

FRENCH HEROISM.

DESPERATE ARAB ATTACK REPULSED BY FRENCH.

Overwhelming Odds—Guns' Magnificent Display—Many Moorish Dead—"Goums" Put to Flight.

(Sheffield Independent.)

Casa Blanca.—Yesterday afternoon, just after the mail closed, the booming of the Gloire's guns was heard around the town. All thought it was the usual firing on the enemy many miles distant, but the volume of the fire was soon swollen by musketry, mitrailleuses, and field guns, and it became obvious that something of interest was taking place. I hurried out of camp, accompanied by the newly-arrived Colonel Lewis, the correspondent of the Times, and we were immediately joined by M. Bourdon, of the Figaro, and M. Nordeau, of the Journal.

We found that the French force, consisting of two companies of the Foreign Legion, 50 Spahis, and also "Goums" (Algerian Arabs), with two field guns, had gone out to make the usual reconnaissance at 2 p. m.

Opening of the Engagement.

The increasing roar of fire showed that they were seriously engaged, but they were hidden from view by the hills. On the horizon the "Goums" could be seen riding hither and thither, and firing their carbines from the saddle at the Moors on either flank, who had apparently got behind the French infantry and guns.

A signal reported that the enemy were 1,200 strong. The roar of the Gloire's guns on the left flank and on the right showed that the engagement was general, but the chief interest was centred on the immediate front, where an advance party, hidden from view, could be heard firing magazine volleys.

We hurried across the open ground to join in the "Goums" on the crest of the hills, hoping from there to reach the infantry. We passed one man badly wounded in the stomach, who was being held on his horse by six companions, loudly shrieking, and lamenting their friend's ill fate.

We were glad to reach the "Goums," whom the Moors were pressing on both flanks, but our joy was short-lived, for the former fired recklessly in all directions, at anything living within six miles. Totally ignoring the despairing orders of the French officers they rode in all directions in hopeless confusion, riding over anyone unfortunate enough to be on foot, as were the representatives of the press, who had been unable to find horses in Casa Blanca.

The Moors were quite close on either flank, when the "Goums" all rode off in different directions, leaving in the middle of a ploughed field in unpleasant proximity of the enemy. We saw one man leading a spare horse captured from the enemy, but he refused to part with it, valuing his prize far more than our safety.

France's Cowardly Allies.

At last we luckily saw 300 yards in front, two companies of the Foreign Legion, formed in a shallow square around two field guns. We hurried to join these steady infantry. They were firing hard on the Moors, who were attacking them on three sides at the same time. When we reached the square the Moorish fire was very heavy, and the French gunners were working their guns with great speed under a heavy fire. The teams and caissons were lugged together and the drivers crouched down for shelter. The horses provided an excellent mark for the enemy, who took full advantage of it; but luck was with the French, for few men were hit.

The guns were fired with amazing speed, casting a hail of shrapnel over any group of Moors and scattering them for the moment, only for them to come together again at some different point. This necessitated a frequent changing of the position of the guns. One gun, placed too near its team, almost in the rear of the horses, caused them much alarm, but they were splendidly kept under control by their drivers.

Meanwhile the "Goums" had retired to the top of the ridge, a quarter of a mile away, leaving the two guns and companies to face the enemy alone.

The Foreign Legion, formed into a hollow square, with their commander, Major Provot, in the centre, stood like a granite wall under trying circumstances. Their calmness and obedience to orders, and the careful fire, were truly admirable. They were attacked on three sides, under a heavy cross-fire, from an illusive enemy, who continually changed his position. Nothing, however, disturbed their serenity for a moment.

Hot Work Around the Guns.

After moving along for some time as well as it could, the square made a halt, the men lying down and returning the enemy's fire, while the guns were limbered up and dragged up to the ridge on which the "Goums" had taken up a position. Here they were unharmed, and being on higher ground and having a better field of vision, commenced to pound the enemy with shrapnel. Meanwhile some Moors, taking advantage of the withdrawal of the guns, had ridden up to within three hundred yards of the east face of the square, opening a heavy fire. Thanks to the extended formation and to the fact that the men were lying down, and also to the bad quality of the Moorish rifles, the French casualties were not nearly so heavy as might have been expected. The officers in the square, who declined to dismount, came forward to the front of the square.

