

# CAN WHITE HOLD OUT?

## It Will be Ten Days Until the Army Corps Arrives.

### The Bombardment of Ladysmith Renewed, But Naval Brigade Silence Boer Guns.

#### Concentration of Lt. Gen. Buller's Force is Being Hurried Along—Lord Roberts of Candahar Takes a Grave View of the War.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The war office has received a despatch from General White, commanding the British forces at Ladysmith, reporting that the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 mountain battery, and the Gloucestershire regiment were surrounded in the hills by the Boers, and after losing heavily were obliged to capitulate. Gen. White adds that the casualties have not yet been ascertained.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The following is the text of Gen. White's despatch to the war office:

LADYSMITH, Oct. 30, 1.35 p. m.—I have to report a disaster to the column sent by me to take a position on a hill to guard the left flank of the troops. In these operations today the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 mountain battery, and the Gloucestershire regiment were surrounded in the hills, and after losing heavily had to capitulate. The casualties have not yet been ascertained.

A man of the Fusiliers employed as a hospital orderly came in under a flag of truce with a letter from the survivors of the column, who asked for assistance to bury the dead. I fear there is no doubt of the truth of the report.

I formed a plan in the carrying out of which the disaster occurred, and I am alone responsible for the plan. There is no blame whatever to be attached to the column, which was untenable. Gen. White, in a subsequent despatch, says the following is a list of the officers taken prisoners today:

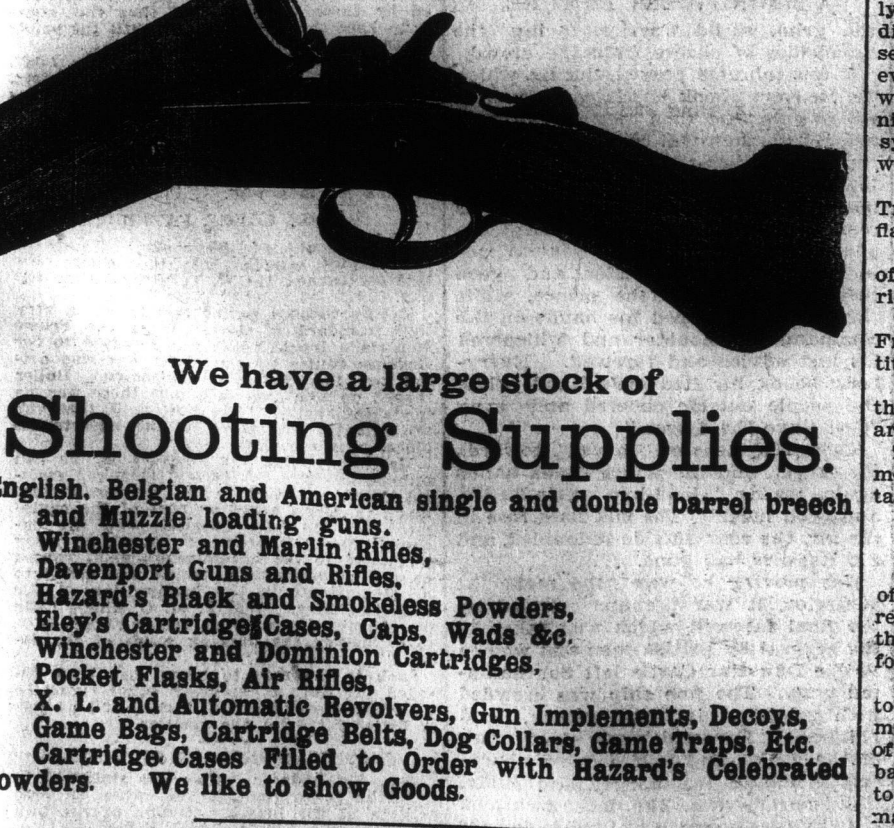
Staff Major A. J. C. Carleton, Major Munn, Major Kincaid, Capt. Burrows, Capt. Rice, Capt. Silver, Lieut. Herd, Lieut. Southey, Lieut. Phillips, Lieut. McGregor, Lieut. Holmes, Lieut. Kelly, Lieut. Donner, Lieut. Kenning, Lieut. Kinahan, Lieut. Joubert, Chaplain Matthews. Of the above, Captains Rice and Silver and Lieut. Donner were wounded.

