

MADE A GOOD FIGHT.

General Botha's Force Stood Off Lord Roberts' Army for Two Days Before Retiring.

General Buller Will Not Advance Until Laing's Nek Tunnel is Repaired, and He Receives Supplies.

Gen Paul Holding on to His Gold and Issuing Paper Notes from a Press in His Executive Car—Sharp Skirmish at Ficksburg on Tuesday—Steyn is at Uitkop—Two Canadians Missing.

CAPT. HARRISON IS DEAD.

CAPE TOWN, June 11.—Referring to my telegram of 10th June, regret to report that Capt. Harrison died yesterday.

In this brief official form the news of the death of Captain Charles F. Harrison reached St. John, Tuesday afternoon. It was not unexpected, as private advices had prepared his family and intimate friends for a fatal issue of his sickness, yet it fell like a pall on the community.

He was a past master of the Union Lodge of Portland, F. & A. M., a member of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, and a member of St. John Council, Royal and Select Masters, member of the Encampment of St. John, Knights Templars, of McLeod-Moore (Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine), and in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he had attained the thirty-second degree.

Capt. Harrison was also a member of Court Martello, Independent Order of Foresters.

LAING'S NEK EVACUATED.

LONDON, June 12, 9.32 p. m.—The war office has issued the following from Gen. Buller to the secretary of war: "JOUBERT'S FARM, June 12, 5.45 p. m.—Encamped four miles north of Volksrust. Laing's Nek and Matsuba were completely evacuated by the Boers last night. Gen. Clery, from Ingobo, is now coming over the Nek. I have had to camp here for want of water. A correct list of yesterday's casualties will be sent as soon as received."

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

OTTAWA, June 12.—The following cables have been received at the Government house: CAPE TOWN, June 11.—Regret to report that 528, Gunner John N. Neld, Royal Canadian Field Artillery, was severely wounded by Colt gun at Campbell (Griqualand West), 1st June. (Signed.) MILNER.

BRITISH GENERALS PRAISE COL. RYERSON AND HIS CANADIAN ASSOCIATES.

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THE CANADIAN'S PART.

MONTREAL, June 13.—The Star has received the following: PRETORIA, June 5, by carrier to Kroonstad, June 12.—I was present when Lord Roberts's troops made their triumphant entry into Pretoria on Tuesday, June 5. It fell to the lot of the Canadian regiment to be included in the march past the British field guns and their staff, who were stationed in the rear of the parliament buildings at Pretoria.

CROWN COLONIES.

LONDON, June 12, 10.25 p. m.—It is learned by the Associated Press that the government has at last decided upon a plan for the civil settlement of South Africa. The details are kept most secret, but it can safely be said that the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal will become crown colonies, the latter probably being re-named the Transvaal colony. Sir Alfred Milner, it is declared, is to be high commissioner of South Africa in spite of the opposition he has incurred.

GEN. BULLER TO THE WAR OFFICE.

LONDON, June 14.—General Buller reports to the war office as follows: "HEADQUARTERS AT LAING'S NEK, June 14, morning.—General Lytton yesterday received the formal submission of the town and district of Wakkerstroom, which the enemy is believed to have completely evacuated."

DORSETS UNLUCKY.

LONDON, June 14.—The war office has made public a despatch from Gen. Buller accepting the congratulations of the secretary of state for war, Lord Lansdowne, in which he says: "The Dorsets, who have been unlucky, had a chance at Almond's Nek and showed themselves to be as good as any others."

FAVOR A COALITION.

CAPE TOWN, June 13.—It is understood that Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, is extremely unwilling that Mr. Schreiner, the Cape premier, should resign the purpose of carrying through the contemplated imperial measures.

THE LATE MAJOR FORTESCUE.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 13.—Major Fortescue, whose death Lord Roberts reports from Pretoria, was, before he went to South Africa, aide-de-camp to General Lord Roberts. He was the third son of the third Earl Fortescue, was born in 1817, and joined the 5th Dragoon Guards from the militia in 1836. In Aug., 1871, he was transferred to the 17th Lancers, in which regiment he served as adjutant from 1873 to 1882, and obtained his troop in 1886. In January, 1888, he was promoted to major. He was popular in Halifax.

ROBERTS TO THE WAR OFFICE.

LONDON, June 14.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office, under date of Pretoria, June 13, 9.55 a. m., as follows: "Methuen advanced to Honingspruit yesterday and found all quiet. Kroonstad is strongly held. Methuen returned today to Rhenoster river, where the railway is being repaired. We were engaged all yesterday with Botha's army. The enemy fought with considerable determination and held our cavalry on both flanks, but I advanced to take cover and hold the enemy advanced under a heavy shell fire from three guns over a dead level plain and gained the foot of a slight ridge before their range was found by the Boers, and took cover behind a stone wall. All the time they were pouring a steady, well aimed fusillade on the enemy, and finding themselves outflanked the Boers left during the night. According to the Standard's correspondent the Canadians figured prominently in forcing Botha to evacuate his position near Pretoria."

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, June 15, 3.30 a. m.—That Commandant General Louis Botha should have been able to stand for two days against Lord Roberts and then retreat without losing any guns or having any of his men captured, is taken to mean that he has a force which the British must still reckon as formidable when acting defensively. The pacification of the whole of the Transvaal, especially the wide spaces far from the railways, is looked upon as a business requiring months rather than weeks. Meanwhile everything goes well for the British guns. A Boer bulletin, issued June 12 at Marchadodorp, said: "Both wings of the federal forces touched the advancing enemy at one a. m. yesterday east of Pretoria. Fighting continued until dark. The enemy, though in overwhelming numbers, were checked along a line of 35 miles, and the burghers succeeded in driving back their right wing five miles. Two burghers were killed and ten wounded."

Another Marchadodorp announcement is that the first regiment of Gen. Buller's forces to attack Almond's Nek was "annihilated," but as the British were in overwhelming force, the burghers were compelled to abandon the Nek. A despatch from Lourens Marquies, dated yesterday, says: "President Kruger is holding on to his gold and issuing paper notes from a press in his executive car. The Boer government's coin stock is exhausted, and

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