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GENERAL GATACRE MET WITH REVERSE AT STORMBERG

Was Surprised by Boers—Casualties Were 2 Killed, 26 Wounded, While 9 Officers and 596 Men Are Missing—Forced to Retreat.

Missing Men Are Undoubtedly Prisoners of the Enemy—This Reverse Will Have a Bad Effect on the Disloyal Colonial Dutch—Gatacre a Victim of Treacherous Guides—Successful Sortie From Ladysmith.

There is rather adverse news from South Africa this morning. Gen. Gatacre, in command of the middle column, advancing north, reports to the War Office that he has met with a serious reverse. After marching all night from Molteno, to make a reconnaissance in force as to the Boer position at Stormberg, he came suddenly upon the enemy in strong force. He said that he had been misled by the guides, and had found impracticable ground. The general sends a partial list of casualties, killed and wounded, and adds that 250 men of the Suffolk Regiment and 306 non-commissioned officers and men of the Northumberland Fusiliers are missing. Gen. Gatacre's force was 2000. The engagement began at 4.15 a.m., and at 7 a. m., after a sharp artillery duel, the British were forced to retire to Stormberg. A later despatch says that Gen. Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable, and that it was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers, who had machine guns. The Times correspondent gives the story that the British casualties were heavy. It is believed the reverse will have a bad effect on the Cape Dutch, who are only waiting to join hands with the Boers.

making entrenchments at Spytfontein. Several tiers of works are believed to appear at the foot of the heights. The force fired on by the British naval gun is believed to form the right wing of the enemy's main body, thrown forward for attacking and scoring purposes. It is reported that the bad water at Spytfontein threatens an epidemic of typhoid. Kimberley reports 11 quiet there up to Dec. 7, and that the pressure of the investment is diminished. A Reassuring Note. It is believed here that the British casualties were not serious.

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Attempted to Attack Stormberg—It Was Impenetrable—Over 900 Missing. London, Dec. 11.—The War Office publishes the following despatch from Gen. Forster-Walker, at Cape Town: Gatacre reports: "Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg. "I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides and found impracticable ground." Casualties so far as known are: Second Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, wounded, 12 men; Major Seaton, Capt. Bell, Capt. Kelly, Lieut. Stephens, Lieut. Barnardson, Suffolk Regiment—Wounded, Second Lieut. Maynard and 12 men. Killed—Capt. W. E. G. Gatacre, Second Lieut. Rodney, 200 men; severely wounded, Lieut. Lewis, three men; slightly wounded, two men. Killed—Seventh Field Battery—Killed, one gunner; wounded, Major Percival. Northumberland Fusiliers—Missing, Major Stevens, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Morley, Second Lieut. Walker, Second Lieut. M. Coulson, Lieut. Radford. Missing—306 non-commissioned officers and men. Royal Berkshire Regiment—Killed, one private.

BRITISH LOST ONE GUN

In the Retreat From Stormberg on Sunday Morning—Gatacre's Forces Surprised. London, Dec. 11.—The Times published the following from Molteno: "General Gatacre attempted to assault the Boer position at Stormberg at dawn today (Sunday). The guides led us wrong, and we were surprised while in force, and after a very trying march, there being no hurry, even at the most critical time, the Northumberland and Irish Rifles behaved as if on a review. I hear our losses are heavy. One of our guns was lost."

GATACRE HAD 2000 MEN.

British Unmolested Till Boer Position Was Reached—Had to Retreat After Three Hours. Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—Gen. Gatacre left Putter's farm by train for Molteno, and then proceeded by force-march 12 miles to Stormberg. He had 2000 men, including two batteries of field artillery. He was met by the Boers when a hot fire was opened upon the advancing column. The engagement began at 4.15 a.m. At 7 a.m., after a sharp artillery duel, the British retreated, and were speedily joined toward Molteno. General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable, and that it was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

DETAILS OF THE COLLISION.

