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CANADIANS IN BATTLE

They Participate in the Capture of a Boer Laager.

SITUATION IS YET CONCEDED TO BE OF GREAT DANGER.

London Papers Loud in Praise of Canadian and Australian Troops.

General White's Account of Attack on Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill—Latter Point Lost and Re-captured Three Times—During Heavy Rainstorm at Night Boers are Driven from Wagon Hill—Losses to Be Reported When the Lists are Completed.

Belmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from the Associated Press representative at Dover Farm, dated January 10th, says a mounted force consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto company and 220 Queenslanders commanded by Colonel Rickards, two guns and a horse battery under Major De Rougemont, 4 mounted infantry under Lieut. Ryan and 20 of the Cornwall Light Infantry, the whole command by Col. Pitcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering 20 miles before sunset. The force encamped at Cook's Farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusiastically. At 6 o'clock this morning the force approached a spot where a laager of the Boers was reported. Col. Pitcher, on approaching the position which was a line of strong kopjes detached Major De Rougemont with the guns, the Toronto and mounted infantry to work toward the right, making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders, towards the south position. The maneuver was a complete success. The British shells were the first indication of the presence of the troops. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders completing the movement, the laager was captured with 40 prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and one missing.

The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed belonged to the Queensland contingent.

Situation One of Danger.

London, Jan. 13.—A Capetown dispatch reports that "the rebels in Barkley district are demoralized by the British occupation of Dordrecht."

Should it turn out that the Dutch rebellion is thus being diminished it will be a matter of great relief for the British campaign.

The Standard, however, remarks: "Until the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved it would be idle to deny that the political position in Cape Colony is one of very great danger."

Colonial Troops Praised.

London, Jan. 13.—The gallantry of colonial troops engaged in South Africa is praised by the morning papers.

The Times says: "The mother coun-

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try will share with the Canadians and Australians in the pride and gratification they must feel at the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this morning's little engagement."

The Standard says: "The Canadians and Australians had been spoiling for a fight. Now they have had their opportunity and they have greatly distinguished themselves by their coolness and discipline. From the view point of Imperial unity, the little fight may fairly be described as one of the most gratifying events recorded in the history of the British race."

A Hard Fight.

Frere Camp, Natal, Jan 12—The following is from General White, dated 2 p m yesterday:

"An attack was commenced on my position, but was chiefly against Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill. The enemy was in great strength and pushed the attack with the greatest courage and energy. Some of our entrenchments on Wagon Hill were three times taken by the enemy and retaken by us. The attack continued until 7:30 p. m. One point in our position was occupied by the enemy the whole day, but at dusk in a very heavy rainstorm they were turned out of this position at the point of the bayonet in a most gallant manner by the Devons, led by Colonel Park. Colonel Ian Hamilton commanded at Wagon Hill and rendered valuable service. The troops have had a very trying time and have behaved excellently. They are elated at the service they have rendered the Queen. The enemy were repulsed everywhere with heavy loss, greatly exceeding that on my side, which will be reported as soon as the lists are completed."

Expelled From the Stock Exchange.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Edward F. Leland of the firm of Ware & Leland, was expelled from the Chicago Stock Exchange by unanimous vote of the governing committee on the charge of being connected with a bucket shop. The evidence in the case, which was gathered and placed in the hands of the committee by the Chicago Bureau of Information, was similar to that on which C. A. Whyland was tried and convicted a short time ago.

Young Man Exonerated.

Nearly every person in Dawson knows "Sammy" Jones, who has been in Dawson for over two years during nearly all of which time he has been employed around the various theaters in the capacity of property man and stage carpenter. Of late a cloud has been hanging over "Sammy" but in Major

Perry's court yesterday evening that cloud was dispelled and he was exonerated of an ugly charge, but one of which those who know him best never suspected him of being guilty.

Within the past two weeks Sergeant Wilson, of the N. W. M. P., has succeeded in running down three of the most persistent and industrious petty thieves ever seen in lads of their age, none of them being over 18 years of age. They are Theodore Kreisner, Fred W. Ryan and Robert Henry Elmer Gibson, and it was owing to their hanging around the theater where Jones was employed that so nearly got him into serious trouble. The trio above mentioned were stealing everything that was loose in the city and caching their plunder in all conceivable places, and one of their caches was found in the property room at the theater where Jones was employed. Although but a boy in years, Jones fills the position of man for which he receives man's pay. A number of his friends were in court last evening and each testified as to his good character and general trustworthiness. He was defended by Attorney Roberts, but the evidence was such as rendered the assistance of the attorney unnecessary. Major Perry's summing up of the evidence was in effect that there was not ground on which to hold Jones who was accordingly discharged.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George Wilson is in town on matters of business.

John P. McFarlane is a recent arrival in Dawson.

H. C. Hamilton is in Dawson for a few days.

George Sprout of 36 above on Sulphur, is in town.

Mrs. A. Miller of 16 Eldorado, made a visit to Dawson this week.

Floyd S. Wilson of Eldorado creek, came to the city on Friday evening.

H. Hudson, a miner, is spending a few days' vacation in Dawson.

J. Condron came from the creeks last night and will not return till Monday.

Mrs. C. J. O'Donnell of Magnet gulch, is visiting her friends in Dawson.

Duncan McCrimmon has purchased a complete thawing plant to work a lay on No. 13 below Hunker.

William J. Milton arrived in town Friday evening and will remain here till the middle of next week.

Thomas Tritton, Nugget Express messenger, left for the outside at 8:30 this morning. Besides a large lot of express matter he took with him two passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jourdan.

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M. McDermott, please call at this office. Important.

WALTHERS v WALTHERS

Title of a Cause on Trial in Washington.

MRS. WALTHERS APPLIES FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

She Alleges Acts of Cruelty Committed at Dawson.

The Defendant Resists the Charges and Accuses His Wife of Unfaithfulness—A. G. Wissel Mentioned as Co-Respondent.


The domestic troubles of W. J. Walthers and his wife have culminated in an action for divorce. The proceedings have been instituted in the district court at Port Townsend, Washington.

It is a fact well known to the intimate friends of the parties to the action that Walthers severely beat and chastised his wife in Dawson early in the month of last December, but the couple continued to live together and it seemed as though each had forgiven and forgotten. Some few weeks later Mrs. Walthers left over the ice for the outside, and word was received by her husband that she had arrived safely at their old home in Port Townsend. He remained in Dawson until about January 1st, and then departed for the states for the purpose of buying stock and supplies for the Yukon Iron Works, of which concern he is owner and manager. When Walthers left here, he had no idea of his wife attempting to secure a divorce, and his plans were to return next spring with Mrs. Walthers and their three children.

Immediately upon her arrival in Port Townsend, Mrs. Walthers filed her complaint for divorce. The action had been commenced a few days prior to her husband's departure from Dawson. The grounds upon which she relies for a decree of absolute separation are cruelty and incompatibility of temper. She also prays for \$10,000 damages, sustained to her feelings and person by reason of her husband's acts of cruelty, committed at Dawson; for \$30,000 attorney fees; for \$5000 attorney fees; and for the custody and control of their three children.

Walthers was astounded when he reached Port Townsend to learn of the course of action which his wife had pursued, but he concluded immediately to contest the lawsuit. He alleges, by way of defense, that the chastisement which he inflicted on his wife was occasioned by her unfaithfulness. As evidence of her inconstancy, he asserts that in the morning of the day on which he is charged with having committed the act of cruelty he found under the pillow of their bed a note,

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