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LADYSMITH IS NOW RECEIVED

Official Announcement Posted in
London Early This Morning.

THE CAMPAIGN'S HARDSHIPS

Heroism of Irish Brigade Described
by Churchill—Commanding Generals
Subsisting as Privates.

LONDON, March 1.—It is officially
announced that Ladysmith has been
relieved.

LONDON, March 1.—A dispatch to
the Daily Mail from Pieters' station,
describing the twelve days' continuous
fighting of which the attack upon
railway hill by the Royal Inniskilling
Fusiliers was one of the supreme moments,
says:

"The Inniskilling joined the column
with 24 officers. They have five left.
That tells the tale. No maps, no
pinned account, can give any idea of
the difficulties of these hills and ridges.
To add to the difficulty, the tropical
rainy season set in today.

General Buller and his staff are
virtually living the privates' life. There
has not been even a tent to cover the
commanding generals.

LONDON, March 1.—Winston Church-
hill, in a dispatch from Colenso, dated
Tuesday, says:

"The condition of the wounded who
were tended on the hillside Sunday
was so painful that General Buller sent
a flag of truce to the enemy and it
was arranged that throughout Sunday
military movements should continue
on both sides, but there should be no
shooting.

"This truce terminated at dusk.
The Boers then resumed a furious
musket attack on the British left.
The attack was repulsed. The fighting
continues vigorously.

"We shall see who can stand 'buck-
ing' best, the Briton or the Boer."

PETER'S HILL CARRIED.

Describes the Assault on Tuesday
and Praises the Gallantry of
His Troops.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The war office
has received the following dispatch
from General Buller:

"Headwaters Landwank, February
28, 5 a. m.—Finding that the passage of
Langewatches Spruit was commanded
by strong intrenchments, I reconnoit-
ered for another passage on the Tugela.
One was found for me below the
cataract by Colonel Sandbach,
Royal engineers, on February 25th. We
commenced making an approach there-
to and on February 26, finding I could
make the passage practicable, I crossed
the guns and baggage back to the
south side of the Tugela, took up the
position on Monday night and re-
laid it at the new site, which is
just below the present marked cataract.

"During all this time the troops had
been scattered crouching under hastily
constructed small stone shelters and
exposed to a galling shell and rifle fire.
Throughout they maintained the most
excellent spirits. Tuesday General
Barton, with two battalions of the
Sixth brigade and the Dublin Fusiliers,
crept about a mile and a half down the
banks of the river and ascended an al-
most perpendicular cliff of about 500
feet, assaulted and carried the top of
Peter's Hill.

"This hill to a certain extent turned
the enemy's left and the Fourth brigade,
under Colonel Norcott, and the
Eleventh brigade, under Colonel Kitch-
ener, the whole under command of
General Warren, assaulted the enemy's
position, which was magnificently
carried by the South Lancashire regiment
about sunset. We took about sixty
prisoners and scattered the enemy in
all directions. There seems to be still
a considerable body of them left on and
under Bulwano mountain.

"Our losses, I hope, are not large.
They certainly are much less than they
would have been were it not for the
admirable manner in which the artiller-
y was served, especially the guns
manned by the Royal Naval force and
the Naval Volunteers."

BULLER'S ADVANCE.

It is Now Generally Understood that
He is On the Way to Ladysmith.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—2:40 p. m.—General
Buller's account of the tremendous
resistance he is encountering in his ef-
forts to reach Ladysmith has brought
the public interest with a sharp turn
from the complacent contemplation of
Robert's victory to realization of the
serious conditions still existing in Na-
tal. Though Buller's lengthy dispatch
is construed as a victory bravely won,

the commander of the forces in Natal
has so often reported similar victories,
without achieving his main objective,
that the public has learned to retain
its jubilation until Ladysmith is ac-
tually relieved, while the long list of
casualties invariably following any ap-
parent gain by Buller is always awaited
with a dread and anxiety which tem-
porarily rob his partial success of its
acclaim.