As soon as the artillery was safe on the ridge Major Provot brought the square a hundred yards back to slightly more favorable ground. This movement was beautifully carried out. Here it again halted, facing its enemies, who were doubtless looking for an opportunity to charge home; but this heavy shrapnel fire from the field guns and the great naval shells and the steady infantry kept them at a respectful distance.

The courage displayed by the Moors was magnificent, and sometimes little groups would halt and fire until they were broken up by the shrapnel. Every one was surprised at the accuracy of their fire, which was far better than hitherto witnessed, apparently showing that a different lot of tribes were engaged.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Foreign Legion, for the manner in which these men moved and obeyed orders under fire was an object lesson. A bullet passed close to the head of one soldier, who took off his hat with a sweeping bow, saying, "Bon jour, mademoiselle." In fact, this is the usual greeting of the Foreign Legion to leaden messages.

Arab Attackers Repulsed.

A young doctor on his first campaign bound up the wounded as coolly as if he were in hospital. A Spahi orderly came

up to Major Provot, who was handling his men superbly, and pathetically asked if he might retire from the square for a few minutes, as he had no more ammunition. "How many rounds have you fired?" asked Major Provot. "Only seventy-five," was the answer. "That is quite enough for one day," was the reply.

The Spahi sighed at his ill fate, and remained an interested spectator for the remainder of the afternoon. The fire control of the Legion was excellent, and strict orders were issued for no man to use his magazine, but to reserve that in case the Arabs, taking courage from the smallness of the force, should charge home. Major Provot wisely made no effort to retire from the position, as the moral effect of a retrograde movement would have been bad. However, the determined front presented by the square soon showed the Moors that any effort to charge home would be futile. Thus for some time the attack continued in a desultory manner.

Lying down and firing deliberately and the Moors returning the compliment.

The French were greatly surprised at the manner in which the Moors stood the artillery fire, sitting their horses within 200 metres of the guns.

Meanwhile at about 4.30 p. m., General Druce, hearing that the force was heavily engaged, sent out three companies of Tirailleurs and a squadron of Chasseurs d'Afrique and mitrailleuses. This force came into action on the ridge to the right of the square, compelling the Moors to retire from that side.

The Retirement.

At five o'clock there was a general retirement of the enemy on all sides under the shrapnel fire. Now came the opportunity of the "Goums" who pursued the Moors, routing the lurking marksmen out from the broken ground, where they were searching for one of their number who had been killed. The French remained on the ground until the enemy had vanished, then the square broke up into sections and retired in successive lines on to the ridge.

The total French loss in this smart little fight was three killed and nine wounded, and 15 horses wounded, which, considering the severity of the fire, was remarkably light.

It is impossible to estimate the Arab casualties, but they were probably not severe, on account of the wide front and consequent wide diffusion of the fire of the small French force.

It is difficult to say if the French reconnaissance anticipated a general attack on the camp, or if the Moors, taking advantage of the usual hour of the French advance, had deliberately fallen on the small party.

The number of Moors engaged is placed at between 1,500 and 2,000, but without doubt a far larger number carried rifles than hitherto.

Great sorrow reigns to-day in the camp of the "Goums," for they lost two killed and several horses and men wounded. They found the body of a man, whose horse fell, entangling him. He was unable to rise, and was overtaken by the Moors, who cut off his head.

To-day the enemy have again been sighted in large numbers, but so far there has been no attack.

The Peril at Tangier.

A Paris message says: The Echo de Paris announces that the object of the interview which Sir E. Baring, the British Ambassador, had of M. Clemenceau, yesterday, was to call attention to the situation of the British colony at Tangier, which has demanded adequate protection. M. Clemenceau, the journal adds, told the ambassador that the dangers threatening the Europeans at Tangier had not escaped the attention of the Government, and that the cruiser Desaix would leave Toulon for Tangier in the course of the night. This vessel will take up a position near the Jeanne d'Arc, which is already at Tangier.