Gloucestershire regiment—Major Humphrey, Major Capelure, Major Wallace, Capt. Connor, Capt. Connor, Lieut. Bryant, Lieut. Nisbet, Lieut. Ingham, Lieut. Davy, Lieut. Knox, Lieut. Temple, Lieut. Badice, Lieut. Brew, Lieut. Hill, Lieut. Short, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. MacKenzie, Lieut. Beasley, Lieut. Gray. Of the above, Captains Duncan and Connor were wounded.

Royal Artillery—Major Bryant, Mountain battery—Lieut. Wheeler, Lieut. Nugent, Lieut. Moore, Lieut. Webb.

**FEELING IN ENGLAND.**  
LONDON, Oct. 31.—There was a continuous stream of callers at the war office today until a late hour, everybody anxiously inquiring regarding yesterday's casualties near Ladysmith; but the war office declared that nothing had been received since Sir George White's despatch communicating the news of the capture of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucestershire regiment.

This delay in getting further intelligence is attributed in part to the breakdown of the east coast cable; but it stands to reason that the war office must be possessed of the news which it is probably not thought



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in the course of which he passes severe criticism upon the conduct of the campaign. "Yesterday's disaster," says the officer in question, "is only another proof of serious blundering. Although Sir George White is a good regimental commander, he does not seem to excel in strategic or tactical management of a big division. I regard the Glencoe business as a fair sample of blundering."

Proceeding to discuss the engagement at Glencoe, the officer observes: "Some of the enemy's officers were allowed to occupy and plant guns on Talana Hill. Nothing was done to stop this until the Boers began to shell Glencoe on the following morning. As for yesterday's casualties, it seems inexactable that the two regiments should have been allowed to separate themselves from the main body, especially with the enemy's swarms of the enemy against them. Many an officer expressing the opinion of many military men who are disgusted with the war office for having prematurely allowed the disclosure of glowing reports of victory without due care and promptitude in disclosing the circumstances discounting these reports."

Sir George White's honest admission of full responsibility and the terms of his despatch are regarded in some circles as virtually placing his case in the hands of the home authorities, and it is even rumored late this evening that the Boers are already decided to supersede him. The report, however, is discredited in well informed quarters.

**ABOUT 6,000 FRESH TROOPS**  
will arrive at Cape Town on Sunday night from England and will be available to reinforce Sir George White. Transports will arrive there daily after Sunday until by the end of next week, 23,000 troops will have been landed in South Africa. These men are intended for General Sir Redvers Buller's army, but they are doubtfully dispatched to Natal if the situation there should become perilous. The British army will eventually reach the total of 58,634, of which 43,000 will be regulars, and the remaining 20,000 miscellaneous, but excellent colonial troops.

**GOV. GENERAL DEFENDS WHITE.**  
MONTREAL, Oct. 31.—There was a scene of great enthusiasm at the Caledonian Society's concert this evening. The governor general was present, and in reply to an address, made a speech which brought the audience to its feet. He said: "It is not so cheerful, not so encouraging, it is a disaster. He did not like the word. It might be a reverse, it might be a check, but it would only stimulate them for the work that was to come. He defended Sir George White, amidst the cheers of the audience. He would not give time after time and night after night, if he did not speak a word for the general in his hour of sorrow. In conclusion, the governor general spoke highly of the Canadian contingent."

**BENTUSIAISM IN TORONTO.**  
A special service in connection with the departure of the Canadian contingent, as held at St. James Cathedral today at noon. It packed the edifice to the doors and hundreds were unable to gain admission. In his sermon the Rev. A. H. Baldwin said: "If we are defeated we will lose not only the Cape, but the Cape, the Cape, Africa, but shall find the empire weakened in other lands. A fierce cry 'never' from an overwrought worshipper, startled the congregation. The University students celebrated Halloween by giving a credible performance of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Princess Theatre. A lively episode was the hanging of President Kruger in effigy from the upper gallery, amid the shouts of thirteen hundred students."