Gatacre's Forces Marched All Night—Boers Had Machine Guns at Work. Molteno, Cape Colony, Sunday, Dec. 10. 5.30 p. m.—Gen. Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnaissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers, who were strongly entrenched along the Stormberg Range. He left Putter's farm shortly after noon yesterday, with a fighting force slightly over 4000 men. Leaving Molteno at 9 last evening, he made a memorable night march over the rocks and ridges. There was no sound, except a steady tramp, and there were no distinguishing lights, the bright moon having gone down about half-past eleven. "Halt!" Just in Time. The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "Halt," under the belief that the Boers were near. Opened a Terrible Fire. Suddenly a terrible fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a range of rocks, and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column. It was soon found, however, that this position, also, was covered by Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries in the meantime engaging the Boers, and covering the troops in their withdrawal.

CAPTURED BOER GUNS

British Sortie From Ladysmith After Midnight a Success—Carried Lombard's Kop. Boer Head Langer, Ladysmith, Friday, Dec. 8.—The British have stormed and carried the hill at Lombard's Kop, putting a big Creuset gun and one Howitzer out of action and capturing a small Maxim. Later, the British troops made a sortie between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. The troops advanced and carried Lombard's Kop, which was held by the Boers, and on which were placed a Maxim and a machine gun. These guns were destroyed with dynamite. The British captured a Maxim gun, and then retired.

GREAT BRITAIN'S VOLUNTEERS.

Government Decides on the Formation of Reserves—500,000 Expected to Join. London, Dec. 10.—It is stated to-night that the Government has decided on the formation of the volunteer reserves. It is expected that half a million volunteers will join the new organization.

OUR BOYS MAY SOON BE IN IT.

The Contingent is Rapidly Getting Into Shape—May Be Sent to the Front. Montreal, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Special by cable from W. Richardson Smith, The Star's Canadian correspondent, attached to the Canadian contingent: Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 6.—Via Cape Town, Dec. 8.—The Highland Brigade, to which the Royal Canadian Regiment is attached, arrived here today (Wednesday) and are now encamped here, waiting orders to move forward to the front. We are all well, and military experts say the Canadian Regiment is rapidly getting into shape. Our association with old and tried comrades is having a marked effect upon the morale of the men, and there is every prospect that when the hour comes, our boys will do credit both to themselves and to their native land. The weather continues exceedingly hot.

HE'S GETTING THERE.



CHARLEY TUPPER: I've knocked one plum off the tree, and I think I'll get more of 'em.

HUGH JOHN STILL HAS A MAJORITY OF SIX SEATS

Giving the Greenway Government the Benefit of Every Doubt—Liberals a Unit That Sifts is Responsible for the Defeat. Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—There has been no development in the political situation today, and giving the Government the benefit of every doubt, the relative strength of the parties is: Opposition 22, Government 16. Both Dauphin and Gilmour are likely to go Conservative. Like the majority of remote constituencies, they will, after the general result is known, and it is by this time, fall in with the party having the majority.

DUKRAVEN BOUNCED EMLY.

Irish Baron With Boer Sympathies Has Been Thrown Out of Office. London, Dec. 11.—The Earl of Dunsraven, Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, acting under instructions from Dublin Castle, has removed from the office of Deputy Lieutenant Baron Emlay, who was recently removed from his position as magistrate at Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, because of his anti-British comments on the war in South Africa.

DEATH OF MISS NORDHEIMER.

Elders Daughter of Mr. Samuel Nordheimer, in Search of Health, Died in Rome. Word was received in the city yesterday of the death of Miss Nellina Nordheimer, eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Nordheimer, president of the Nordheimer Piano Company, and local German Consul, Miss Nordheimer died in Rome, Italy, whither she had gone about two months ago in search of better health. Deceased was in her 25th year and was an accomplished young woman. Her hosts of friends in Toronto will be sorry to hear of her death.

POLICEMAN DID NOT WAKE.

