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Births, Marriages, Death

DIED.

GRENFELL—On Dec. 11, at City Hospital, Helen Gertrude Grenfell, aged 8 years, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grenfell.

Funeral from family residence, No. 146 Wellington street, Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m. Funeral private.

COLLINS—On Dec. 10, 1899, at the family residence, 35 Blackfriars street, West London, Mary Ann, relict of the late Daniel Collins in her 63rd year.

Funeral from the above residence on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 o'clock, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

BUCKE—At Jardine, Montana, Maurice Andrews Bucke, aged 31 years, eldest son of Dr. R. M. Bucke.

Funeral private. No flowers.

Amusements and Lectures

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, Complimentary Testimonial to W. E. Hiscott, Bandmaster 7th Fusiliers, by the Commanding Officer and Officers of the Battalion.

The full 7th Battalion Band of 40 musicians, under the direction of the Bandmaster, assisted by Mrs. Adele Laeis Baldwin, contralto, and Henry McKinley, tenor, both of New York; Miss Inez Smith, Mr. Ruthven McDonald, Mr. W. H. Hewlett. "Absent-Minded Beggar," by Kipling, will be one of the numbers sung. Tickets, 75c, 50c and 25c. Obtainable from the officers of the Battalion and T. R. Parker, city office C. P. R. Box plan open Monday, 11th, 9 a.m., for ticket holders; general public Tuesday and Wednesday. 25u

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GRAND OPERA HOUSE—WEDNESDAY evening, Dec. 13, W. E. Hiscott, testimonial concert. Don't miss it. b

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CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND—THE NUMIDIAN, from Portland, Wednesday, Dec. 13, will await arrival of train from London, Tuesday morning. St. Louis sails Wednesday, Dec. 13, from New York. Lucania, from New York, Saturday, Dec. 16, will land passengers, Dec. 23. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

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WANTED—CHOIR LEADER FOR ADELAIDE Street Baptist Church. State experience and salary wanted. Address A. J. Watson, 239 Dundas street. 25c zxt

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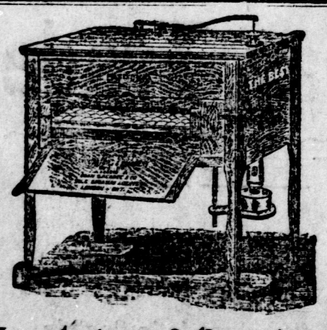

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LOST—$10 BILL SATURDAY, EITHER on belt line car or route. Reward for return to Advertiser. b

LOST—BULL PUP, WHITE, WITH BLACK spot over eye, lame in one hind leg. Reward on returning to 357 Richmond street. 25u

LOST—LAST NIGHT, BETWEEN GRAND avenue and Richmond street, turquoise tie pin. Please return to this office. b

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PUG PUPPIES—8 WEEKS OLD—FULL pedigrees. Inquire Biggs, the furniture mover, Cathcart and Bruce, South London. 24c

FOR SALE—ART SULTANA BASEBURNER, nearly new. Must be sold. Parties leaving the city. Apply 752 Dundas street. 23c

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FOR SALE—NICE BUILDING LOT 30 or 60 feet, Elias street, near Adelaide. Apply A. N. Udy, over C. P. R. ticket office, corner Dundas and Richmond streets.

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AUCTION SALE

I HAVE received instructions from Mr. Coles, agent for shippers of East India Rugs, Benares Brassware and Ceylon Curios, to sell at public auction at store next door to Smallman & Ingram's, at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15. This is a splendid opportunity to purchase good Christmas presents. The quality is strictly first-class. Rugs consist of Mizapore, Cashmere and other high grade Oriental Rugs. The Brass is genuine hand-worked Benares ware, and of the very best quality. Goods now on exhibition. Sale is without reserve.

25i J. W. JONES, Auctioneer.

Westminster Nominations.

A MEETING of the electors of the township of Westminster will be held on Friday, Dec. 22 at 12 o'clock, in O'Dell's Hall, for the purpose of nominating a reeve and councilors for the year 1900. GEO. RIDDELL, Clerk. 25i&bw

CURE FOR PARALYSIS.

Bloomfield, N. J., Dec. 11.—Friends of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Work, post department, president of the Women's Relief Corps, of New Jersey, are much interested in a cure which has been effected in her case. Mrs. Work for three years past has been suffering from paralysis of the left side, and was unable to walk. Her physician recently begun the injection of goats' lymph in from two to ten drop doses. When 700 drops had been administered, Mrs. Work was cured.

A new law has just gone into effect in Massachusetts, forbidding the performance of the marriage ceremony by justices of the peace, unless they have been specially designated for that purpose.

Boers Beaten At Kimberley

They Attacked the Garrison at Close Quarters

And Were Repulsed, Suffering Heavy Loss.

Gen. Gatacre Met a Serious Reverse at Stormberg.

Surprised by the Enemy After a Memorable Night March.

British Forces Led the Wrong Way by Treacherous Guides.

Canadian Contingent Likely to Have Hot Work.