**YULE IS PROMOTED.**  
LONDON, Nov. 1.—The Gazette announces the promotion of Substant Lt. Col. W. A. Yule to the rank of major general on the staff, to command the 8th brigade of the South African field force, with the substantive rank of colonel in the army.

**JOY IN FRANCE.**  
LONDON, Nov. 1.—Abroad, especially in France, the news of the disaster at Ladysmith was received with a sense of relief and satisfaction felt in consequence of the British rebuff. In Paris every means of spreading the news were adopted. Some of the more dignified papers adopted a respectful and sympathetic tone, but the majority were overjoyed.

The editor of the Patrie hung the Transvaal and Orange Free State flags out of the office window. The Presse predicts a general revolt of the Dutch population in South Africa. The Socr hints its regret that France did not adopt a different attitude during the Mashona crisis. The Courriere Du Socr thinks that the continental powers will propose arbitration. M. Yves Guyot, in the Siecle, is almost alone in supporting Great Britain against the Boers.

**MONDAY'S DISASTER.**  
LONDON, Nov. 1.—The British war office today made public a despatch received from Gen. White describing the operations of Monday. It was as follows:

LADYSMITH, Oct. 31, 7.50 p. m.—I look out from Ladysmith a brigade of mounted troops, two brigade divisions of the Royal Artillery, the Natal field battery and two brigades of infantry to reconnoiter in force the enemy's main position to the north, and, if the opportunity should offer, to capture the hill behind Farquhar's farm, which had, on the previous day, been held in strength by the enemy. In connection with this advance, a column, consisting of the Tenth Mounted Artillery,

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**BRITISH STATESMEN**  
Have Confidence in Gen. White and in Ultimate Victory.  
LONDON, Nov. 1.—Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, speaking at Ealing this evening regarding the situation in South Africa, said:

"Our ultimate victory is certain; and when the terms which we as victors will propose to the vanquished are known, foreign nations will see that the main cause which has forced us to embark upon this conflict is not a desire for pecuniary profit or of territorial aggrandisement, but a determination to emancipate a vast territory for the common benefit of mankind; an ignoble and disgracing transaction, and the survival of the fittest. The Earl of Selborne, under secretary of state for the colonies, speaking at Dumfries, said:

"It is not the fault of the statesmen of the Transvaal that we have not become embroiled with some European power. If the hostilities had not come when they did they would have come at some moment of national danger and difficulty."  
Baron Tweedmouth, former parliamentary secretary to the treasury, speaking at Edinburgh, said:

"The public mind has not been so moved since the news of the disaster in the Indian mutiny. We, unfortunately, are warring with a nation of the same stock and religion as ourselves. At this crisis, and to the great credit of the Boers and to the small British army in Natal, which against fearful odds has performed magnificent feats of valor. It is not the time to call our opponents names or to utter cries of vengeance, but to back up our majesty's ministers, who have a fearful, yet an awful, responsibility upon their shoulders."  
The Earl of Carrington, liberal, speaking at Buckingham, gave expression to the same convictions.  
The Earl of Londsdale, honorary colonel of the Third Battalion Border Regiment, at a banquet this evening at Whiteshaven, declared his confidence in Gen. Sir George Stewart White, the British commander in Natal, and predicted a grand review in Pretoria next March.

Referring to Emperor William's cable message to President Kruger at the time of the failure of the Jameson raid, Lord Londsdale said: "If his majesty's late despatch had been rightly understood, it would have had a totally different effect. It was sent with a view of allying two sorts; it was not antagonistic to Great Britain, I have the pleasure to know the views of the German emperor, and they are in accordance with the views of England."  
**EDINBURGH, Nov. 1.—**Lord Rosebery, toasting 'The Army and Navy' at a banquet given this evening by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, to the officers of the Gordon Highlanders and the Scots Greys, referred to the reverse in Natal, and said:

"It is much to be regretted, but in a considerable campaign, we must look out for such incidents. It is not in the nature of events to take much notice of them. We have had a good many of the same kind and have generally got out right in the end. But whatever happens, we must see this thing through, even if it should cost still more battalions and still more millions."  
"Some day there will be an inquiry as to the preparations made for this war, but the time for that is not now. Our duty now is to support those who have the direction of affairs."  
**TIMES ON LAURIER'S SPEECH.**  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier's address to the Canadian South African contingent prior to its embarkation at Quebec is warmly commended. The Times says Sir Wilfrid described the present situation in language which could not be bettered by English statesmen. It quotes from the premier's speech and says it would be impossible to put the case more tersely, more clearly or more justly.