Burglars Ransack a House While the "Bobby" sleeps Calmly in Bed. Landlady Mrs. Louisa Wilson came down town on Saturday morning, leaving P.C. Martin (180), one of the "night duties" at No. 7 Police Station, sleeping quietly at her home, 170, on Bay Street. She returned home at 11 o'clock, and after she was out of sight they secured an entrance by forcing a rear cellar door and a six-inch gun and a Howitzer being destroyed, with gun cotton, by Capt. Powke and Lieut. Turner. A Maxim was captured and brought to Ladysmith. Our loss was one killed and Major Henderson of the First Battalion of the Argyll Highlanders wounded.

JUMPED FROM A TRAIN.

Thomas E. Asken, East Toronto, a G. T. R. Employee, is Now in the Hospital. Lying at the Emergency Hospital, with a deep scalp wound and with evidences of internal injuries, is Thomas E. Asken, a Grand Trunk employe, who lives on Edward-street, East Toronto. Asken came to the city last night to visit friends. He travelled on a freight train, and on arriving in his 47th year, he jumped off. He alighted on his feet and then fell forward, striking his head against a flag stone. Asken is 39 years of age.

JUMPED FROM VICTORIA BRIDGE.

Suicide of a Man Supposed to Be a Wealthy Resident of St. Lambert. Montreal, Dec. 10.—A dramatic suicide took place here to-night. An unknown man, dressed in a dark suit, was seen jumping from the Victoria bridge crossing the St. Lawrence River and deliberately jumped into the river, his body being swept away by the swift current. He is supposed to have been a wealthy resident of St. Lambert named Ennis.

COOK'S TURKISH BATHS.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building, George Edwards, F.O.A., A. Hart Smith, C.A. 123. To-Day's Program. Provincial Fat Stock Show at London being. Dr. Talmage lectures in Massey Hall, 8 p. m. North Toronto Liberals' rally in Guild Hall, 8 p. m. Service of Praise in Church of the Redeemer, 8 p. m. Otis Skinner in "The Lairs" at the Grand, 8 p. m. "Hurry-Burry" at the Toronto, 8 p. m. "The Ensign" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p. m. "Pauline Hall" at Shea's, 2 and 8 p. m. Burlesque at the Bijou, 2 and 8 p. m. Young Liberals' Club, 8 p. m. Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

Pay Your Taxes. The 5 per cent. penalty will be imposed after December 15. 612. Smoke Silent Drummer Cigar, 5c. Roses red, violets blue, Taylor's Perfumes are nice, and so are you if you buy them. Try Glencairn cigars—5c. straight. Smoke Manhattan cigar, 10c. Try it. STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS. Dec. 9. At. From. St. Louis. New York. Southampton. Palatia. New York. Hamburg. Campania. Liverpool. New York. Kensington. Southampton. New York. Montreal. Montreal. Montreal. Carthage. Glasgow. Philadelphia. Buenos Aires. Liverpool. Newfoundland. Portland. Liverpool. Dec. 10. La Gasconne. New York. Harry Messia. New York. London. Henry Dumais. London. Annopolis. St. Cerevens. London. Montreal. Sailed. From. For. Lake Ontario. Mobile. Halifax.

ENGLAND ON GUARD AGAINST EUROPE!

