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LIEUT. OSBORNE KILLED IN ACTION ON JAN. 24

The Mournful News Cabled to His Father, Mr. J. K. Osborne, By the War Office Yesterday.

A Graduate of the Royal Military College in 1891—He Was With General Lytton's Brigade—His Bright Career.



THE SAD MESSAGE

[By Cable] London, Jan. 26.—The death of Lieut. J. K. Osborne, Toronto...

THE SHERBROOKE ELECTION

Mr. Lebaron, the Defeated Candidate, is English and Unable to Talk French.

SHUFFLE IN SENATE STAFF.

Mr. E. Langevin is Superannuated and Several Other Men Are Shifted.

GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO WIN.

Money Was Thrown About and Whiskey Flowed Freely.

Why Furs Are Not High at Dincaen's

The furs and trappers' prices for minks, muskies and fox skins...

More Troops Required.

The Standard, which thinks all more troops will be required...

Where?

There should be no question as to where by flowers or pines.

The Toronto World

SIXTEEN PAGES—SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 27 1900—SIXTEEN PAGES

GENERAL WARREN HAS BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE SPION KOP

REPORTS BY GENERALS OF THEIR DIFFICULTIES How White Missed By Acknowledging the White Flag Displayed by the Boers at Ladysmith.

This Was General Buller's Message to the War Office Which Created Consternation in London Yesterday Morning.

No Further News as to the British Movements in Natal Permitted to Be Given Out—British Casualties on Wednesday Totalled 209—Col. Buchanan Riddell of the King's Royal Rifles Killed—White Fighting Again at Ladysmith—Warren's Guns Played Havoc With the Enemy.

The War Office posted a bulletin at 11 o'clock yesterday morning from General Buller, dated Spearman's Camp, Thursday, Jan. 25, noon, which read: 'General Warren's garrison, I am sorry to say, I find this morning, had, in the night, abandoned Spion Kop. This news, it is reported, created consternation at the War Office, which was crowded by anxious people all day. At 11:30 p.m. the War Office announced that there would be no further news from the scene of hostilities for the night. The only official comment on Gen. Buller's bulletin was that Gen. Warren had found the position too hot to hold.

General Buller reports that the British casualties on Wednesday were 6 officers and 18 non-commissioned officers and men killed, 32 officers and 142 non-commissioned officers and men wounded, while 31 were missing, making the total casualties for the day 209. The killed include Col. Buchanan Riddell of the King's Rifles, who served in the Niger war in 1881. It is not yet clear whether the foregoing casualties include those at Spion Kop, or only those resulting from the fighting prior to the engagement at that point.

A despatch from Ladysmith, dated Jan. 21, says the fortifications there have been strengthened and that the position is now practically impregnable. The dry weather has lessened the fever and the number of patients in the hospital is diminishing. The supplies are spinning out splendidly and all the troops have sufficient wholesome food. A later despatch from Ladysmith via Spearman's Camp says there was heavy fighting at the outposts on Monday last, General Buller's guns and the King's Royal Rifles of the Boer assault, Gen. White sent to Gen. Joubert 70 dead Boers, collected in the British trenches, for internment. That Gen. Warren's men on the Boers had proved deadly is shown by the fact that after he seized the enemy's first trenches he found 200 dead Boers, who had been killed by his shell fire.

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London, Jan. 26.—The Gazette today publishes a number of despatches from Gen. Buller to the War Office, enclosing reports from Generals White, Hildyard, Methuen and other generals, regarding the various operations, but containing nothing later than the record of occurrences to the middle of December.

A despatch from Gen. White, dated Nov. 2, says: 'I was so greatly impressed with the exposed position of the garrison of Colenso that I determined, October 11, to withdraw from there and concentrate all the troops at Ladysmith. But the Government represented that this step would involve such grave political results that I determined to accept the military risk of holding Dundee, as the lesser of two evils.'

How Boers Fooled White. Gen. White then proceeds to describe the subsequent attack by 4000 Boers, of whom about 500 were killed or wounded, three of their guns being left dismounted at Kalama Hill, but he adds there was no opportunity of bringing them off. He also describes how the Boers were seen searching away in bodies of from 50 to 70, on which the British artillery could have inflicted great loss. But the Boers displayed a white flag and the British refrained from firing.

After describing the desperate fighting at Dundee, the general comments on the Boers' final position, the general comments: 'At length the guns reached us and the British end of the ridge was gained, from which the whole of the enemy's camp full of troops and horsemen, was fully exposed to view at a fixed range.'

Boers Worked it Again. 'While the flag was shown in the centre of the camp, Gen. Hildyard ordered a 'cease fire,' and some of the British moved in the direction of the camp. For a few moments there was a complete lull. Then a shot was heard, followed by a deadly fire from a near-by kopje. The British momentarily fell back, but charged and recaptured the position.'