**LONDON PRESS ON CANADA'S ACTION.**  
MONTREAL, Nov. 1.—The Star's London correspondent cables: The Times's report of Monday's

send-off at Quebec has deeply stirred the feeling of the people here. The Pall Mall Gazette devotes its chief editorial to the subject and says: "Quebec has given a crushing answer to those who wrote themselves down 'little Englanders' for good, by asking what have the colonies to do with South Africa?"  
St. James's Gazette says: "It is a good omen for the future that out of Wolfe's great victory has grown a united nation which can now pay a tribute of such striking loyalty to the empire."  
The Times declares that the whole British nation will find in this measure consolation for the reverse at Ladysmith.  
Radical Tory papers today warmly applaud Gen. Edward Blake's courage for the action he has taken in disassociating himself with the Irish nationalists and radicals who openly express their sympathy in favor of the Queen's enemies.

**LAURIER AND TARTE'S WORK.**  
OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—It is announced that the government failed to effect insurance upon the Canadian contingent, and all the blowing of the press is therefore so much wind. It appears that the premium which the Standard Life company asked was \$100,000 for insurance, to take effect from the moment the Sardinian cast off her moorings at Quebec. This amount staggered the government, and after full consideration it was decided not to accept the offer. Instead an alternative proposal was made to the company, which in turn rejected it. All negotiations are now off, and the government has decided to carry the risk itself by providing gratuities to such of the men as may be maimed or injured. The only insurance carried, therefore, is that arranged through Sir Charles Tupper or by committees.

The government is being warmly denounced for its blundering in the matter.

**TO CONVOY THE SARDINIAN.**  
MONTREAL, Nov. 1.—A despatch from Ottawa states that Her Majesty's S. S. Crescent will convoy the Sardinian.

**LATEST.**  
From This Morning's London Papers.  
LONDON, Nov. 2.—A special despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Tuesday morning, says: "Stragglers from the Gloucestershire regiment are arriving at Ladysmith. A number of mules with a portion of the mountain battery are also coming in."  
LONDON, Nov. 2.—The morning papers comment with the greatest satisfaction upon Canada's suggestion regarding the sending of a second contingent to South Africa.

**BULLER OF TO LADYSMITH.**  
LONDON, Nov. 2.—The breakdown of the Delagoa cable route, combined with the monopolization of the available cable by the Boers, has led to the regulations to send volunteers abroad or to enlist them for a shorter period than three years.  
He adds, however, an assurance that, in the event of a crisis requiring a large increase of the home garrison, of which there is at present no sign, volunteers will be used and enlistment will be permitted for a short term.

**CAUSES OF THE WAR.**  
Lord Lansdowne's Speech at the Cutlers' Feast at Sheffield.  
LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, was the chief speaker at the Cutlers' feast in Sheffield this evening.  
Replying to the toast, 'Her Majesty's Ministers,' he went over the usual ground in explaining the causes of the war, and defended the government against the charge that the military preparations were not abreast of the negotiations. He said:

"The diplomatic messages went by wire; the reinforcements by ship. Moreover, in order to keep abreast, the army and navy would have had to commit most provocative and threatening acts. The Boer ultimatum followed British mobilization, and if Great Britain had mobilized earlier the ultimatum would have been earlier."  
Lord Lansdowne explained the promptness of the mobilization which had enabled five cavalry regiments, ten batteries and thirty battalions to get far away on the sea. During the earlier operations the enemy, he said, had great superiority of numbers and the advantage of a choice of ground. This phase of the situation, he hoped, was approaching its conclusion, for in less than a week the first instalment of Sir Redvers Buller's force would arrive.

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