

SOUTH AFRICA.

One Hundred and Twenty-five Canadian Mounted Infantrymen Defeat a Big Boer Force.

Lord Roberts Describes It as a Very Creditable Performance—Baden-Powell at Cape Town—Invalided Canadians Will Not Sail for Another Week.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Lord Roberts reports from Belmont, under date of Wednesday, Sept. 5, as follows: "Jan Hamilton traversed DuToit's route yesterday with slight opposition. "Buller engaged the enemy's left this morning. Hamilton is endeavoring to turn his right. "Boers with two guns and one pom-pom this morning attacked 125 Canadian mounted infantry guarding the railway between Pan and Wondersfontein. Mahon proceeded to their assistance, but the little garrison held out for an hour before being relieved. It was a very creditable performance. The wounded were Major Handers and Lieut. Moodie, slightly, and two men. Six men are missing.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 7.—General Baden-Powell arrived here this morning in spite of the early hour of his arrival, a great ovation was given him. The crowd carried him to their shoulders from the railway station to the Government House, a distance of half a mile. American money promises to be rewarded by securing orders for 300 large coal trucks, involving \$150,000, about to be placed by gold mining companies on the Rand, in which quick delivery is vitally important. "Orders were received from British and American manufacturers, but the latter quoted lower prices and promised more speedy delivery. "British financial houses fear that the English manufacturers will allow foreigners to reap the commercial benefits of the war. "NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The news telegraphed from Lisbon that a military expedition a thousand strong is about to leave the Tagus for the Boer country, has caused much speculation as to the Portuguese intention in South Africa, says the Tribune's correspondent. "The news also states that Portuguese reinforcements with an intention to refuse the Boer fugitives an asylum in Mozambique, and the determination of the Lisbon government no longer to permit the Dutch force to draw supplies from the Boer country, has caused the Boers to be extremely anxious that the expedition shall not slip through their fingers, and a very good turn it is deemed the old man and army and go if compelled him to surrender to Lord Roberts.

OTAWA, Sept. 7.—The following cable was received today from Sir Alfred Milner: "CAPE TOWN, Sept. 7.—This telegram is from Lord Roberts, dated Sept. 5, and contains the Canadian mounted rifles guarding the railway between Pan and Wondersfontein was attacked at daylight this morning by a body of the enemy under Commandant Trekkart, with two guns and one pom-pom. "Brigadier General Mahon went to their assistance, but found on arrival that they had been relieved by Lieut. Moodie and Lieut. Handers, who were slightly wounded, and D. T. Johnson wounded. The missing are Sergts. Hayne and McCulloch, and Ptes. Straig, Glendenning, Shaw and Dapburk, all Canadian mounted rifles.

OTAWA, Sept. 8.—The following cables were received here today: "RIFTONTAIN, Sept. 7.—Referring to my telegram of Sept. 5th, six non-commissioned officers and men of Lord Strathcona's corps reported missing were killed. "GENERAL NATAL ARMY. "CAPE TOWN, Sept. 7.—The privates mentioned in my telegram today as missing should read: No. 83, Duxbury; 69, Clendinning; 34, Shaw; 346, Strong. "MILNER. "TORONTO, Sept. 9.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: In recognition of the civility of Maj. Gen. Hutton, the Boer commandant has promised to release tomorrow six Canadian troops of the 2nd Battalion made prisoners yesterday in the engagement between Pan and Wondersfontein. The Canadian prisoners referred to are: Sergt. Murray H. Hayne, farmer; Sergt. McCulloch, and Privates Straig, Glendenning, Shaw and Dapburk.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The war office has received a report from Lord Roberts saying General Buller Sept. 8 attacked and captured the Boer position at Spitzkop. He adds that the Boers retreated over a narrow causeway, losing heavily. The British had thirteen men killed and twenty-five wounded.

OTAWA, Sept. 10.—The following despatch was received by Sir Alfred Milner this morning: "CAPE TOWN, Sept. 10.—7,838, Smith, Canadian Regiment of Infantry, dangerously ill at Cape Town. "MILNER. "Lord Strathcona has cabled the militia department as follows: "Regret to report the death from heart failure of Sergt. Chinie, 7,846, Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, 8th Inst." (No. 7,838, Private L. Smith, belonged to Co. F, and is registered as a member of the 62nd Fusiliers.

