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STRONG IN ADVERSITY.

More Men and More Guns for More Fighting.

The Opposition in England Offer the Government Their Help Now and Promise Criticism Afterward—Report of Buller's Success Not Confirmed.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office publishes the following despatch from Gen. Buller:—

The Boers captured three cannon and two ammunition wagons.

ADVANCE FROM THE FRENCH BANK.

London, Dec. 12.—During the last hour today the stock exchange recovered slightly on a rumor that the Bank of France was to advance £4,000,000 to the Bank of England and on another rumor that the Bank of France would advance about £1,000,000 to French manufacturers, who are indebted in large sums to the Argentine wool exporters.

RUMOR NOT CONFIRMED.

London, Dec. 12.—Inquiries made by the financial reporters of the morning papers have failed to confirm the stock exchange rumor that the Bank of France is about to loan the Bank of England a large amount of gold.

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ALL AT THE FRONT.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The Globe publishes the following despatch from their correspondent with the Canadian contingent:—

THE TIMES DEMANDS MORE TROOPS.

London, Dec. 14 (4.45 a. m.)—Each important battle seems to bring a worse reverse for the British and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magerfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced.

LADY WILSON EXCHANGED.

London, Dec. 13.—A special despatch from Loureazo says a Boer telegram from Mafeking announces that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers, while acting as a correspondent for the London Daily Mail has been exchanged for a Boer woman, who was a prisoner at Mafeking.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCES.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The following militia order was issued today:—

BOERS' ACCOUNT.

London, Dec. 13.—President Steyn has sent the following details of the fight at Stormberg Junction:—

THE FULL STORY.

Modder River, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The British casualties in the battle of Magerfontein included the Marquis of Winchester, major of the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col. Downham, of the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded.

Mail at Modder River, describing the fighting, says:—

The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire. Evidently they feared our storming and bayonet attack.

was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer.

The Boers had freely resorted to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire.

A STIFF FIGHT.

Highlanders Gained Ground, but Had to Intrench to Hold It.

North of Modder River, Dec. 11.—The Guards and the Highland brigade early last night moved from the Modder River camp, marching in a northerly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the Guards following the bank of the Modder River, the howitzer batteries moved along the river-side. Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within two hundred yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill.

JULIAN RALPH'S ACCOUNT.

London, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magerfontein in a special despatch to the Daily Mail says:—

WOUNDED ARRIVE FROM THE FRONT.

Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 13.—Three hundred wounded men have arrived here from the Modder river.

GEN. WAUCHOPE KILLED.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Forester-Walker:—

TO SEND THE SEVENTH DIVISION.

London, Dec. 14.—The Associated Press understands that the war office yesterday (Wednesday) decided, in consequence of Lord Methuen's check at Magerfontein, to mobilize an eighth division in reserve and to send the seventh division to the Cape.

FROM CAPE TOWN, TUESDAY.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office today received the following message from Gen. Forester-Walker:—

INCIDENTS OF THE MAGERFONTEIN FIGHT.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The war office has received a representative of the Associated Press among the wounded British and Boers give some idea of the desperate nature of the fight at Magerfontein.

CANADIANS AT THE FRONT.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Drummond received a telegram from her husband, Major Drummond, who is special staff officer on the Canadian contingent, for night, dated "Modder River, Dec. 13," and stating that he is well. It shows that the Canadian contingent has moved north from Belmont.

THE HIGHLANDERS WERE SURPRISED.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Methuen's check, following Gen. Gatacre's repulse, says the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, "has had a most depressing effect upon the loyalists who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch dissatisfaction is rapidly growing. A large section

ADVANCING ON LADYSMITH.

Cape Town, Dec. 13.—General Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems to have actually commenced.

STUDY FARMING.

As people study other callings and you will succeed. The cheapest and best book on this is a progressive agricultural paper; and one that tells you what an O.S.I.O. or an O.N.T.A.R.I.O. Farmer should do to make money, but one that tells what MARITIME farmers should do and are doing to make the farm pay.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMER.

is restless and would not be little persuasion to join the Boers.

THE LONDON PRESS LOYAL.

London, Dec. 14.—The Globe says: "The country is prepared for any sacrifice."

BOERS SHELLING LADYSMITH.

Free Camp, Natal, Dec. 12.—The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrific.

GATACRE'S POSITION.

London, Dec. 13.—The latest advices from General Gatacre show no anxiety is felt for the safety of his remaining troops, who have been withdrawn to good positions along the railroad south of Mafeking. It is said that Bushman's Hook is impregnable.

THE BOER LOSS ON SUNDAY.

The Boer loss on Sunday is reported to have been four killed and nine wounded. Probably this is correct, as no genuine attack was delivered by General Gatacre's troops, who were completely surprised while in column.

THE BOER APPARENTLY RAN AWAY.

The Boer apparently ran away from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magerfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that Gen. Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magerfontein.

FROM NATAL.

Free Camp, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Firing ceased this morning in the direction of Colenso and an artillery duel is expected today.

ANOTHER LADYSMITH SORTIE.

London, Dec. 14.—A special despatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monday, Dec. 11, says that the Ladysmith garrison had made a sortie and destroyed the Mollerspruit bridge.

GENERAL FRENCH REPORTS A SMALL SUCCESS.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following despatch from General Forester-Walker at Cape Town:—

A NEW BRUNSWICK BOY DEAD.

London, Dec. 14.—Private Chappell, of the Royal Canadian, died of tonsillitis at Belmont, Cape Colony, Wednesday, December 13.

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