However, it is the generally accepted
belief that Buller is determined to reach
General White this time, and though
the stages are disappointingly slow,
the nation confidently waits the re-
lief of those 6000 besieged troops. Bul-
ler's report shows there is urgent need
for Robert to exert every effort to still
further draw off the Boers from Natal
to the Free State. That he will do so,
and likely is doing so by marching on
Bloomfontein, is regarded as almost
certain by military critics here.

With the additional 600 Boers report-
edly prisoners at Kimberley, it seems
that the number of men captured by
Robert nearly reaches 5000. Afternoon
papers comment on the hero of Kanda-
har's achievement, laying special stress
on the gallantry of the Canadians, who,
according to a Paardeberg dispatch,
were actually fighting hand to hand in
the Boer trenches when Cronje surren-
dered, though this scarcely agrees with
Robert's dispatch.

The queen has telegraphed Buller as
follows:

"I have heard with greatest concern
of the heavy losses sustained by my
brave Irish soldiers, and I desire to ex-
press my sympathy and admiration of
the splendid fighting qualities they
have exhibited throughout these trying
operations."

Robert has forwarded an additional
list of British casualties during three
days' fighting at Paardeberg, showing
twelve killed, eighty-two wounded and
four missing, including seven officers
and four Canadian privates wounded.

HARDER FOR BULLER.

Cronje's Surrender Will Enable Joubert
to Stop at Ladysmith.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A dispatch to
the Tribune from London says:

"The effect of the victory upon Sir
Redvers Buller's campaign in Natal,
was discussed by veterans last night
with intense interest. It was gener-
ally conceded that while General Joubert's
troops would be disheartened and
General Buller's soldiers would be
inspired to emulate the example of
their comrades in the west, there will
be more desperate fighting in conse-
quence of Lord Roberts' success. Gen-
eral Joubert now has no motive for an
immediate retreat, since it is too late
to effect General Cronje's deliverance.
He has behind him Sir George White's
army, which is nearly starved out and
helpless from lack of ammunition. If
he can repel General Buller's assault
upon his strong defensive positions and
drive him back to the Tugela, he can
compel General White to surrender and
in a way offset Lord Roberts' victory,
besides changing the balance in the
comparative list of prisoners. The
opinion in official circles last night
was that Lord Roberts had rendered
General Buller's campaign more diffi-
cult by his victory.

There was no official news from Gen-
eral Buller when the war office closed
at midnight and the press dispatches
were fragmentary and inconclusive. It
was clear that there had been a week's
heavy fighting with serious losses on
the British side. The Boers were ap-
parently reinforced on Friday and
made a determined effort to drive
back the British brigades. General Bul-
ler's men only held their ground after
desperate fighting. Military writers
are beginning to criticize General Bul-
ler's tactics in putting forward his lines
and not mauling his troops for an at-
tack.

AS MILES SEES IT.

Cronje's Surrender Important Only as
Illustrating the Valor of the Boers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The World
publishes the following statement by
General Miles:

"Cronje's surrender was expected and
it was all that could be expected when
a force of three thousand holds out for
over a week against a force of fifty
thousand.

"You will observe that the first re-
ports said that General Cronje had a
force of nine thousand opposed to the
British, but only three thousand sur-
rendered. What became of the other
six thousand? The importance of the
surrender under such circumstances
only illustrates the fighting valor of
this handful of Boer patriots.

"The effect of Cronje's surrender will
be to strengthen rather than to weaken
the Boer patriots' cause in this war.

"We cannot help but admire those
Boers; no matter where our sympathies
may be. In my position it would not
be diplomatic for me to say too much,
but whoever is in the right, we must
admire the three thousand patriots who
stood off for ten days over fifty thou-
sand of the British army."

MODDER RIVER PRISONERS.

CAPE TOWN, Monday, Feb. 26.—
There are now six hundred prisoners
at Modder river, most of whom sur-
rendered Friday and Saturday. They are
kept guarded between wire fences.

