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CRONJE MAKING HIS LAST STAND

Hemmed In by British Infantry and Showered With Shells.

REINFORCEMENTS SCATTERED

An Armistice Refused-Must Pight to a Pinish or Surrender Unconditionally, Lord Roberts Says.

LONDON, Feb. 23, 4 a. m .- General 'onje is seemingly making his last stand. He is dying hard, hemmed in by British infantry, and with shells from sixty 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.

General Conje immediately sent back been misunderstood and that his determination then, as before, was to fight to death. The battle went on. This was the situation of General In the scanty telegrams that have

Officially, Lord Roberts wires that he has scattered the advance commandos. of reinforcements that were striving to reach General Conje. It is regarded as singular that Lord Roberts, in wiring Wednesday, should not have mentioned 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 Conje is in a had ly and the British losses were heavy. and even desperate situation and that the British are pressing their advance.

While the attack on General Conje proceeds, there is a race for concentration between the Boers and the British. The engagement with General Conje's five to eight thousand entrenched men vigorously and the Heers confessed to ritory, Alaska, Indian Territory and is likely to become an incident in the a loss of over eight hundred men. | the District of Columbia, shall have battle between the masses. The separ-

Will General Conje be able to hold into the Boer camp. 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 a ground where the arms, tactics and training of the British are expected to give them an advantage. General Buller, according to a dispatch from Chevely, dated Wednesday, finds the Boers in a position north of

the Tugela largely reinforced. The war office, for the first time hes given out an official sempilation of the British losses. The total is 11,280 to February 17. This does not include, therefore, Lord Roberts' recent losses.

SUPPLIES GOING FORWARD.

The Mines in Kimberley Now Have Coal and Will Commence Operations.

LONDON, Feb. 23, 1:30 a. m.-The war office has isued the following from Lord Roberts:

Paardeberg, Feb. 22.-Methuen re ports from Kimberley that supplies of food and forage are being pushed on as fast as possible. There will be enough coal to start the De Beers mine in ten days. By this means great misery will be alleviated. The hospital arrangements there are reported per-He hopes Prieska and the adjoining

country will soon be settled. At the same time the war office announced that nothing further would be issued tonight.

CRONJE'S DEATH TRAP

Details of the Movement by Which He Was Surrounded and Terrible Effect of the British Fire.

PAARDEBERG DRIFT, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20.-General Cronje's magnificent night march from Magersfontein now appears likely to end in disaster. The main body of the Boers is enclosed in a terrible death trap. The enemy hiding in the bed of the Modder river, commanded by the British artillery and enclosed on the east and west by the Britsh infantry. Sunday witnessed a gallant stand on the part of the retreating foe.

Tired and harassed, they still main tained a bold front. The whole British line was ordered to envelop the Boers who lined both banks of the river. The firing soon became heavy. The Boers, holding a splendid position, covered the left of the Highland brigade, which advanced partly up the the rest of the brigade, with the other the Highland brigade on the level ground, exposed to a terrible fire which obliged the men to lie upon the ground

Through the dreadful heat and a pied Barkley West.

to the position, answering the Boer OLD ELEMENT terrible thunder storm, our men hung fire and shooting steadily.

In the meanwhile, the rest of the infantry completed the enveloping movement, the Welsh regiment having succeeded in securing the drift, thus closing in the Boers, who had fought throughout with splendid courage. Toward evening a battery on the

south side opened, co-operating with a battery on the north. A wonderful sight followed. The shells fell with amazing precision along the river bed, opposite the langer, which was shelled thoroughly, gailing everything it contained. One shell set fire to the ammunition wagons, which burned nearly all day. The glare was visible a considerable distance far into the night. The scene toward nightfall was terribly picturesque, with blazing wagons, roaring artillery and the crackling of the rifle fire.

A SHARP SKIRMISH.

Kelly-Kenny Attacked a Boer Laager But Accomplished No Results.