This statement was confirmed later in the day by a message from Toulon to the effect that the Desaix and the destroyer Dard had left for Tangier. The Desaix carried live oxen and provision. The departure of the store ship Mytho, which is now loading, is imminent.

The Paris Puritan says: "It is confirmed that considerable time will be devoted to Moroccan affairs at Saturday's Cabinet Council. The Ministers will discuss the measures which are to be taken, in agreement with Spain, at Casa Blanca after September 15, the date when the port usually becomes particularly difficult of access for large vessels, and they will also consider the steps to be adopted regarding the organization of the police in the four ports which have been allotted to France for the purpose.

French Reinforcements.

A message from Oran, Algeria, says: A battalion of the Second Foreign Legion, stationed at Maska, and another battalion of the same corps from Saïda, each 800 men strong, will arrive here on Friday by special trains, and will embark on the transport Nive, which will probably leave in the evening. A train composed of 15 trucks of artillery and rifle ammunition has arrived from Algiers.

A telegram from Versailles to the Temps announces that 50 engineers left there this morning for Morocco. A detachment of military balloonists from Chalais Meudon will follow shortly.

A Paris message says: Admiral Philibert telegraphed from Casa Blanca yesterday: "The disposition of the ships remain unchanged. The steamer Gaule, of the Compagnie Paquet, arrived this morning and began unloading her stores, which include apparatus for distilling water. The political situation has not been modified. Casa Blanca is quiet. To-day some marauders on the west were dispersed by gun fire.

"Yesterday the Gloire fired about 200 shots of different calibre, using both quick-firing guns and others."

SIGN FELL FOUR STOREYS.

Crashed Into Baby Carriage, But Little Occupant Escaped.

Guelph, Sept. 16.—While workmen were putting a cement cornice on the King Edward Hotel here they loosened a large wooden sign. It crashed down, tearing its way through electric wires, and struck a baby carriage in the street, four storeys below.

That the child was not killed is a miracle. It was slightly injured, and the spring of the carriage was bent. The sign was twenty feet by four and was of great weight.

Drowned at Walkerville.

Walkerville, Sept. 16.—Darise Menard of Cedar, Quebec, watchman on the City of Ottawa, fell from the scrubbing stage of the boat while at the dock here to-day and was drowned. The body has been recovered.

Big Game.

Not in deer, but in workingmen's goods. Working shirts 50c up. Shoes \$1.25 up. Pants \$1 up. Railroad men's goods a specialty.—M. Kennedy, 240 Jones street north and 148 John street south.

The Daily Fashion Hint.



Suit of Striped Cloth.

Grey and black striped suiting trimmed with military braid was used to make this suit. The skirt is plain with rows of the braid. The straps over the shoulders continue to the waist line in the back, where they turn and cross the back like a belt, with buttons in the corners. The small triangular spaces on the collar and cuffs, formed by the braid, are filled with red velvet.

OFFERS HER LIFE.

CHICAGO WOMAN WOULD DIE TO TEST INVENTION.

Has Faith That Prof. Poe's New Artificial Respirator Would Bring Her Back to Life—Inventor Declines the Offer.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Harriet A. Martyn, of Chicago, has offered to give her life in the cause of science in the hope that the same science will bring her back to life again. Professor George Poe, of South Norwalk, Va., who has invented an artificial respirator, which he claims will resuscitate persons who have died of asphyxiation, received this letter from Mrs. Martyn to-day:

"I have heard that your wonderful invention has brought back life to dumb creatures drowned or killed by gas, or electricity. I am very much interested, and will be glad to offer myself as a human experiment. I am a very healthy woman of twenty-eight years, and I trust that you will consider this offer as seriously as it is made."

The letter was addressed from the Saratoga Hotel, Chicago.

