

CRONJE IS CORNERED

Fighting Desperately Against Superior Numbers.

REFUSES TO SURRENDER

General Roberts Resolves to Crush His Resistance—Terrible Artillery Fire Concentrated on the Boer Poole...

Paardeburg, Feb. 22.—The Laffan correspondent reports that Cronje is surrounded at Paardeburg, forty miles east of Johannesburg...

London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to a newspaper which was probably sent from Paardeburg Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, says:

"The Boers' request for an armistice for twenty-four hours was refused. Another message arrived from Cronje that if the British were inclined to refuse an armistice for the purpose of allowing the Boers to bury their dead, Cronje saw no objection to surrendering...

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"The artillery of General French has been firing east of Paardeburg. It is supposed that French is engaging the Boer reinforcements. Roberts' guns are shelling General Cronje's laager at a distance of from 1,000 to 2,000 yards."

London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Times from Chieveley Camp, dated Wednesday, says:

"Boer laagers near Ladysmith are plainly visible. It is impossible to say, owing to the broken ground, whether the Boers have fallen back. It is quite possible that they occupy heights behind the Colenso position, as several guns are shelling us now."

London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marquez of yesterday's date says:

"Six thousand Boers have been sent from Ladysmith to Bloemfontein. The output of the Rand mines for the month of January exceeded £300,000."

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London, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Daily News, dated Koooidsrand, February 21, ascribes to Boer prisoners a statement that Cronje's wife is urging him to surrender to save the lives of his men.

Great Fire in a Canadian Town.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Fire broke out at London, Ont., this morning, and much of the town has been practically destroyed.

Most Sublime Heroism.

Cronje's Followers Sacrificing Their Lives to Save Their Country.

London, Feb. 24.—All accounts agree in stating that Cronje's army is suffering martyrdom under the most fearful bombardment the ingenuity of man ever inflicted.

THE STATE OF TRADE

Review of Business at the Close of the Week.

PRICES ARE YIELDING

Reaction From Extreme Figures Will Stimulate Industries That Might Otherwise Have Languished—Iron and Leather Goods Are Lower, but Cottons Are Still Advancing—Exports Very Heavy.

New York, Feb. 23.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Prices of materials are yielding. If not the best news possible for some speculators, it is the best that could come for the whole country...

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SEIZURE OF THE SABINE.

The Principle Involved Different From That in the Case of the Mashona.

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QUAY'S WINNING HAND

A Majority of Senators Favorable to His Claim.

COMES UP AGAIN MONDAY

Conference Report on Financial Bill to Be Considered in the Senate Next Wednesday—Porto Rican Tariff Bill Discussed in the House—Littlefield Attacks the Bill as Unconstitutional and Predicts Its Defeat.

Washington, Feb. 23.—In the Senate today three subjects of importance came up: the Quay case, the conference report on the financial bill and the bill to provide government for the territory of Hawaii.

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TEN THOUSAND SHOUTERS.

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AMENDED FINANCIAL BILL

Senate Features Providing for International Bimetallism and Funding the National Debt Retained in the Bill by the Conference Committee.

DEBATE AT NIGHT SESSION.

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FREE FIGHT AT A TRIAL.

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DEMOCRATS DO BUSINESS

The Legislature of Kentucky Running Without Republican Assistance—The Senate Passes Two Measures Relating to Railroads—Rival Presiding Officers.

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UNIVERSITY GERMAN.

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