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BULLER HAS MET WITH SERIOUS REVERSE AT TUGELA RIVER!

Attempted to Force a Crossing, Found the River Full of Boers, Retired and Left Ten of His Guns Behind.

Galling Fire of the Entrenched Enemy Killed All the British Horses—With Artillery Disabled the General Ordered a Retire to Save Further Sacrifice of Life—Buller Back at Chieveley—Death Roll Increases.

Gen. Buller.

It is now Major-General Sir Redvers Buller, commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, who is up against it. With General Buller it seems to be the same story as that of General Gatacre at Stormberg, and General Methuen at Magersfontein. This time the Boers were in the bed of the Tugela River, where they were not expected in such force. They were not seen until they began spitting fire at the advancing British. The first bulletin received announcing a reverse for General Buller came as a surprise. It was as follows:

London, Dec. 16.—(12.47 a.m.)—The War Office has received a despatch announcing that General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing 10 guns.

This was startling news for the British public. A few moments later the following bulletin came to hand:

London, Dec. 16.—(12.50 a.m.)—General Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela River. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left 11 guns behind.

General Buller's official despatch to Lord Lansdowne is a plain statement of the attempt to cross the Tugela River, which failed. The artillery got close to the river, when suddenly they found that the river was full of the enemy, who poured a galling fire into them at close range. All the British horses were killed. After this mishap Gen. Buller says he would not allow another attempt to force the river, because, unsupported by artillery, the men would be a shell mark, and the sacrifice of life would be too great. The troops withdrew in good order. The loss to General Hart's brigade was severe, the Connaught Rangers being the leading battalion. The 14th and 66th Field Batteries suffered severe losses. The British retired to Chieveley.

The death roll of British officers killed at the battle of Magersfontein has been increased by six, making the total twenty-one. Captain the Hon. Cummings-Bruce, Captain MacFarlane, Lieutenant Ramsay and Captain Brodie of the Highland Brigade, reported as missing, are dead. Col. Downman and Lieut. Campbell have died from their wounds.

The Montreal Star's correspondent in London cables that two days ago the War Office made the official statement that the Canadian contingent were with the Gordon Highlanders. Cablegrams showed that the Gordon Highlanders suffered severely in Lord Methuen's reverse at Magersfontein, but the casualty lists published include no Canadians. The presumption is that the Canadians were not among the force with which Lord Methuen advanced against the Boer position.

The Boer casualties at Stormberg were only five killed and 14 wounded. Among the British seriously wounded was Colonel Henry A. Eager, Royal Irish Rifles. He had been struck by a shell from one of the British guns.

A Pretoria despatch says that Molopo, west of Mafeking, was bombarded on Dec. 11 and that sharp fighting occurred. The Boers also attacked a British post at Mafeking during the night of Dec. 10, and after a severe fight the Boers were repulsed.

A War Office despatch from Col. Kekewich, dated Kimberley, Dec. 10, says the Boers had re-attacked Kuruman, and had again been repulsed by the loyalists and Bechuanas. The Kimberley forces made a demonstration northward on Dec. 9 and drew 500 of the enemy and three guns. Fighting ensued for several hours. The British casualties were one man killed and seven wounded.

London, Dec. 16.—(4.30 a.m.)—The news of General Buller's reverse was received so late that morning newspaper comment today is confined to perfunctory expressions of extreme regret and disappointment and of the necessity of calmness and redoubled efforts to retrieve the position. This latest check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history since the Indian mutiny.

Deplorable Reading.

The Standard says: "General Buller's despatch is deplorable reading. It is the now familiar story of concealed Boers and of British troops marching up blindly almost to the very muzzles of the enemy's rifles. It cannot be doubted that the moral effect will be to aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations. The country has discovered with annoyance and surprise that subduing Boer farmers is about the hardest work we have entered upon since the Indian mutiny. Their commandants have shown themselves able to give our generals useful, but expensive, lessons in modern tactics."

Like the Indian Mutiny.

The Times says: "Since the days of the Indian mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, General Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and General Gatacre's."

Depression Over the Defeat.

The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater as, during the last 48 hours, there had been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday the War Office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. The reaction is all the more pronounced on this account.

Did Not Believe He Could Fail.

The gloomy information came too late to reach the service clubs, and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the War Office. It has hardly been realized until now, even after the experience of the week, that General Buller could fail.

Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently, in the confident belief that he was taking such time and precautions as would ensure success.

No Independent Reports Yet.

No independent reports of the engagement have yet been allowed to come through, but General Buller's own despatch tells the sad tale in sufficient outline to show that the British have been entrapped again by the astute Boers. It was not anticipated that General Buller would make a frontal attack, but no criticisms of his movements are made, since, apparently, he suffered a repulse rather than a defeat, and did not push the attack home, but broke it off in the middle, so as to save a useless sacrifice of life. It is expected that he will renew the attack shortly.

To Have More Artillery.

Immediately on receiving the news the War Office decided to mobilize still another division and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible.

To Wait on the Defensive.

Fifteen transports are due to arrive at Cape Town between Dec. 17 and Jan. 8, with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless General Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for another fortnight or more to remain practically on the defensive.