Professor Poe declined to-night that he could not accept Mrs. Martyn's offer. "It would mean that we must first kill her deliberately. No serious scientist could consider such a thing. I am waiting anxiously, however, to test the machine upon someone accidentally killed. So many animals have been resuscitated that I have no doubt it would bring back human life."

The machine, it is claimed, restores life by pumping air into the lungs until respiration and the heart start again, at the same time pumping out the poisonous gases that have been the cause of death.

MANHOOD—WOMANHOOD.

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SENTENCE SUSPENDED.

Enl of the Lockyer-Hills Manslaughter Case at Stratford.

Stratford, Sept. 16.—At the Fall Assizes to-day, before Chief Justice Falconbridge, Harry Lockyer was arraigned on a charge of manslaughter, and, pleading guilty, was let off on suspended sentence. It will be remembered that while engaged in a fight with Noah Hills, Lockyer struck his opponent a blow on the jaw which killed him.

KILLED CHILDREN.

TERRIBLE DEED OF AN INSANE WOMAN AT MIDALE, SASK.

Took Her Three Boys to the Potato Patch and Knocked Them on the Head With a Hammer—Cut Bodies Up With Drawknife.

Midale, Sask., Sept. 16.—On Saturday afternoon Mrs. John Anderson, wife of a farmer residing about a mile from Midale, on the Soo line, took her three children, all boys, to the potato patch and there knocked them on the head with a hammer, after which she cut them up in a horrible manner with a draw knife.

She had not shown any signs of insanity before, but had been ill, and it is supposed the murder was due to religious mania. She is probably thirty-five years old. The police of Weyburn were notified of what had taken place, and Constable Ing arrested the woman, who is insane. The woman shows no remorse for what she has done, and expects to be hanged. She believes it was some kind of a blood-sacrifice.

Later reports give fuller particulars of the horrible tragedy. The three children murdered were a baby, eighteen months old, and two boys, six and nine years old, respectively. She also made a desperate attempt to kill her eleven-year-old daughter. She put a rope around the girl's neck, but the child struggled bravely, and was assisted by a dog, who attacked the maddened mother.

NO MONEY IN PREACHING.

Pittsburg Clergymen Abandoning Calling for Life Insurance.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 16.—Declaring there is more money in insuring lives than in saving souls, ministers of Pittsburg are forsaking the pulpit to engage in the life insurance business. Within the last two years a score of Pittsburg clergymen have given up their charges for the life insurance business, and all are making more money, they say, than had they remained with their churches.

The latest Pittsburg preacher to lay aside the cloth for the life insurance business is the Rev. J. C. Carpenter, pastor of the Mount Washington Methodist Episcopal Church. He told his congregation to-day he had resigned, and that his resignation had been accepted.

"I do not quit from choice, but from necessity," said Mr. Carpenter. "It is not altogether a matter of money consideration, but in consideration of the high cost of living. If ever the opportunity offers I will re-enter the ministry, but at present there is not a living in it. The shortage of ministers to-day is occasioned solely by the insufficient pay."

Annual Western Excursions.

On Sept. 19, 20, 21, the Grand Trunk will issue round trip tickets at special low rates from Hamilton to the following points: Port Huron \$4.20, Detroit \$5.70; Bay City \$5.00; Grand Rapids \$8.40; Saginaw \$6.50; Chicago \$11.50; Cleveland (via Buffalo and C. & B.) \$5.15; Cleveland (via Detroit and D. & C.) \$8.20; St. Paul and Minneapolis \$28.40 and \$31.90, according to route taken; returning on or before Monday, Oct. 7. Full information and tickets may be obtained from Mr. C. E. Morgan, or Mr. W. G. Webster, representatives of the Grand Trunk in Hamilton.

For Aiding Prisoner to Escape.

Whitby, Sept. 16.—James Davin, who is serving a six-months' sentence for vagrancy in the county jail, and was convicted recently of aiding a prisoner to escape, has been sentenced by Police Magistrate Harper to six months in the Central Prison.