Great Britain is Ready to Discourage Any Attempt to Interfere in SOUTH AFRICAN WAR. Boer Commission Said to Be on the Way to Paris to Seek Diplomatic Aid From Europe. IF OFFERED, BRITAIN TO RESPOND. Her Intention Shown by the Mobilization of Her Fleet and Calling Out Volunteers. London, Dec. 9.—(N.Y. Sun cable.)—A couple of weeks ago it was announced that Chief Justice Grootboom, one of the officers of the Transvaal had arrived at Lorenzo Marques from Pretoria, en route to Cape Town, and suggested that their mission was to sue for peace at the feet of Queen Victoria's High Commissioner. As the war was then young and the Boers had matters military pretty much their own way, it seemed strange that President Kruger would so soon assume the role of supplicant, but it now appears that the mission is not bound for Cape Town, but for Europe. The members are aboard a North German Lloyd liner and will probably be in Paris by the end of next week. Their Mission Will Fail. They propose to visit every European capital with the object of interesting the powers in the cause of the South African Republics, so that when the time comes for peace England will not be permitted to impose too hard terms. Judging by the aroused temper in this country and the known views of a majority of this Government it may safely be asserted that the mission is foredoomed to failure, whether or no any power is so foolish as to interfere. It is believed, however, abundant evidence to show that the British Government will not be taken by surprise if France should attempt to lend the Boers diplomatic help, and that such mediation would be politely but decisively declined. Britain is Prepared. In view of what might happen after the British Government has been quietly making a variety of preparations, some of which are known to all the world, because they could not be concealed, such as the concentration of the Mediterranean and Channel fleets and the commissioning of a small special service squadron. These are other preparations of which the patriotic newspapers have made little mention and which will have had prominence by special request of the Government. It is a fact, for instance, that arrangements have been made for calling out the naval reserve and coast guard to man every efficient fighting ship in the British navy, and the commanding officers of volunteer regiments have been warned that their men may be called to colors on short notice. Some of these commanders have in fact, accordingly, warned their subordinate officers, and so a good many people have gained a knowledge of what is going on. To Get Into Fighting Shape. Commanding officers have also been requested to furnish estimates of the number of men who are likely to volunteer for full military service. The volunteer forces number about two hundred and seventy thousand men, in addition to which there are believed to be fully a quarter of a million more who have passed through the volunteer ranks, so-called veterans, all under arms, and ready to be called up at a moment's notice. The German Emperor holds the opinion that active service would make the British volunteers the equal of any soldiers in the world, and probably most military experts would agree with him. Britain Would Respond. Although England would respond to the statement that if any European power should attempt to interfere in the struggle in South Africa, England would mobilize the entire fleet and calling out the volunteer forces, naval and military. As an experiment, this would be so deeply interesting that it is almost to be hoped that neutral provocation will be given by somebody, so that the world may witness the spectacle of the British lion in full battle array.

Mid and Unsettled.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Ont., Dec. 10.—(8 p.m.)—There is an important low area developing over eastern Texas and the Lower Mississippi valley, which is likely to move to the lakes and cause unsettled weather over Ontario and Western Quebec. In Manitoba the tendency is for higher pressure and lower temperature, and farther west for decreasing pressure and higher temperature. The general outlook in the eastern provinces is for milder weather. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-46; Calgary, 16-24; Prince Albert, 8-12; Qu'Appelle, 14-16; Winnipeg, 8-15; Port Arthur, 32-34; Pelly Sound, 15-40; Toronto, 30-44; Ottawa, 8-22; Montreal, 6-22; Quebec, 6-22; Halifax, 22-28.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Unsettled and comparatively mild, with occasional rain from east to south. Ottawa, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Unsettled and comparatively mild, with occasional rain, and strong winds or gales from east to south. Gulf—Fresh to strong southeast to south-wind, with higher temperature, with light snow or rain. Maritime Provinces—Fresh southeast to west with higher temperature, with light snow;—increasing winds from west to north; light local snowfalls, turning cold. Manitoba—Fair and colder.

Boys have until Wednesday, Dec. 27, to gather Oak Hill advertisements for the \$30 cash prize competition, 110 St. Oak Hill, 116-120 York-st. or 115 King-street east for further particulars.

Campo-Quinine Tablets will cure a cold in 24 hours.

For a daily kerchief, Taylor's Violet Perfume. Fetherstonhaugh & Co. Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Whiskey advertisement for 'R' brand, mentioning 'Preston' and 'Wood'.

Advertisement for 'WOOD' and 'CO.' products, including 'WOOD' and 'CO. Limited'.

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