

Miscellaneous.

THE ZULU WAR.

THE BATTLE OF BOKKE'S DRIFT.

The English mail, which arrived 22nd inst., brought London dates to Feb. 20th. From the Standard of this date we take the following telegrams—

MADRASA, Feb. 20. The Union Company's steamer Astoria, which left Cape Town at 10 p. m. on the 22nd ultimo, arrived here at half past eleven p. m., yesterday, and will leave for Plymouth at six a. m., to-day.

The steamer called at St. Helena on the 25th inst., and ascension on the 28th.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Jan. 28. News from the Lower Tugela states that a large conveyance of wagons belonging to Colonel Pearson's column returned safely under an escort of two companies of the Buffs.

Col. Pearson was entrenched at Ekowe.

All was quiet at the Lower Tugela along the border.

An official despatch received at the Colonial Secretary's office, at Cape Town, on the 25th inst., says—

At one p. m. on the 24th Colonel Evelyn Wood attacked the Zulu army. About 4000 men were sent against him. He totally defeated them, the enemy flying in all directions. No casualties on our side.

The following men of the 24th Regiment, who escaped at the battle of Isandahla, are at Helmsmaker—Corporal McCann, Bandsman E. Wilson; Privates—J. Davies, W. Barry, J. Power, J. Francis, W. Johnson, H. Grant, J. Williams. Bandsman Bickley also escaped, but has since died at Helmskaar.

Of the 1-24th Regiment, Sergeant Williams and Corporal Lyons were among the killed, and Private Hitch was dangerously wounded.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Jan. 29, 11-20 p.m. The action of Bokke's Drift was a splendid affair. Lieutenants Bromhead and Chard were left in charge of the Drift with a company of the 24th. The first intimation of the disaster was from fugitives making for the Drift, some of whom, including Lieutenant Coghill, who rode away to communicate with Helmskaar, were killed by Zulus while crossing the river. Seeing that an attack was imminent, we hastily threw up barricades of mud bags and biscuit tins belonging to the Commissariat, part of the time being under fire. We were attacked soon after dark by at least 3000 men, chiefly of the Zulus, and six times got inside the barricade, and were as often driven out at the point of the bayonet.

Meantime, another body passed on to the military hospital in the rear, and fired it, killing five patients, and destroying the medical stores. The servant of Colonel Harnsard Harnsard had a narrow escape; he got away from the hospital, and sat in the bush all night, exposed to the fire from both sides.

At dawn the attacking force withdrew, and Lord Chelmsford's column was approaching; it was hailed enthusiastically by the gallant defenders, who at first mistook them for another force of Zulus.

Three hundred and fifty-one dead Zulus were counted near the entrenchment, but the number killed has since been estimated at 1000. The Zulus fought with infuriated courage, coming up to the loopholes, and seizing the muzzles of the rifles.

Assistant Commissary Byrne, recently of the Natal Civil Service, was killed. He is said to have behaved nobly.

The impression here is that all the men engaged showed a fine Victoria Cross, as they undoubtedly saved Grey Town and Helmskaar, and gained time for the main column to effect a retreat.

A strong feeling prevails here with regard to the cause of the disaster at Isandahla.

It has been positively stated that written orders were disobeyed. There is little doubt that if the forces in camp had, as ordered, acted strictly on the defensive, they would have held the enemy in check till the General returned and took them in the rear, with not an improbable result of ending the campaign.

A Court of Inquiry is sitting at Bokke's Drift, composed of Colonel Harnsard, Colonel Degacher, and others.

Further accounts of Pearson's action on the 22nd, state that Colonel Pearson and Colonel Farnell had their horses killed under fire. The Gatling gun did great execution.

Colonel Pearson is stated to have had another engagement, but this has not yet been officially confirmed.

Preparations for the defence are actively going forward in the city.

The Town Council have undertaken the task of provisioning.

Confidence is much restored, though Zulu raids are considered quite possible.

Colonel Wood, after successfully engaging the enemy on the 24th, has fallen back to cover Utrecht.

On Tuesday evening a despatch arrived from Colonel Wood, dated Fort Finta; January 24th, nine a. m., to the following effect:—

The enemy's forces sent against Wood's column seem to have fled. Their strength was reckoned at from 2000 to 4000 men, commanded by Ntshole. Wood was aware of what had happened to No. 3 Column, and of General Chelmsford's plans. He had also heard that the force attacking No. 3 Column was composed of Umbombani, Umfolomi, and Nkomkosi Regiments, commanded by Mlabani, Umfolomi, and Ninying wayo. Colonel Wood intended moving on the following day to Nagaba Komgh and Hwame, in the Komo, and he hoped to be in a position to cover Utrecht, and also move, if necessary, towards Bagulazine.

(Sender's Telegram.)

CAPE TOWN (via Maleria), Jan. 29. On January 24th Colonel Wood's column was attacked by a body of 4000 Zulus. The engagement resulted in a victory for the British troops, the enemy being completely scattered. The British sustained only trifling loss. The force under Col. Wood is now falling back to cover Utrecht.

Several attacks on Col. Pearson's and on the other columns have been reported.

A grand attack is expected daily from the Zulus, who are concentrating their forces in the direction of Khowe,

where Pearson's force occupies entrenched positions.

The gravity of the position of affairs is not exaggerated. It is expected that military operations will be confined to maintaining the status quo, and guarding the strategic position on the border, until the troops are strongly reinforced from England.

A body of 2000 men, under Port Elizabeth will relieve the 85th Regiment at King William's Town.