TORONTO, Sept. 10.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M. P., who has gained considerable notoriety in connection with his exposure of alleged hospital scandals in South Africa, will entertain a large party of Canadians and Australians, invalids from South Africa, at his country residence, Holly Lodge, tomorrow. "P. E. ISLAND. "An Interesting Budget of News from the Garden Province. "New Railway Station at St. Louis—Conservatives Thoroughly Organizing—Wedding Bells.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Sept. 6.—News has been received of the death at Roxbury, Mass., of Miss Bessie McLean, formerly of New Perth. "A new railway station is to be built at St. Louis in Prince county. "The work of harvesting is progressing rapidly. The crop of hay was lighter than last season, but other crops are good. Rust is slightly prevalent among the grain. "Simon McNeil, mayor of Aspen, Col., is visiting in Summerside, the guest of his brother, Coun. James A. McNeil. "Bessie Innes, daughter of the late John Innes of Sparrows road, was married on Tuesday to Charles R. Lannon, teacher of Summerville. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Margaret Walsh, and the groom by James A. McNeil. "Mary Griffin, only daughter of Mrs. Philip Griffin of Georgetown, and Ernest Doyle, fireman of the P. E. Island railway, were married on Tuesday. The bride was attended by Annie O'Brien and the groom by H. J. McBay. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Doyle left on a trip to New York and Boston. "Charles Alexander of Campbellton, N. B., is visiting in Summerside, the guest of Mayor Campbell. Sim Carruthers of North Bedouque has gone to St. John, Mass., to resume his studies in the Currie Business university. George Younger and wife of Moncton are visiting in North Bedouque. Miss Kyle left a few days ago for her home in California, after a visit to friends in Montague. Dr. N. Cousins of Wallham, Mass., resumes his vacation with his parents in Alexandria. Mrs. W. J. Hamilton and children have returned to Sackville after a visit to friends here. Fred J. McLeod, M. A., now a member of a Boston law firm, has returned to the hub after a visit to his parents in the Royalty. Mrs. J. M. McKinnon, who came out from Scotland recently on a visit to friends in this province, has gone to Halifax, where she will spend the winter. George Houston of Hunter river has returned from a five weeks' visit in New Brunswick and Quebec. Colin Ferguson, son of Senator Ferguson, leaves on Monday to return to Toronto, after spending his holidays with his parents. "Alexander H. McDonald, one of Souris' most respected residents, died Saturday from the effects of a violent attack of cholera, at the age of fifty years. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters to mourn. "Prince of Wales college re-opened this week with about 180 students in attendance. "The body of Andre Arsenault of Egmont Bay, who was drowned off Cape Bauld on August 16th, was found Tuesday near Muddy creek. The deceased was twenty-three years of age and unmarried. "Minnie Duran of Summerside and Wm. B. McAra of Haverhill, Mass., formerly of Charlottetown, were married in St. Paul's church, Summerside, on Monday. "Annie Ellis of Donaldson, Lot 35, was married on Wednesday in Summerside to James M. Webster of Central Bedouque. "The conservatives are becoming thoroughly organized for the approaching elections. The young men of the party held a meeting a few nights ago and organized in Charlottetown under the name of the "Tupper Club." The following officers were appointed: President, J. B. Dawson; first vice-president, Dr. S. R. Jenkins; second vice-president, Harry K. McKenle; secretary, Thomas Driscoll; treasurer, W. F. H. Carvell. The arrival of Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. George E. Foster infused new life into the party. Thousands of citizens assembled in the vicinity of Hotel Davies on the night of their arrival to hear the politicians presented to them. This address was read by J. B. Dawson, president of the Tupper Club. Sir Charles' reply, as well as Mr. Foster's, was crisp and pointed, and both received an excellent hearing. W. S. Stewart, Q. C., the conservative standard bearer for Wm. Davies and the opponent of Sir Louis Squires, also gave a spirited address. On the following evening the skating rink was crowded to its full capacity.

away before horses and vehicles can move about the streets. "WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American National Red Cross, has telegraphed Governor Sayres, at Austin, Texas, as follows: "Do you need the Red Cross in Texas? We are ready." "NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The Merchants' association today sent the following telegram to the mayor of Galveston: "We have read with sorrow of the terrible disaster that has visited your city for the second time in recent years. Anything we can do among commercial interests to aid you and your fellow citizens in your distress we shall do to the extent of our ability. If you desire, will form a committee at once and solicit publicly such things as you may indicate as being of most use to the people, to help in supplying immediate wants. Kindly advise by wire at our expense." "CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—According to board of trade statistics, the damaged grain elevators at Galveston contained 2,222,000 bushels of wheat. "HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 10.—Richard Spill, well-known Galveston newspaper man and day correspondent of the Associated Press in that city, who reached Houston today, has had a terrible experience. A vivid account of the disaster at Galveston. He says: "The city is in ruins and the dead will number probably 1,000. I am just from the city having been on the beach at the time the outside world and appeal for help. "The weather bureau records show that the wind attained a velocity of 84 miles an hour when the measuring instruments blew away. It is impossible to tell what was the maximum. The storm began at two o'clock Saturday morning. Previous to that a great storm had been raging in the Gulf, and the tide was very high. "The wind first came from the north, and was in direct opposition to the force from the Gulf. While the storm in the Gulf was blowing water up the beach at the city, the north wind piled the water from the bay on to the bay part of the city. "It became evident that the city was going to be visited with disaster. Hundreds of residents along the beach front, were hurriedly abandoned the families fleeing to dwellings in higher portions of the city. Every home was opened to the rain, black or white. The winds were rising constantly and it rained in torrents, the wind was so fierce that the rain cut like a knife. "By 3 o'clock the waters of the bay and bay were submerged. The flooding of the electric light plant and the gas plants left the city in darkness. To escape from the streets to court death. The wind was then at cyclonic velocity, roofs, chimneys, portions of buildings were blown away. The wind was falling and the noise of the wind and the crashing of the buildings was terrifying in the extreme. The wind and water rose steadily from dark until 1:45 o'clock Sunday morning. During all this time the people were hurriedly abandoned the families fleeing to dwellings in higher portions of the city. 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