It is said the Ontario Government may establish an institution for the care of feeble-minded women and girls.

AFFINITY MURDER COSTS A LIFE.

Her "Twin Soul" Bachelor Companion Slays Her.

Runs On, Throat Agape—Ghastly Sacrifice to Illicit Admiration in a Reading Street at Night.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 17.—The reigning "affinity" had cost a woman's life here last night under most shocking and tragic circumstances, and bids fair to cost the life of her illicit admirer when the law gets around to his murder case.

In a most fiendish way, because, as he said, he feared she would desert him and return to her lawful husband, Frank Palmer, a bachelor of 36, cut the throat of attractive Mrs. Gertrude A. Clinton, from whom she had separated. The woman ran half a square with blood flowing from her wounds, until she fell exhausted and died two hours later.

The confessed murderer and "affinity" champion went to the City Hall and surrendered, seeming to court sympathy for so tragic a loss of a love to which he was entitled.

The tragedy followed a meeting between Mrs. Clinton and Palmer on the outskirts of the town. Mrs. Clinton, deserting her own husband some time ago, had lived with Palmer; but she recently left him because she desired to lead a different life.

Palmer was intensely jealous of the woman, and expressed the fear that she would return to her husband. He followed Mrs. Clinton about the streets, pleading with her and threatening to kill her if she did not resume their former relationship. Mrs. Clinton repulsed him until yesterday, when she agreed to meet him last night. Her final refusal to return to him brought about the tragedy.

Palmer, who was partly under the influence of liquor when arrested, blamed all his troubles upon his "extreme love." He says he is a disciple of Elbert Hubbard.

"Mrs. Clinton was my 'white hyacinth' until she wanted to throw me out of paradise. She is my twin soul and affinity, and I could not consent to a divorce. It is far better that we both die than that both should suffer by a separation," said Palmer.

In the murderer's pocket was a copy of "The Message to Garcia." He declares he is not afraid to die for his crime and has no regrets. Palmer surrendered a blood-coated razor, with which he had done the cutting. His right hand was covered with the blood of his victim. He at first told his story in a rambling way, as follows:

"She tried three times before to fix me and I got ahead to die for it if I must. Her husband, Jim Clinton, is living, but she has not been with him for some years. I have been going with her for three years, and during this time she tried to 'do me three times, but I always stopped her. Yesterday I met her at Fifth and Penn streets, when she handed me a note in which she asked that I meet her at night on Water street, near the bank. I got to the place, which is very dark, on time and ran up against the muzzle of a revolver she was holding. I grabbed her arm, took the revolver and threw it away into the river. It was either her or me and I got out my razor and let her have it. This makes the fourth pistol I took from her."

The other story about the "affinity" and the defendant's willingness to die for his crime, was an afterthought following the information that before she died Mrs. Clinton had said that she had been murdered and without provocation gashed by Palmer, who, she admitted, was her lover. Palmer was intensely jealous of her, she said. He asked her to meet him on Water street, and she kept the appointment. Palmer said, asked permission to go home with her and, while walking along the dark street he suddenly leaped at her and, with three or four strokes of a razor cut her in the throat.

The surgeons began at once to operate and were making rapid progress in closing the terrible wounds, when she collapsed from sheer exhaustion, and passed away.

BRITISH RAILWAY LABOR CRISIS. The Final Rupture Has Been Postponed Until October.

London, Sept. 16.—The final rupture in the British railway labor crisis has now been postponed until October. The employees of all the roads in the country who belong to the Railwaymen's Union, will in the interval sign ballot papers, which will be issued this week, to decide whether they are prepared for a national strike in the event of the companies refusing to accept the programme of the Executive Committee, the chief claim of which is for recognition of the union. It also demands an eight-hour day for men engaged in the movement of vehicles and a ten-hour day for others, and a minimum of the rate and a quarter for all time over the standard hours.

The companies have refused to discuss the union's proposal on the ground that it represents only a quarter of the men employed, and also that it would be destructive of responsible railway control to allow the union to intervene.

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