Complete Success of the Last Sortie From Ladysmith—The Garrison and Residents Greatly Encouraged.

Cape Town, Dec. 10.—It was reported here that the Boers attacked Kimberley at close quarters last night, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Kimberley reported all quiet there up to Dec. 7, and that the pressure of the investment is diminished.

THE CAPTURE OF BOER GUNS.

London, Monday, Dec. 11.—A special dispatch has been received from Ladysmith, by way of Frere, in reference to the war office account, cabled Saturday, of the capture of the Boer guns near Pepworth Hill. It says: "Gen. Brocklehurst, with cavalry and artillery, reconnoitered in the direction of Pepworth Hill, with a view of cutting off the Boer retreat, but he found the positions still strongly held. The 18th Hussars, pushing forward, drew a furious fire and suffered severely, losing four killed and seventeen wounded. The Boers fired incessantly as the British retired. At a special parade afterward, Gen. White thanked Gen. Hunter and all engaged, especially Major Henderson, for brilliant work.

BOER REPORT OF THE AFFAIR.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Friday, Dec. 8.—The British troops made a sortie between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. They crawled up a ravine and stormed and carried Lombard's Kop, which was held by the Boers, and on which were placed a Creusot gun and a howitzer. These guns were destroyed with dynamite. The British captured a Maxim gun and then retired.

The Lancers, Hussars and Guards made a sortie west of Ladysmith at daybreak under cover of a heavy artillery fire, which the Boers returned briskly. The British afterwards returned to Ladysmith. The Boer losses are reported to have been slight.

Major Erasmus and Lieut. Malan will be tried by courtmartial in connection with the loss of the guns.

BRITISH REVERSE

Gen. Gatacre's Column Defeated at Stormberg.

London, Monday, Dec. 11.—The war office here publishes the following dispatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:

Gatacre reports:

"Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides, and found impracticable ground.

"Casualties so far as known at present are:

"Second Battalion Royal Irish Rifles—Wounded, Lieut.-Col. Eager, Major Seaton, Capt. Bell, Capt. Kelly, Lieut Stephens, Lieut. Barkardston.

"Suffolk Regiment—Wounded, 2nd Lieut. Mynard and 12 men. Missing, Capt. Weir, Lieut. Christie, Lieut. Rodney and 290 men.

"Seventy-fourth Field Battery—Severely wounded, Lewis, three men. Sligtly wounded, two men.

"Seventy-seventh Field Battery—Killed, one gunner. Wounded, Major Percival.

"Northumberland Fusiliers—Missing, Major Stevens, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Morley, 2nd Lieut. Wake, 2nd Lieut. Colson, Lieut. Radcliffe and 306 noncommissioned officers and men.

"Royal Berkshire Regiment—Killed, one private.

"The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained."

ENEMY'S POSITION IMPREGNABLE.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Sunday, Dec. 10.—Gen. Gatacre left Putter's Kraal by train for Molteno, and then proceeded by forced march twelve miles toward Stormberg. He had 2,000 men, including the Northumberland Fusiliers, the Royal Irish Rifles and two batteries of artillery. The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened on the advancing column. The engagement began at 4:15 a.m. At 7 a.m., after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired. They are now marching toward Molteno. Gen. Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, noon:

"The position of the enemy in Stormberg district last night was the following: At Stormberg, six laagers; at Dordrecht, 800 men; 23 miles south of Stirkstroom, 220 men.

"Major Elliott reports that Dalgetty, with force, has gone toward Dordrecht to co-operate with Gatacre."

RECONNOISSANCE IN FORCE.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Sunday, Dec. 10—5:30 p.m.—Gen. Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnoissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers, who were strongly entrenched along the Stormberg range. He left Putter's Kraal shortly after noon yesterday, with a fighting force slightly over 4,000 men. Leaving Molteno at 9 last evening, he made a memorable night march over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp, and there was no distinguishing light, the bright moon having gone down about half-past eleven. The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "Halt!" under the belief that the Boers were near.

SURPRISED.

Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a neighboring kopje, and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column. It was soon found, however, that this position also was covered by Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries, in the meantime, engaging the Boers and covering the troops in their withdrawal.

The action now became general at long range, and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward, with a view of getting on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong commando was seen moving from the north, and the Royal Irish Rifles and the Northumberland Regiment were sent out to meet it.

BOERS HAD MACHINE GUNS.

It was soon discovered, however, that the Boers had machine guns well placed, and the British were compelled to face a terrific fire. Finding it impossible to hold the positions in the face of an enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retirement closely, and bringing two big guns to bear on the retreating column.

LED INTO A TRAP.

London, Monday, Dec. 11.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Molteno: "Gen. Gatacre attempted to assault the Boer position at Stormberg at dawn today (Sunday). The guides led us wrong, and we were surprised while still dark, and after a very trying march. Our retirement was effected in excellent order, there being no hurry even at the most critical time. The Northumberlands and Irish Rifles behaved as if on review. I fear our losses are heavy. One of our guns we had to abandon."