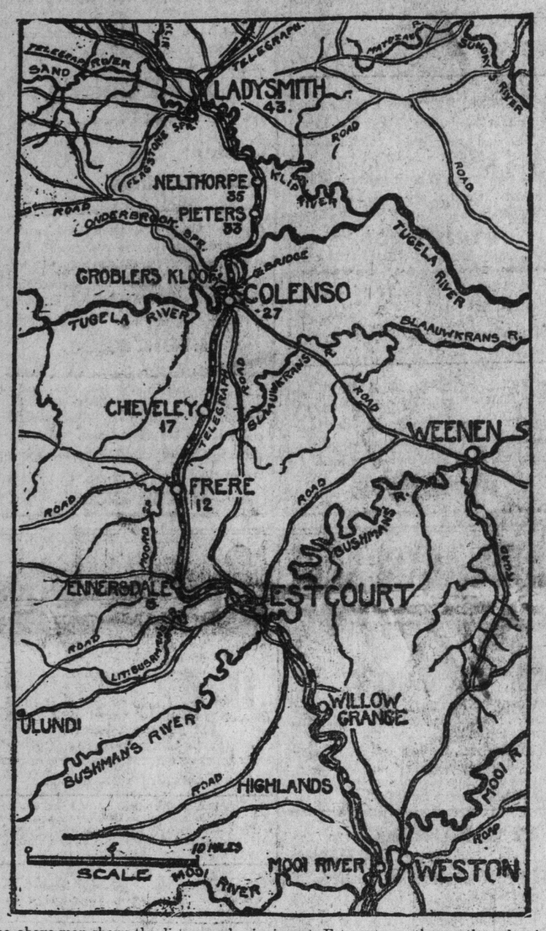
Ladysmith in Peril.

The latest despatches indicate the continued bombardment of Ladysmith, whose position is now perilous.

The Seventh Division.

Major-Gen. Sir Herbert Charles Chermside has been appointed to command the 14th Brigade in the seventh division.

SCENE OF GEN. BULLER'S REVERSE.



The above map shows the distances, beginning at Estcourt on the south and going north to Ladysmith.

GEN. BULLER'S BULLETIN.

Tried to Force a Crossing of the Tugela River on Friday, But Failed.

London, Dec. 16.—(1 a.m.)—The following is the text of Gen. Buller's despatch, announcing his reverse:

Buller to Lansdowne. Chieveley Camp, Dec. 15 (6.20 p.m.).

I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 this morning.

There are two fordable places in the Tugela River, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart.

My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift, Gen. Hildyard the right road and Gen. Lyttleton was to take the centre and to support either.

Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear, suffered a great deal. Col. J. G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

I then ordered Gen. Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge.

At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had sent to support the attack, the 14th and 66th field batteries and six naval 12-pounder quick firers, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a donga, and desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns.

The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.

Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an

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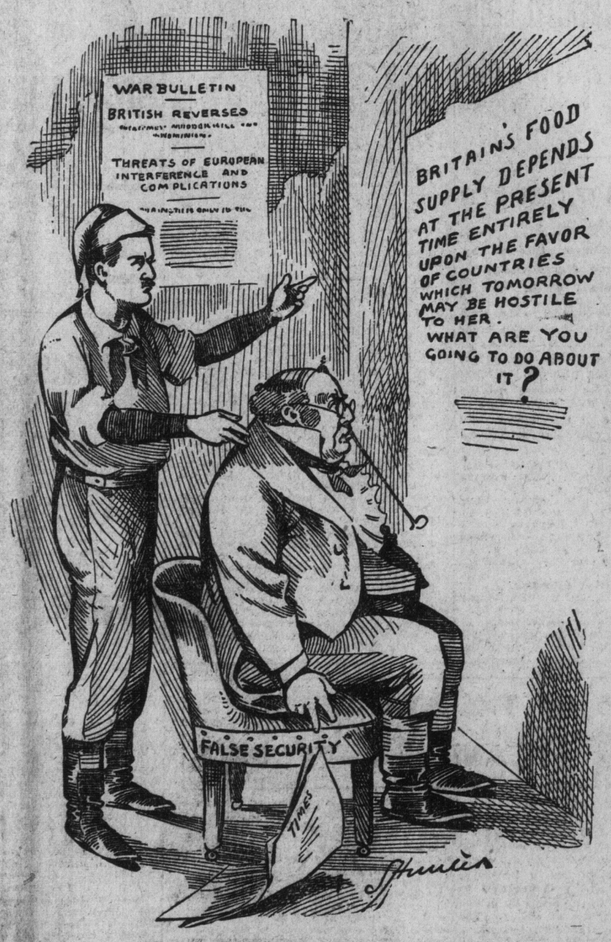
FACE TO FACE WITH A HARD FACT.



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WHERE ARE THE CANADIANS?

They Were Said to Be With the Gordon Highlanders, Who Suffered So Severely.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Star publishes the following special cables from London:

London, Dec. 15.—The War Office is more than ever chary of giving information. Two days ago your correspondent was officially informed that the Canadian contingent were with the Gordon Highlanders. To-day's South African cablegrams show that the Gordons suffered severely in Lord Methuen's reverse at Magersfontein, but the casualty lists published include no Canadians. The presumption is that the Canadians were not among the force with which Lord Methuen advanced against the Boer position.