PAADERBERE DRIFT, Orange met today. The vote was: Free State, Tuesday, via Modder river, Wednesday. -One of the costliest actions of the war occurred at Paaderberg Drift, Sunday, February 18. General Kelly-Kenny, in his pursuit of mounted infantry maneuvered on the ment emerged from the semi-silence of South | right front and flanked the Boers. The

drifts, found the Boers strongly enclos-Highland brigade on the left and Gen- the campaign, eral Knox's on the center and right. the north bank. On both the north it had been made in times past. south banks the ground is level and the advance across this was dead-The battle was an exact replica of Modder river. The soldiers were under | says: fire all day and all the fighting had no The terrific shelling was resumed on six delegates. when Conte asked for an . "All democra

CRONJE CANNOT ESCAPE.

Roberts Has Him Completely Surrounded With Artillery and Is Shelling His Position.

LONDON, Feb. 22.-Great relief has news from Paardeberg showing that Roberts is personally superintending the operations and, though it is difficult to grasp the real situation, it is prospective in a British invasion of the 120 votes cast for King for governor in Free State.

After failing to dislodge Cronje, in spite of great bloodshed on both sides. Roberts seems to have contented himself with shelling the Boers Monday British Government Releases and Buys and Tuesday. He apparently contemplated a renewal of the assault Tuesday afternoon, but after reconnoissance he decided to content himself still doing when the Paardeberg advices were sent at 6 o'clock yesterday. The fact that Boers from Ladysmith hood of Paardeberg caused some ap- send invoices." prehension, but the reinforcements of erts and it is not thought the Transto transport hurriedly a great number

of men and horses. From available information received pletely surrounded Cronje with artillery, thus releasing the other arms, of which the military experts assert he has plenty, to defeat all the reinforcements of the Boers as they arive in detail. The fact that Cronje asked for an armistice points to great losses, as that his hope lies in securing delay in order to allow the Boer reinforcements to create a diversion in Roberts' rear.

CRONJE'S POSITION HOPELESS

Wanted an Armistice, but Roberts Replied in Grant's Historic Words.

CAPETOWN, Thursday morning .-In reply to General Cronje's request pectoris, aged about 60 years. river bed and partly in the open, while for an armistice of twenty-four hours to allow him to bury his dead, Lord regiments swung around the front of Roberts told the Boer commander that unconditionally

General Cronje's position is considered hopeless. The British have occu-

AGAIN RULES

Democratic Party Going Back to Its Time-Tried Moorings.

CONVENTION JULY FOURTH

Kearsarge. Will Wait Until Republican Party Meets and Then Deny Whatever It Affirms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-The next national democratic national convention will be held at Kansas City, July 4th. This was the decision of the democratic national committee which Kansas City, 40.

Milwaukee, 2. In favor of July 4, 27; June 14, 21,

May 9, 1. The speech which had a great deal Cronje, caught his rear guard at Klip of influence in fixing the date was word that his request for a truce had Drift and followed the burghers to the made by ex-Senator Gorman. He said Boer's laager at Koodoosbrand. The that four years ago it might have been Drift action began at daybreak, well to hold the convention earlier as mounted infantry driving the Boers' the party then took a new position, one rear guard up the river towards the which drove many of the leaders out Conje on Tuesday evening, as sketched main body, while another body of of the party or into temporary retire-

> The temporarp organization then British main body advanced to outflank | went into the hands of able men, but the Boers' langer on the bank of the many of whom had not been active in the control of the party affairs. It took Kelly-Kenney having seized two them some time to organize. Now there was a good organization. This party ed and ordered an attack with the was ready and equipped to enter upon

> The party in power should be allowed while General Smith-Dorrien's brigade to hold its convention and the indictcrossed the river and advanced along | ment of that party could be made as Chairman Jones was authorized to

appoint a sub-committee of seven to The call issued by the committee

"Each state is entitled to representadefinite result, as the Boers' laager tion in the convention equal to double was well barricaded and they remained the number of its senators and reptherein. British guns shelled the laager | resentatives in congress and each ter-

rapidly drawing together to attack armistice. The shelling was continued citizens of the United States, irrespec-Tuesday, over fifty guns pouring lead tive of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for a pure, economical and constitutional government, and who favor the republic and oppose the empire, are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention.

THEY WANT TO FUSE.

been caused here by the receipt of the Populist Convention to Meet in Portland on the Same Day as the Democrats.