Fuller details of the attack at Bokke's Drift contrast the extraordinary bravery displayed by the British troops.

JORDAN AND THE DEAD SEA.

THE SACRED AND FAMOUS WATERS OF PALESTINE.

The following extract is from 'Syrian Sanabine,' by T. G. Appleton: The Nile is a sacred river, and the Tiber is famous, but the most sacred and most famous river of the world is the Jordan. From the beginning to the end, it has that mystical character which belongs to each lofty pretension; its life is the most vivid and complete, and its death the most sudden and mysterious that can be imagined. It is torrential, and it flows the banks of the Hermon and the many fountains of its tributaries with an eager precipitation, as if borne a mission. From its greatest height, some hundred feet above the sea level, it leaps downward to disappear in the Dead Sea some thirteen hundred feet below it. It hides itself among cedar, tamarisk, and willow, and many an unfamiliar Oriental tree, as if wishing to keep from profane eyes the secret of its errand. It does not stop long to overflow its banks and fertilize the valley, for it has purpose too many; it will waste itself even upon acts of benevolence. It is only willing to become a living barrier between the desert tribes and the favored nations which loved it. No boat lives on its bosom. No fishermen dwell by its margin; but it moves one heading column of sacred waters from its cradle of snow and high in the heaven, till it dies in a fatal lake marked by the finger of God, and forever a subject for man's curiosity and reverence.

It would seem a thing apart and not to be confounded with vulgar waters, which lose their personality in the bosom of the mighty sea, but exhaling to heaven like some holy messenger, it is born in the fulfillment of his duty. Its birth and its death alike separate it from its sister rivers of earth, and only the voiceless murmur of perished and unnumbered cities, cities stationary as if hidden to halt by some supreme destiny of the past; or the awed and questioning stranger from the many Christian lands whose baptism drew its authority from the sprinkling of its waters, are seen upon its banks.

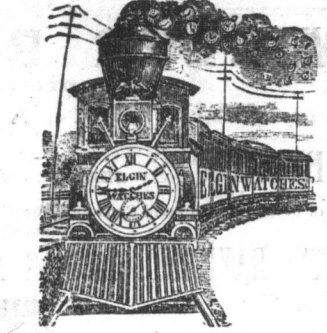
And then we wander through many whispering reeds, through a kind of jungle where sterility and the river meet for mastery, and which showed traces of both; a tangle of bushes as it were, fighting their way up, and great spaces of bareness which the summer would scorch to lifelessness.

And at last the Dead Sea. Though we know that it is of volcanic origin, and fed by mines of salt, the imagination now, as ever, is content to see in it a thing accursed. There was a fresh breeze; and a reluctant life and heavy tumble of its tiny breakers made them unlike other waters, but rather like those of Dante's infernal sea. There was a breath heavy with doom in the air, and we were fortunate it was not more stifling. Was it the breath of those lost or tortured there? and beneath that saline sheet, did we not see, as in the picture of Delacroix, the agonizing and twisted figures of the condemned?

We did not bathe in the Dead Sea. Others have done so, and report of its buoyancy the same tales that are told of our own Salt Lake. There is a whimsical coincidence in the geographical relation of the Dead Sea and the home of the earlier prophets, and Mr. Brigham Young's personal continuation of the old dispensation, with a private Dead Sea of his own, in his immediate neighborhood. The poorest swimmer keeps his head above water; and persons have said me that their legs seemed to fly up from under them. All speak of its waters as refreshing after the great heat of that tropical valley. Birds are said never to fly over it, which is the nearest superstition for they are really often seen to do so. This lake certainly has a brand upon it, as of divine vengeance. The waters are heavy with sin, and the cities of destroyed cities upon its banks unknown. And here are still seen the apples of Sodom, smooth and pretty to the eye and soft to the touch, yellow like a small orange, but within, as Josephus says, still retaining the ashes of Sodom in living perpetuity of the divine punishment. They are like little oranges to the eye and touch, but when pressed are like oak apples, and explode like these, a puff of air leaving the shell hollow, with only a slender pouch holding fine filaments like silk, which the Arabs use as matches for their guns.

A BOY'S FIGHT WITH A BURGLAR.

This morning about half past 3 o'clock a bloody tragedy took place in the jewelry store of Mr. B. Wright, on Maine street. At that hour young Augustine Marty, a lad of some seven years of age, was awakened from sleep by a noise in the main part of the store. In his night clothes he stepped from the rear room, where he had been sleeping, having in his hand a dirk-knife some inches long, which he had taken from beneath his pillow. He had but opened the door when he was seized by the throat by a burly negro, who planted a powerful blow in young Marty's face. The brave boy threw his right arm around the thief's back, and with his left tried to loosen the fierce grip of his assailant. In Marty's right hand was the dirk-knife, but unfortunately the sheath still remained upon it. Pierce grasped the grip of the negro, but in the scuffle the sheath fell from the knife's handle, and Marty, with his assailant twice with the hand that was at the thief's back. Soon after the negro sank back to the floor, and Marty half dragged, half carried to the door, which he looked, and then, still undressed, proceeded toward the police station with the captured burglar in tow. There the negro died soon after. It was soon ascertained that the dead robber was named William Patterson, and that he has been out of State Penitentiary but a few weeks. The coroner's jury exonerated Marty.—E.



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JULIA M. LEONARD, Executrix. Jan 19

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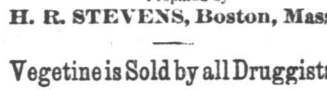
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