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THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1900.

LATEST NEWS.

NATAL.

General Sir Redvers Buller, after three days' fighting, 15th, 16th, 17th ults., occupied Kusso Hill, took Cingolo and Monte Christo, where the Boers were strongly encamped; captured stores, ammunition, and a few prisoners, sending the Boers in full retreat across the North Tugela. From his first crossing of the Tugela his total casualties, including the Spions Kop affair, were 301 killed and 215 missing. The list of wounded was heavy: 1,584. When Hart occupied Colenso he found the Boer trenches filled with their dead. There is no immediate want in Ladysmith, General Buller has miles of wagons loaded with provisions and can advance whenever it is politic to do so.

A British Force is reported on the Swzie Border.

KIMBERLEY TO BLOEMFONTEIN.

On February 19th General Kelly Kenny was out Boer hunting, the quarry turning every now and again to fight. Over 100 wagons had been captured. The Highland Brigade had joined in the chase. Cronje made for Bloemfontein, starting one night from Magersfontein, but Kitchy cornered him. The cunning old fox asked for three days' armistice but Kitchener declined, and gave him instead, one hour to lay down arms. As the sprinters did not feel like "last ditch and last drop," when it came to business, they

SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY

ON MAJUBA DAY, FEB. 27TH.

After nineteen years, thank God, that blot has been wiped over. Young Cronje (John?) tried to make a stand at the Vaal River, but, like his father, thought it better to scoot. The Native report says that Jacobsdal has been burnt down by the English. According to Capetown Reuter, Lord Roberts occupied the place on Feb. 15th, and on the 19th was advancing from there Bloemfon-

teinwards. Native report also says that Joubert is taken prisoner and his next in command has flown to the Magaliesberg, probably to buy tobacco, at any rate he has not been heard of since. Sir Frederick Carrington is said to have been within two hours' ride of Bloemfontein a week or more ago. Our people are busy making the line good to Kimberley—the relief of which by General French is confirmed from Capetown on the 20th ultimo.

DORDRECHT.

Colonial Troops under General Brabant (Qy. Member for King,) cleared the rebels from Penhoek, fighting for three days, finally drove them out of their positions with the bayonet. It is said some forty rebels have been executed. General Brabant entirely cleared the Boers out of Dordrecht.

PRESIDENT STEYN AND THE FREE STATERS.

As we reported some time ago, the President of the O.F.S. bolted to Pretoria; according to the *Bulawayo Chronicle* Special Correspondent the Commandants want to know what terms we will give them if they desert the Transvaal. Lord Roberts issued a proclamation to the Free State Burgers calling upon them to lay down their arms, pointing out that they have been misled by their Government.

NORTH.

News received from the North is that Col. Plumer has driven the Boers away from Lobatsi with his force from Kanya, and is within a mile of Ootsi with his force from Crocodile Pools. The railway is repaired as far as Ootsi. It is reported that the Boers have sent for transport and intend taking up a position on the Border. Commandant Malan has rejoined Snyman here.

On Monday evening last General Snyman was at Rietfontein, where he had an indaba with all the armed Natives, which included many rebels who took Saani prisoner. He told them that he was going to disarm them and that they were to hand up their rifles on Thursday. He complained bitterly at their behaviour, saying

that they had killed many innocent people instead of only runners and cattle looters.

It is reported that to-morrow the Boers will attack Mafeking in order to stop us from following the wagons when they retire.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 8TH MARCH, 1900.

Native reports say that the Boers propose to withdraw from Mafeking to-morrow and next day, and that to cover the retirement of their wagons to-morrow and to prevent us coming out after them, they will keep up a heavy fire on the place, and if they see a weak spot, they may try an attack on it. This may be only Native rumour, but should it turn out to be true the Garrison should lie low and try to encourage the enemy to come within range and then give him a further inducement for going. As the enemy have grossly abused the privileges of the Red Cross flag we must not be too ready to allow ambulances, etc., to come into good positions as they too often bring machine guns or ammunition or cause firing to cease which their troops take advantage of for moving. Therefore when the Red Cross flag is shewn, men should go on firing, though not at the flag or ambulance itself, until they see whether it is there for *bona fide* ambulance work or not.

Garrison Board.—A Board, composed as under, will assemble at such times and places as the President may appoint, to enquire into and report upon the working of the various Soup Kitchens; the preparation and cooking of food at all the recognised institutions; and to make such suggestions as they may agree upon for improvements or alterations, to meet the requirements.

PRESIDENT: Major Anderson, R.A.M.C.

MEMBERS: { Capt. Wilson, A.D.C.
 { Alfred Musson, Esq.

Proceedings, in duplicate, to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

Cape Government Railways

THE Railway Department have certain Soft Goods on hand which are not required by the Military Authorities, and being anxious to assist "Besieged Mafeking," are prepared to dispose of whole consignments to Merchants—not private people—on certain conditions, particulars of which can be ascertained on application at my office.

JNO. H. STOREY,

Acting Stationmaster.

Stationmaster's Office,
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Dordrecht Taken at point of Bayonet.

Colesberg's Capture Confirmed.

Glorious Slaughter of Women-slayers.

ONE THOUSAND Boers Killed.

SEVEN THOUSAND Surrendered.

Cronje a Prisoner.

Snyman to be Hanged.

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