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.-The populist thought Roberts is gradually tighten- state committee met in this city today ing his grip on Cronje's forces. In and decided to hold their state convenspite of the apparent failure of Sun- tion in Portland, April 12, the same day's attempt to storm the Boer posi- date on which the republican and tion, it is evident that Cronje is not democratic state conventions will meet merely langered in the ordinary ac- in this city. A majority of the popuception of the term, but occupies a list committee favored fusion with the carefully prepared and strongly en- democrats at the coming state election, ready with the object of the storming one delegate at large and one for every

MASHONA INCIDENT CLOSED.

the Breadstuffs at an Increased Price.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.- United department as follows:

"Mashona foodstuffs released. The

guns and men are also coming to Rob- with breadstuffs, supposed to be con- ble aid to the early settlers of the He denied in detail the asertions of vaalers and Free Staters will be able the cargo are satisfied as the price of by his example and teachings be ator Myers and others. Clark submit-

here, it appears that Roberts has com- THE OREGONIAN DISAPPOINTED.

Senate Committee to Report Shipping Bill With All Amendments Incorporated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 -The senate committee on commerce today well as indicating that he recognized agreed on all the amendments to be nade to the shipping bill,

RECEIVER M'NULTA DEAD.

John McNuita, of Chicago, well known throughout the West because of his year to the grand lodge in England. Carl "Shirts" and Other Auntles Me t identification with the receivership of This tax was increased to afty cents rallroads and other great corporations, a head some time ago. It was said died suddenly here tonight of angina that the increase was in a measure a

he must fight to a finish or surrender | Kearsage to Be the Flugship of the North Atlantic Squadron.

the Brooklyn navy yard that the navy in aid of the Boors.

armored cruiser New York as flagship of the North Atlantic sequatron and replace her with the new battleship Kenrange. The New York has been the flagship of the squadron since before the war with Spain and ban seen much hard service. The cruiser is in need of an overhauling and a 'rest." In addition to the Kearsarge, the new bat-

suuadron. The New York is now in West Indian ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT waters and is expected at the Brooklyn yard in April, when Admiral Farquhar will transfer his dag to the

tieship Kentucky and the reconstructed

cruiser Atlanta will be added to the

NOW IS MACRUM'S CHANCE.

His Charge Against British Government to Be Investigated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-Representative Wheelock, of Kentucky, today introduced a resolution instructing the committee on foreign affairs to investigate the truth or falsity of the charges made by Charles E. Macrum. tate consul of the United States at swored a number of questions as to the Pretoria, that his official or personal mail was opened, read, suppressed or detained by the censor of the British government

MACRUM'S AN ASS.

A Sentiment in Which Secretary Gage Says All Sensible Men Agree.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.-Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, who arrived here today said of the case of ex-Consul Ma-rum and his charges against the English government: "The administration thinks of Macrum exactly what e very reasonable man think-that he is an ass."

HOLD THE PHILIPPINES. .

Dr. Schurmann Deals With Expansion in His Chicago Washington-Day Address.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22-Dr. Jacob G. Schurmann, president of the Cornell University, spoke under the auspices of the Union League Club at the Auditorium this afternoon on expansion. He declared that the true policy of after the Loughberough case the suthe United States lay in holding the islands and following out the policy of expansion which had been opened be-

INDEMNITY CLAIMED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.- United States Minister Merry, to Honduras, has been instructed to demand an indemnity from the Honduras government for the killing of a young Amer- Thinks Local Conditions in the Philip lcan named Pears, a year ago.

HAWAHAN BLACK PLAGUE,

creasing in Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.-The steamer America Maru, from Honolulu. brings advices that the black plague ceremonies of the university, has broken out in other cities of the ported at Kahulul and one at Hilo. The situation at Honolulu is better. No new cases have developed.

A STATESMAN APPRECIATED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23.-Jesse trenched position, previously made. The apportionment of delegates is financial bill, was renominated for con- newly acquired passessions without gress from the Seventh district by the thoroughly studying the local requirrepublican convention this afternoon.

Washakle, Chief of the Shoshones, Gathered to His Fathers.