LADYSMITH IN SORE STRAITS

General White's Forces Are Al-
most at Their Last Gasp.

WATER SUPPLY POLLUTED

Drinking Sewerage From the Boer
Camps—Capture of Pieter's Hill
Considered a Distinct Gain.

LONDON, March 1, 4:45 p. m.—Gen-
eral Buller's distinct success in the
storming of Pieters hill brings the re-
lief of Ladysmith near, but the war
office estimated late last evening that
an immediate announcement of the
relief need not be expected.

The Boers go to and fro at midnight
of the officials and messengers suggest-
ed that important news had been re-
ceived. If this were the case, Lord
Lansdowne obviously desired to sleep
on it before taking the public into his
confidence.

As his message reveals, General Bul-
ler's successful attack came after the
hard fighting of Friday and it was im-
proved and its execution begun dur-
ing the armistice of Sunday. In pro-
posing the armistice, the British com-
mander stipulated that both sides
should be free to move, but that
neither should do any shooting. He
was therefore within his privileges in
immediately beginning to transfer his
troops.

Gen. Buller's tidings come weighted
with his long list of casualties. His
losses in four straight attempts to get
General White out aggregate 4,000.

Ladysmith is in desperate straits.
Charles Williams, the military expert,
says he learns on very high authority,
presumably that of Lord Wolseley,
that White's forces is almost at its
"last gasp."

"This is not so much," says Williams,
"on account of any lack of provisions
or of ammunition, neither of which is
yet exhausted, as because of the poison-
ous waters of the Klip river, and the
evil effects of the heat on the ter-
rain in which the garrison must re-
side."

"The water of the Klip river is not
available for drinking and to boil it is
impossible, because of the scarcity of
fuel. It is thick with putrid animal
matter. Tea made of it has suspended
fibres, something like beef tea. It is
caused by sewerage from the Boer
camps."

There is no authoritative indication
yet of what Lord Roberts will do next.
It seems likely that a branch railway
will be built across the veldt to lessen
the difficulties of transportation.

Up to this morning the total number
of casualties was 12,834, of which 2,319
were added during the last fortnight.
The casualties are classified thus:
Killed, 1,893; wounded, 6,538; missing,
2,173; disease, 836.

HOPE FOR INTERVENTION.

Robert's Boer Prisoners Say Some For-
eign Power Will Interfere.

PAARDEBERG, Monday.—All the
Boer prisoners seem convinced that
when the British get to Pretoria some
foreign power will intervene.

It becomes more evident daily that
the great necessity in the successful
conduct of the campaign of Lord Rob-
erts is a larger supply of horses.

CONTINENTAL CRITICISM.

Military Officers Condemn Robert's
Treatment of Cronje.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A special to
the World from Washington says:
Continental diplomats accept the de-
feat of General Cronje in grim silence,
none will consent to be quoted for any
expression except that the issue is what
might have been expected. One of the
attaches, who has himself served as a
soldier, however, said:

"There is one aspect of the capitula-
tion of General Cronje which is hu-
miliating to every soldier. There is a
brotherhood of chivalry which binds
all professional soldiers.

"General Cronje made a gallant de-
fense. At the cost of the utmost sacri-
fice and pain, he stopped the victori-
ous Lord Roberts and held his own
ground until his hard-pressed coun-
trymen could form for a final defense.

"The fact that Lord Roberts and his
lieutenant, Lord Kitchener, compelled
Cronje to the bitter humiliation of pre-
sentering himself at the tent of his cap-
turer as a suppliant for the miserable
honor of nonconditional surrender, is a
requisite of bravery not consistent with
chivalrous conduct. Soldiers through-
out the world will be amazed. There
was no possible excuse. The fact that
the British commanders might have
apprehended treachery is flimsy. The
British were strong enough to have ex-
ecuted the army were any violations
of war committed.

"Cronje has been a brave foe. He
made no discrimination between the

wounded British and his own people.
The bitter humiliation put upon him
is a stain upon Christian knighthood.
It is without parallel.