A SERIOUS MATTER.

London, Dec. 11—4 a.m.—It is hardly too much to regard Gen. Gatacre's repulse near Stormberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign. Already the official advices show that two men were killed, nine officers and seventeen men were wounded, and nine officers and 596 officers are missing—who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers—that the supplementary list of casualties is awaited with serious misgivings. It is also feared that there were serious losses of guns and equipment.

EFFECT ON THE DUTCH.

The most serious aspect of the affair is the effect it is likely to have on the Dutch in Cape Colony, who have been wavering as to whether to cast in their lot with the Boers. Hosts of the northern farmers are now likely to join the rebellion.

The defeat is also serious because it will delay the junction of Gen. Gatacre with Gen. French at Naauw Port. The plan was for their combined forces to relieve the pressure on Lord Methuen's column. The disclosure of such a strong force at Stormberg was quite unexpected. Doubtless Gen. Gatacre was the victim of

TREACHEROUS GUIDES.

But the result points also to the absence of proper cavalry scouting. The British troops who recently occupied Arundel are advancing. They have had several skirmishes, but no casualties. Three miles north of Arundel they found the Boers 2,000 strong.

Modder River.

THE BRIDGE FINISHED.

London, Dec. 11.—The war office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Saturday noon:

"The railway bridge at Modder River was completed Dec. 7."

"Methuen reports the he made a demonstration up the line of the railway at daylight today with artillery. The enemy did not respond.

"Methuen is receiving the remainder of his reinforcements and supplies. He has established detached posts on his line of communication.

"Mafeking reports all well on Nov. 30."

LYDDITE SHELLS.

The Pretoria reports of renewed fighting at Modder River originated from the fact that the British, with a team of 32 oxen, hauled a naval gun to the top of a high ridge north of Modder River town, whence they fired lyddite shells on the Boer position at a range of 6,700 yards, where the enemy was apparently constructing an emplacement for a 40-pounder. The lyddite shells appeared to do immense damage. The Boers retired, but the incident is interesting, as showing that the Boers are still in position quite close to Modder River. The engineers report that it would take two months to rebuild the iron bridge. Should the rains destroy the temporary bridge, there is enough rolling stock on the north side of the river to serve Lord Methuen's purpose.

AT SPYTFONTEIN.

It is reported that the Boers are busy making entrenchments at Spytfontein. Several tiers of work are beginning to appear at the foot of the heights. The force fired up by the British naval gun is believed to have been the right wing of the enemy's main body, thrown forward for scouting and patrolling purposes. It is believed that the bad water at Spytfontein threatens an epidemic of typhoid.

BOERS SHOOT PRISONERS.

London, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Times from Pietermaritzburg says: Three bodies found after the Mool River fight proved to be the remains of three scouts belonging to Thorneycroft's Light Horse. They had been captured by the Boers, and while bound had been riddled with bullets. The troops are indignant over this outrageous treatment.

BOER LOSSES AT ELANDSLAAGTE

A copy of the Johannesburg Standard and Diggers' News contains a list of the Boer casualties at Elandslaagte. This list shows that the Boers' loss in that fight was 43 killed and 110 wounded.

FROM FRERE CAMP.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 10—6 p.m.—Heliograph communication with Ladysmith continues daily. Gen. Schalkburger and Commandant Louis Botha are in command of the Boer force investing Ladysmith. Their horses are said to be in poor condition.

A heavy report was heard in the direction of Colenso today. The sound was followed by a big cloud of smoke. The supposition is that the enemy had blown up the Highway bridge.

The Transvaal Government has decided to consider Mr. Winston Churchill, who was captured on Nov. 15, between Estcourt and Chevelly, a combatant officer, and to retain him as a prisoner. Mr. Churchill had applied to Gen. Buller with a view of getting an exchange. This has been a quiet day here. The health of the troops is excellent.

GUNBOATS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

London, Dec. 11.—Two shallow-draught river gunboats are being prepared at Chatham for service in South Africa. Each will carry two six-pounder quick-firers and four Maxims.

The transport Majestic will sail from Liverpool at noon on Dec. 13, for South Africa. She will call at St. Vincent, and is expected to reach Cape Town Dec. 28. She will carry the mail and parcels for the soldiers. The hospital ship Princess of Wales has returned to Sheerness because of damaged machinery.

Russia is sending Gen. Guerko, of the general staff, as attache at the Boer head laager.

Twenty-four cars, containing 750,000 pounds of canned beef, were started for the Transvaal yesterday by Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, on a ten days' rush order from the English Government. The shipment was sent to New York by special train. The order is said to be the largest ever received at the stock yards.

A siege train was shipped to South Africa yesterday from Southampton.

VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

London, Monday, Dec. 11.—It is stated that the government has decided on the formation of the volunteer reserves. It is expected that half a million ex-

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Hat Brushes,
Hair Brushes,
Paper Knives,
Cloth Brushes,
Tooth Brushes,
Glove Stretchers,
Shaving Brushes,
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