Tribune from Ceheyenne, Wy., says: Washakie, chief of the Shoshone Inwith shelling the Boers, which he was States Consul Stowe, at Cape Town, dians, died in his tepee on the Wind under date of today, cables the state River reservation in Central Wyoming last evening, after a lingering illness Clark, son of Senator Clark, of Monof several months. He was 93 years tana, told the senate committee on have already arrived in the neighbor- government buys. Consignors should old. For 53 years he was at the head elections today that he had an indeof his tribe. He was ever the friend pendent income of \$250,000 a year and The steamer Mashona was seized of the white man and rendered valua- that he was in business for himself. signed to the Boers. The owners of West. He was a devoted Christian and witnesses Witeside, Hewitt, State Senfoodstuffs has greatly risen since the brought the Sheshones up to a high ted what he said was a detailed statestandard of intelligence,

NO MORE JOHNNY BULL

Ancient Foresters of Brooklyn Withdraw from the Mother Court.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22,-At the last court withdrew from the British order journed tonight their work had been and joined the Foresters of America, practically completed. There were with much applanse. Court Unique phraseology. has a membership of 111 and each one WASHINGTON. Feb. 22. - General of the members was obliged to pay the per capita tax of thirty cents each tax upon the order for the Boer war. The members refused to pay and were admission, which was granted.

is a glass contribution box to receive ator Edmunds is honorary president, NEW YORK, Feb. 22 .- It is said at funds for the Netherlands Red Cross | The principal speaker of the occa-

THE DEBATE ON **PUERTO RICO BILL**

Several Strong Speeches Delivered Yesterday on Both Sides.

Conflict With Supreme Court Decisions Clearly Shown by Republican Opponents.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-The debate on the Puerto Rican tariff bill brought out several notable speeches in the house today, including one by Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, who anattitude of the president; another by Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, a republican member of the ways and means committee, who dissented from the majority report, and Representative Moody, another Massachusetts republican who sharply criticis-

ed the position of his colleague. McCellan, of New York, and Brantly, of Georgia, also spoke against the bill and Parker, of New Jersey, in sup-

port of it. The debate was continued at the night session. McCall said he regretted greatly that he could not agree with his colleagues as to the pending bill, but he was compelled to dissent, because it involved nothing less than the proposition that congress in dealing with territories of the United States had absolute power, unfettered by any limitations of the constitu-

John Marshall, as great a jurist as ever sat upon the bench, declared in Loughberough vs. Blake that the of uniformity in the imposition of duties extended to the territories. A third of a century preme court again, when California became a territory, decided that the

rule of uniformity would apply to it. "If congress is not bound by those limitations against taxing unequally, is is not bound by any limitation upon its power in the constitution," said

WU TING FANG'S ADVICE.

pines Should Be Considered in the Enactment of Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.-The ex-Spreading to Other Islands, but De. ercises attending the dedication of the new law school university of Fermsylvania were continued today at the Academy of Music, in conjunction with the regular Washington's birthday

The principal guest of honor and ora-Hawalian group. Seven cases are re- tor of the day was We Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, who was on the program to deliver an address on "proper relations of the United States to the Orient."

Regarding the government of the Philippines, he said:

"The policy of the wise statesman Overstreet, the author of the house would be not to enact laws for the ments and peculiar circumstances, or to extend the laws of the mother coun-ANOTHER OLD SETTLER DEAD, try, which might be unsuited to the onditions of the new territories,"

SENATOR CLARK'S SON.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22,-A special to the Has a Fair Income of \$250,000 a Year and Denies Any Dependence on the Old Man.

> WASHINGTON, Feb. 22,-C. W. ment of his receipts and expenditures for political purposes during the Mon-

tana campaign. The aggregate footed up \$118,000.

FINANCIAL CONFEREES AGREE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-When the meeting of the Court Unique, Ancient | republican conferees of the two houses Order of Foresters, of Brooklyn, the of congress on the currency bill ad-The Boer flag was unfurled and greeted still some slight differences in the

RELPING OTIS OUT.

to Put an End to Philippine War.

PHILADELPHIA. Feb. 22.-An "Eastern conference" of anti-imperial-THE NEW YORK TO BE RETIRED. suspended. An application was made lists began here today. The conference to the American order of Foresters for is said by its promoters to be another styp in the movement to bring the war Inside the hall of the assembly rooms in the Philippines to an end. Ex fig.

sion will be Hon, Carl Schurz,