an audience of
6000 people here tonight. The meeting
was held in the open air.

General Bragg's Birthday.
CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—A special to the
Record from Fond du Lac, Wis., says:
General E. B. Bragg, commander of the
Iron brigade, kept open house yesterday
in honor of his 73d birthday, and flags
floated from all public buildings here in
honor of the event. In the evening a dele-
gation of the Iron brigade members, head-
ed by General Wheeler, of Milwaukee, and
Colonel C. H. McConnell, the former of
the Second Wisconsin regiment and the
latter of the Twenty-fourth Michigan,
made the funeral pilgrimage to General
Bragg's home, where congratulations were
extended, speeches made and toasts drunk.
Scores of telegrams of congratulations
were received.

The El Paso Riot.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The war de-
partment has received the following re-
port from the commanding officer at Fort
Bliss as to his progress in discovering
the perpetrators of the El Paso assault:
"Everything quiet; have leader beyond
doubt; believe I will have all the guilty
parties shortly. I have sent Lieutenant
Colonel Roberts to make a complete in-
vestigation and report."

Evicted Tenants' Bill Rejected.
LONDON, Feb. 21.—The house of com-
mons has rejected at its second reading
the Irish evicted tenants' bill, by a vote of
223 to 126.

WAR NEARLY ENDED

Operations in the Philippines
Drawing to a Close.

POLICE WILL REPLACE SOLDIERS

Gendarmes to Be Organized to Pre-
serve Order in the Islands—
The New Policy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—According to
information received at the war depart-
ment from Manila, at the end of the present
expedition of General Bates into the
two provinces at the extreme southern
part of the island of Luzon, military opera-
tions in the Philippines will close. After-
ward, it is stated, there is nothing to do
but to undertake to maintain order
through a police system. Attention is now
being given to that subject, and steps
are being taken to form a thoroughly
mobile, lightly armed gendarmie, some-
thing on the order of the Canadian moun-
ted police, to cover the islands at all points
and conserve the energies of the regular
troops.

The arrest of Tagals on the charge of be-
ing guerrillas as reported from Manila
yesterday, it is said at the department,
marked the initiation of another policy
towards the insurgents who still remain
under arms. As the summary punishment
of guerrillas cannot be had until some
action has been taken to declare the ter-
mination of the application of the rules of
war, it is assumed at the war depart-
ment that General Bates has already issued
some kind of proclamation or notice to
the natives, warning them that if they
defy the rules of war and pursue predat-
ory warfare they will be treated as guer-
rillas when captured.

The president is devoting special atten-
tion to the formation of the new Philip-
pine commission, acting on the advice that
the army has reached the end of its func-
tion in the islands and that the time is
ripe for the establishment of civil gov-
ernment throughout the archipelago. It is
hoped that the personnel can be completed
before the end of next week. It appears
that Mr. Denby was obliged to decline re-
appointment as a commissioner on ac-
count of physical inability to stand the
hard work that will be involved through-
out the visit to all the islands, and the
setting up of local governments.

PHILIPPINE TAXES.
Robert Porter Commissioned to Es-
tablish a Schedule.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—It is under-
stood that when Hon. Robert Porter, who
recently returned from an official trip to
Cuba, was in Washington the other day
the president spoke to him in reference to
becoming a member of the Philippine com-
mission. Mr. Porter's private affairs and
his work in connection with Cuban tariff
reform make it impossible for him to be
absent from the United States for a couple
of years, but he has been requested by
the president and Secretary of