Gen. Methuen reports similar white flag incidents. Buller says 'They blundered.' Gen. Buller commenting on the action at Zoutpans Drift, Dec. 19, says: 'I suppose the British officers will learn the value of scouting in time, but in spite of all one can say, our men seem to blunder into the middle of the enemy's camp.'

The Disaster at Colenso. Describing the battle of Colenso, Gen. Buller, under date of Dec. 17, says: 'When I heard of the disaster to Long's artillery, I believed the six naval guns had shared the same fate, and I decided immediately that it was impossible to force the passage without guns. Others were dangerously wounded, and I was unable to obtain explanations.'

I had personally instructed him where to go into action, and with the naval guns, but he advanced so far that he left the infantry escort and was killed. I believe that but for the failure of the artillery, we would have carried the crossing.'

Victoria Cross Recommended. General Buller recommended the Victoria Cross for Captains Conger and Reid, Robert and very young Sturges, for their part in the attempts to save the guns. What Methuen Says. Gen. Methuen, in a despatch dated Dec. 12, with reference to the battle of Dundee, confesses that he believed that the force in his front was only fighting a delaying action. He had no idea that the force had been brought from Spionkop to oppose his advance.

Danger in 2000 Yards. Commenting upon the difficulty of conveying orders, Gen. Methuen says: 'The truth is that no one can see more than 2000 yards in any direction. I think that most of the day was in positions where he could not see how the Boers were progressing.'

Col. Paget's Bravery. Gen. Methuen draws special attention to the bravery of Col. Paget, of the Scots Guards, in this action, in leading his men in the face of a punishing fire, during which he was killed, after being hit five times.

Col. Steele at Montreal. He took the Strathcona Horse Will Get Away From Canada in a Month. Montreal, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Col. Steele, commander of Strathcona Horse, arrived here at midnight, and will leave for Ottawa tomorrow. The Colonel stated he would go west in a few days, and believe they will get away from Canada in about a month.

Collision in Halifax Harbor. Mail Steamer Lark. Ontario Has Down a Coal Barge. Halifax, Jan. 26.—The mail steamer Lark Ontario, from Liverpool, while coming to the harbor to-night, ran down and sank the Dominion Coal Company's barge 'A. L. Taylor' at midnight, in leading his men outboard. Her crew escaped. The Lark Ontario passed a scow at 10 o'clock, thought to be the overland Assault.

Worthy of Their Names. The crest of Oxford University is reproduced on the signs which G. W. Miller is selling as 'Cambridge' signs. 'Cambridge University' on 'Cambridge' signs are attesting to a large sale in Toronto, and Mr. Miller, Hamilton, London and Winnipeg for the sale right of sale in these places. He will mean the election of Premier Macdonald, and will pay express charge on boxes of 100 and over. They are \$1.50 per 100.

Babies Free. If you have a baby in the house you will receive 75 cents' worth of baby clothing free by addressing Weir Specialty Co. Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Colder Still. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 26.—(8 p.m.)—The storm which was approaching the Maritime Provinces last night has become of unusual severity. The barometer in its centre now reads 28.00 inches, reduced to sea level. A heavy fall is blowing through Eastern Canada, and heavy snow has fallen all day over Quebec. The weather has been moderately cold in the Northwest to-day, but another marked cold wave is now setting in there.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34—42; Calgary, 8—18; Qu'Appelle, 2—12; Winnipeg, 10 below—20; Port Arthur, 20 below—10; Pelly Sound, 12 below—6; Toronto, 1—16; Ottawa, 2 below—14; Montreal, zero—8; Quebec, 2—20; Halifax, 32—40.

Probabilities. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Generally fair to-day, with higher temperature; light snow falls in some localities at night; turning colder again by Sunday. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair to-day, with more moderate temperature; light snowfalls in some localities during the night or early part of Sunday, followed by decidedly cold again. Lower St. Lawrence—Fair and cold. Gulf of St. Lawrence—Fair and cold. Maritime Provinces—Fair and cold. Newfoundland—Fair and cold to-day and Sunday.

Deaths. CREGINGTON—On Jan. 25, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. George Hilton, 48 Hurontario-street, at her grandfather, late Samuel Cregington, in her 86th year. Burial private on Saturday, the 27th.

CARROLL—At her late residence, 102 Adelaide-st., on Friday, Jan. 26, 1900, Ethel Dunham, wife of Walter Carroll, aged 27 years and 8 months. Burial from above residence at 12 o'clock Jan. 28, to the Methodist Cemetery, Highland Creek.

STEVENS—On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1900, Ann Stevenson, aged 87 years, at her residence, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street, Toronto (terminal Wood-Street car route), Phone 4248.

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