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Snappy Bargains For Thursday

This cold change will remind you that you have yet to procure some necessary winter wear.—Our winter is in reality only commencing, and those who have not yet made full preparation for cold weather will find their wants here at very low prices.

Winter Underwear, Winter Mitts and Gloves, Winter Hosiery, Winter Jackets and Furs are yours for the asking at very small prices.

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Bleached linen Napkins, tea size, very special on Thursday for a doz. 25c

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For Thursday Selling

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5c

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35c

WE WILL SELL—5 doz. Linen Towels, huck wave, warranted pure linen, hemmed ends, colored borders, size 23x39 in., our special at 20c each, Thursday.....

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BOERS SUFFERED

From the British Fire According to Their Own Accounts.

Despatches From the Enemy's Head Quarters Give Their Version of the Fighting.

Boer Head Quarters, Ladysmith, Monday, Jan. 22.—A battle has been going along the Oliver'shoek road since Saturday between the Boers, under Pretorius, and 6,000 British. The fighting is in full swing at Spion's Kop. The Boers, under Botha and Cronje, have been sent thither. The British, elsewhere, are only making reconnaissance of the Boer positions. President Steyn was under fire at the foremost position of the Free Staters. The three British positions are the old Chieveley camp nearest Colenso; the central position of Swartz Kop Drift, where they hold both banks of the river, and a point higher up, in the direction of Zandkops, where they have bridged the river and established an immense commissariat. On the summit of the terrace at Swartz Kop they have placed five naval guns, and have brought the field artillery across the river to a small kopje on the northern bank, whence they keep up an incessant and terrific cannonade on the Boer trenches. Since the beginning of the week communication with the different positions has been kept up under the ordeal of this cannonade, the casualties resulting from this being heavier than those that occurred at Colenso. One of the shells from the naval guns killed a father and son, Free Staters, who were chatting at the time. Strangely, neither had any wounds.

JOUBERT'S CELEBRATION.

The 69th birthday of General Joubert was celebrated by General Botha re-

connoitering in force toward the Drakensberg Mountains, and turning the British advance after a short engagement. General Joubert accompanied President Steyn to the Free State laagers south of Ladysmith. The President was in high spirits. He proposes to make a tour of all the laagers. Ladysmith sent up many colored rockets last night.

A despatch from Colenso, on Thursday, Jan. 18, says a patrol of 200 men, under Field Cornet Opperman, while scouting, was surrounded by the British, but succeeded in fighting its way back. It is reported that four men were killed, and that thirty were wounded and made prisoners.

The quarters of Generals White and Hunter were smashed by a shot from "Long Tom." It is not known whether any of the occupants of the building were killed.

BOERS ADMIT DAMAGE.

Boer Camp, Upper Tagela River, Sunday, Jan. 21.—When Commandant Botha checked the British advance yesterday morning it was expected that there would be no further action until to-morrow. This afternoon, however, signs were discerned of an expected movement in the British north-east camp. When the heat, which was more frightful than yet experienced, had worn off, the British cannon started in full force, and their infantry advanced in extended order. Generals Botha and Cronje held the high hills over which the road to Ladysmith passes. When the Mauser fire opened a pandemonium of sound filled the air. The vindictive crash of Lyddite shells, the sharp volleys of Lee-Metford and the whip-like crack of Mausers were interspersed with the boom of the Boer Maxim. The battle ended with darkness, but not without evidences of execution among the British, that were manifest at sunrise. Field Cornet Ernst Emilio was killed; nor did the generals escape unscathed. At the centre position, Swartz Kop, where the other road to Ladysmith crosses the hills, the British advanced from low kopjes on the banks of the Tagela unmolested. Then they en-

tered the zone of Mauser fire, and although their naval guns kept up the terrible racket, the advance was stopped, and the British had to count their dead and wounded. Commandant Viljoen and two burghers were knocked senseless by an explosion of Lyddite. Commandant Viljoen recovered. Field Cornet Heilbron was injured, and on refusing to surrender, was shot. The British loss was probably insignificant. They complain that sporting Mausers were found on the field and soft-nosed bullets, with Lee-Metford. The Boers admit that sporting Mausers were found only, but they deny the charge respecting expensive bullets. Not a shot was fired by the Boers with rifle or cannon at the Swartz Kop position this side of river. Heavy cannonading proceeded at a range of 2,000 yards, but the Federals maintained the silence of death. This must have staggered the British as the advance was stopped, and this morning they had retired to their old positions.