"Contrast the conduct of Lord Rob-
erts and Lord Kitchener with that of
the victorious Schley and Shafter. The
utmost courtesy was shown to their
overthrown foes. Phillip's 'don't cheer,
men; they are dying,' will stand in
contrast to the conduct of the generals
who compelled a gallant foe who had
battled against tremendous odds
to come as a humble suppliant even
to the very doors of their tents, to beg
for his brave soldiers that they might
ignominiously surrender.

"This ruthless, overbearing conduct
will have an effect upon civilization.
Soldiers will remember this treat-
ment and it is possible that on another
day it may be returned with inter-
est."

USUAL COFFEEHOUSE LAMENT.

England's Stay-at-Home Experts See
No Good in Cronje's Surrender.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The war expert
of the Morning Leader writes:

Four thousand Boers and five 12-
pound guns.
"On one side, three and a half divi-
sions and an enormous increasing force
with a mass of heavy artillery. Yet the
Boers have kept up their contest for
more than a week after General Kelly-
Kenny caught them and after General
French headed them off their line of
retreat.

"Many of Cronje's men have got
away and they have saved all of their
artillery. Whether they have gone
does not yet appear. Those heavy
guns which used to make Methuen
grind his teeth in impotence have dis-
appeared. Where are they now?"

"Why, of course, on the way to
Bloomfontein.

"The fact that one-third of the pris-
oners are Free states does not induce
confidence that General French will be
able to spare many of his mounted
troops for the relief of Mafeking.
"It would not be surprising if word
had already gone ordering Commandant
Stelman to concentrate back of
Pretoria. For Colonel Baden-Powell
and Plumer, when they join forces, can
threaten the rand and the capital from
the rear.

"I take it for granted that General
French and the greater part of his
cavalry are on their way to Bloom-
fontein. I cannot imagine anything so
suicidal as that the Boers would mass
at the capital of the Free State.

"Ladysmith has not yet been relieved
and the very latest news last night is
far from meeting what we would wish.

"Are the Boers presumably retiring,
being reinforced? Are they actually
outflank us?"

"The very brevity of the news com-
pels us to believe its truth and make us
very uneasy.

"It is likely enough that, if the en-
emy has got away his big guns, he has
also sent back to the next front the
men who were engaged in removing
the guns.

"If General Joubert, too, can deliver
what an American general might be
pleased to call a 'mule's kick,' Joubert
will not only get away easily but will
give us some trouble before he clears
the passes."

The military expert on the Morning
Post says:

"The surrender of Cronje is the first
complete victory the British have won
in this campaign.

"We do not know the size of the
force that has been destroyed.

"Lord Roberts announces he has
4000 prisoners and has taken six guns.
"After the battle of Magersfontein,
Cronje's force was estimated at not
less than 12,000 men.

"So, at least one-half of his force
and most of his guns—including the
larger ones—disappeared before his
retreat."

THE COMBINE A GO.

More Than Half the Largest Puget
Sound Packers Will Be In-
terested.

TACOMA, Feb. 28.—The proposed
combine of the Puget sound canners
will undoubtedly be perfected. Men
interested in the business or familiar
with the circumstances predict that ten
or twelve of the twenty-one firms
which will be interested in the Sound
pack this season will be members of the
new combine.

According to the plan of the combine,
George T. Meyers, of Seattle, will be
president.

SEWER PIPE TRUST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The manu-
facturers of sewer pipe from various
parts of the country who have been
at the Fifth Avenue Hotel for more
than a week, have formed a combina-
tion taking in the majority of the firms
in the United States. The capitaliza-
tion of the new organization is \$10,000-
000.

UTAH DEMOCRATS MEET.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 28.—The
democratic state convention will meet
tomorrow for the purpose of nomi-
nating a candidate for congress and to
elect delegates to the national conven-
tion. The republican state convention will
meet Friday.

PUERTO RICO BILL PASSED

Amended as Agreed On by the
Republican Conference.

