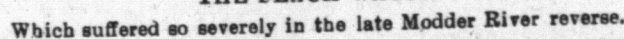


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Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all the news conveys the impression that Gen. Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder River and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending their defence works, which in both cases are seemingly almost impregnable.

A despatch from Chieveley dated Dec. 22, says our scouts have reported the Boers in force on this side of the Tugela River, three regiments of regulars, supported by a large number of all the available mounted volunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British captured 500 cattle.

Despatches from the Tugela indicate that Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another

advances. Doubtless he would be glad to retreat to the Golems reverse before the arrival of Roberts; yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. More likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

The Boer army is not a homogeneous and military circles in London the campaign is regarded as a complete dead-lock, as owing to the dispersal of the British forces and lack of transport, they believe it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to reorganize and make an effective move.

The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold long lines with but few men, and to retreat great distances under perfect cover, so as rapidly to reinforce any point attacked.

The Times, which comments editorially upon the severe strain, says:—"It is sufficient to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the unreality of the presumably practical lessons given in the manoeuvres at Aldershot."

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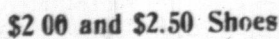
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Brandon, Man., Dec. 28.—Emily Hilda Blake was hanged yesterday morning at 8.40. She walked firmly to the scaffold without assistance, and was the coolest of the party, with the exception of Hangman Radcliffe. She made no statement.

Hilda Blake said a tramp had come to her house and asked for food, that Mrs. Lane told him she was too busy to attend to him, and that he then fired at her and ran away. The town turned out, caught a tramp and prepared to lynch him. He would have been lynched only Hilda said he was not the right man.

On July 10 Hilda Blake was arrested and identified as a girl who, on June 20, had purchased a revolver and cartridges with money from a Winnipeg. After being arrested the girl made a confession and begged to be allowed

A despatch from Cape Town says that a plot was discovered there a few days ago to seize the forts, blow up the magazines and carry off Gen. Forestier-Walker and Sir Alfred Milner during the Christmas festivities. The affair was discovered just in the nick of time.

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