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BY AN ATTACK AT NIGHT

Gen. Buller Hopes to Carry the Boers' Main Position.

IT IS ON HIGH GROUND AND OTHERWISE IMPREGNABLE

WHILE ONLY 1,400 YARDS FROM THE BRITISH RIDGES THERE IS A WIDE FIRESWEPT ZONE BETWEEN—AN ARTILLERY DUEL IN PROGRESS.

London, Jan. 24.—The following despatch from General Buller, dated at Spearman's Camp, Jan. 23, 6:30 p. m., was posted by the War Office at 2:30 this morning:

Warren holds the position he gained two days ago. In front of him, at about 1,400 yards, is the enemy's position, west of Spion's Kop. It is on higher ground than Warren's position, so it is impossible to see it properly. It can only be approached over bare, open slopes, and the ridges held by Warren are so steep that guns cannot be placed, and they were shelling the enemy's position with field pieces and artillery placed on the lower ground, behind infantry. The enemy is reported with Creusot and other artillery. In this duel the advantage rests with us, as we appear to be searching his trenches, and his artillery fire is not much loss to us. An attempt will be made to-night to seize Spion's Kop, the salient of which forms the left of the enemy's position facing Treacher's Drift, and which divides it from the position facing Potgieter's Drift. It has considerable command over all the enemy's entrenchments.

THE SITUATION.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 4:40 a. m.—Gen. Buller's turning movement, of which so much had been expected, has come to a standstill. His carefully worded message to the War Office telling this, after a silence of two days, reads like an apology and an explanation. Gen. Warren holds the ridges, but the enemy's positions are higher. The British artillery are playing on the Boer positions and the Boers are replying. The British infantry is separated by only 1,400 yards from the enemy, but an approach to the steep slopes across the bare open will expose them to a fatal rifle fire. Gen. Buller's plans have reached their development. He declines to send his infantry across this zone against formidable positions by daylight, and discloses his purpose to assault the Spion Kop heights during the night. This appears to be the key to the Boer defence. If he takes it, and thus commands the adjacent country, an important and possibly decisive step will be accomplished. It seems that Gen. Buller's despatch, received by the War Office rather earlier in the night, and was the subject of a prolonged conference between Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Balfour and several staff officials. A determination seems to have been reached not to give out the message during the night, but toward 2 a. m. copies of the despatch were made for distribution among the newspapers. They arrived too late for extended comment. The Morning Post and the Standard touch lightly upon the unpleasant features of the despatch, and take hope from the projected night attack, but all things considered, the despatch looks like preparation for worse news.

A DECISIVE MOVE.

The Times, commenting editorially upon Gen. Buller's despatch, says:—It can but tend to increase the severe strain from which the nation is suffering. We must await the result of his attempt to seize the formidable Boer position, with courage and coolness. His success may be decisive, but the danger of the attempt is evidently great. The intense excitement

of the besieged in Ladysmith may be imagined. Gen. Warren is moving with commendable, indeed, imperative caution. But it must not be forgotten that delay, however caused, is in many respects, in favor of the enemy. The Boers have, it is true, fallen back when hard pressed, but they have gained time to bring up men, guns, ammunition and supplies to the position they have selected for their principal stand, and to entrench it in thorough fashion—the fashion they understand so well. Until that position has been taken, and its defenders routed, and badly cut up, the relief of Ladysmith cannot be considered sure.

WAR COSTS MONEY

British Parliament Will Have to Impose Fresh Taxes

On the Rich Man's Income and the Poor Man's Tobacco and Beer and Whiskey.

London, January 24.—Parliament will meet in five days. The Cabinet had been hoping for one rallying British success to cheer the country and to command generous support for fresh revenue measures. Among these will probably be an increase of the income tax to a shilling a pound, but this would only provide the cost of five weeks' hostilities. The duties on tobacco, alcohol, leather and coffee are likely to be raised. The Cabinet will meet at the end of the week and discuss the situation. Political considerations, both foreign and domestic, press upon the military authorities the necessity of speedily accomplishing something. These authorities might be persuaded to urge Gen. Buller to attempt his great operation without adequate preparation. This impression, whether true or not, is abroad. Apparently, Lord Roberts has been persuaded to do with Gen. Buller's operations. Gen. Buller and the War Office communi-

cate with each other direct. Buller's scheme was conceived before Lord Roberts arrived at Cape Town, and its execution was begun on the day he landed. The fact that the judgment of Lord Roberts has not been brought to bear upon the movement does not add to public confidence.

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January 22nd, 1900.



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