FOUR DEMOCRATIC VOTES

Cummings Keeps Up His Notoriety by
a Joke on the Majority—Vote
172 in Favor to 161 Against.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The battle
royal over the Puerto Rican tariff bill
ended in the house today in a sweep-
ing victory for the republicans.

The bill was amended as agreed upon
at the conference of republicans on
Monday night so as to reduce the tar-
iff from 25 to 15 per cent of the Ameri-
can tariff and limiting its life to two
years, and was passed by a vote of 172
yeas to 161 nays.

Six republicans, Messrs. Crumacker,
of Indiana; Fletcher, of Minnesota;
Heatwole, of Minnesota; Littlefield,
of Maine; Lorimer, of Illinois, and McCall,
of Massachusetts, voted with the op-
position against the bill, and four dem-
ocrats, Davey and Meyer, of Louisiana;
Devries, of California, and Ebley, of
Pennsylvania, voted with the republicans
for the bill. In addition Warner
(rep.), of Illinois, paired against the
bill with Boutelle (rep.), of Maine, for
it. Two other republicans, Dane, of
Iowa, and Farris, of Indiana, were
absent and unpaired. They were under-
stood to be against the bill. Four
democrats who were opposed to the
bill, Messrs. Fleming, of Georgia;
Small, of North Carolina; Smith, of
Kentucky, and Stallings, of Alabama,
were absent and unpaired.

Herculean efforts had been made to
get out a full vote and this led to some
remarkable incidents. Six men were
brought from beds of sickness. Two
were brought from hospitals. Brown-
low, of Tennessee, was brought in a
carriage, accompanied by his wife and
a physician. He sat bundled up near
the entrance until his vote was given
and then withdrew. It was felt that
the train would be severe upon him,
but when Tawney, the republican whip,
urged that the bill might be lost by
this one vote, Brownlow said: "I
would rather lose my life than to see
this bill defeated."

Tawney and three assistants were
out in carriages until midnight last
night, accounting for every vote and
Underwood, the democratic whip, was
similarly exerting every means to get
out his vote. Three democrats were
brought from sick beds.

The first test was on the substitute
offered by McCall on behalf of the
opposition. It was the original Payne
bill for free trade with Puerto Rico and
was defeated by 160 to 174. Only five
republicans voted for the substitute.

The motion to recommit it, which fol-
lowed, shared a similar fate, being lost
by 160 to 172. There was great excite-
ment throughout the roll call, which
were followed with eager interest by
thousands of spectators. Cummings
(dem.), of New York, threw the house
into a furor of excitement. He describ-
ed it to be the duty of every man in
a great crisis to rise above party and
support the government as he had done
during the Spanish war.

"I believe now we should follow the
lead of the president," said he, em-
phatically, "and I will vote for the
bill." This statement electrified the
house. The republicans without wait-
ing for him to finish his sentence rose
en masse and cheered, while the dem-
ocrats sat stunned and dazed. Cum-
mings stood with his arm upraised until
the republican applause ceased.

"I will vote for this bill," he con-
tinued, addressing the republican side,
"provided it is amended in accordance
with the advice of the president for
absolute free trade with Puerto Rico."
It was now the turn of the democrats
to cheer, and for several minutes they
made the rafters ring.

FOOD ADULTERATION.
Report of the Senate Committee Shows
It to Be More Extensively Prac-
ticed Than Apprehended.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The sen-
ate committee on manufacturers today
submitted to the senate a report on
the extensive investigation of food
adulterations. The report says:

"The adulteration of prepared or
manufactured foods is very extensively
practiced and in many cases to the
great discredit of our manufacturers.
It is only fair to say, however, that
a large proportion of the American
manufacturers who are engaged in
adulterating food products do so in or-
der to meet competition.

It is the purpose of this committee
to adopt this uniform rule to prohibit
the sale of deleterious and unhealthy
food products, and as to those food
products which are simply cheapened
by adulterants, to compel the marking
of those goods for what they are."