The general feeling is that Canada and Australia might best aid General Buller by mounted contingents and artillery.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Gentlemen in a Hurry.

Thanksgiving with its golf has come and gone, and Christmas with its numerous depletions of our pockets is almost here. In the city everybody and everything wears a festive aspect.

Though busy Maloney & Son, the fashionable King-street tailors, have a reserve force of workmen in readiness for anyone who desires a handsome dress suit or winter overcoat made quickly for the holiday season. They have consulted Dame Fashion, the autocrat of the well-dressed world, and can safely assert that there will be no change in present styles until the spring.

"We're Britons none the less, sir!"

A Gala Midwinter Event at Dineens'

In the vast preparations which have been made for the opening of Dineens' xxxvth annual grand Christmas exhibit of fur wear to-day, nothing has been neglected to bring the men's hat department up to the idea of colossal attractions in new fashions with which this great holiday event in furs has been planned. The display at Dineens' today is an outpouring of styles in new furwear and hats such as no other store in Toronto is prepared to make, and, while the lavish show of beautiful goods will be the chief cause of the success of the occasion, Dineens have wisely added the attraction of special prices. To-night the store remains open until 10.

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For Christmas shoppers. Dinner, 11.30 to 2.30. Tea, 5 to 8. Nice bill of fare. Coffee House Restaurants, 13 Richmond-street west; 78 King-street east.

$5.00 Christmas Hampers.

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Campho-Quinine Tablets cures colds in 24 hours

Taylor's Valley Violet perfume is imperishable.

SENSATION IN WEST ELGIN.

Ballots, Poll Book and Returns of No. 14 Division, St. Thomas, Are Missing.

GAVE MACDIARMID MAJORITY OF 28

Returning Officer Forced to Adjourn the Summing Up Until To-Day.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—West Elgin has another election sensation. The ballots, poll book and returns for No. 14 division, St. Thomas, which gave Macdiarmid 28 majority, are missing. The returning officer adjourned the summing up till to-morrow. The deputy has been out of the city since Wednesday, presumably in Toronto. Enquiries failed to elicit the whereabouts of the ballots. R. A. Grant was in the city to-day. The Grits are boasting that Macdiarmid will be knocked out again

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

An Uncommon Gift.

One likes to choose a present that is exclusive and rare—that is uncommon. For a gentleman who is a connoisseur in his smoking, no more desirable gift can be offered than one of those richly finished cigar cabinets which G. W. Muller is showing. They are termed "Humidor" moistening cabinets, and they keep a box of cigars or a tin of tobacco at the correct moisture for enjoyable smoking. When once used they become an indispensable adjunct in a gentleman's smoking room.

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"Hurly Burly" at Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's Vandeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Strathroy Old Boys' banquet, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Iroquois Old Boys' banquet, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
U.C.C. Glee Club concert, College Hall, 8 p.m.

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TARTE WILL REMAIN FRENCH,

Even if He Has to Go Out of the Political Business—Defends Conners Syndicate.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Board of Trade Council met to-day and unanimously approved of the Conners syndicate scheme.

Sir Louis Davies and Hon. J. I. Tarte spoke here this evening before the Club Nationale. Mr. Tarte went into the elevator question, and supported the scheme. He also repeated his remarks that he was a Frenchman and would remain one, even if he had to abandon his political career.

QUEEN ORDERS PRAYERS.

Her Majesty Requests a Day to Be Set Apart Throughout the Kingdom and Colonies.

New York, Dec. 15.—A London despatch, printed here this afternoon, affirms that Queen Victoria has been so deeply affected by the recent events in South Africa that she has requested that a day of prayer and humiliation be fixed early next month throughout the Kingdom and all of the colonies."

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BIRTHS.

NESBITT—At Toronto, Monday, Dec. 11, the wife of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt of a daughter.

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GIMLI AND DAUPHIN SEATS

Have Not Yet Been Heard From Definitely, But It Looks Now Like One for Each.

MR. SIFTON EXPLAINS MATTERS

And Makes Further Promises About St. Andrew's Rapids—Conspiracy Case Dismissed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Two elections yet remain undecided, Gimli and Dauphin, but it looks as though Burrows (Govt.) will have a big majority in the latter. He is now leading by about 200. In Gimli, Baldwinson (Op.) has a majority of 50. Supposing they go one each way, which is probable, the House will stand 23 Conservatives, 17 Government. There will be many protests, recounts, etc., which may change the complexion of things. Burrows is Sifton's brother-in-law, and land agent for Mackenzie & Mann.

The Latest Bulletin.

Dauphin.—Burrows, Liberal, majority now 370, with a few places to hear from, which cannot change the result.

Gimli.—Ten polls give Baldwinson, Conservative, 52 majority. Heaviest vote still to hear from; result doubtful.

Burrows, Government, leads in Dauphin by a majority of 375, so far as heard from.

Baldwinson, according to the latest report from Gimli, has a majority of 52.

Greenway Will Hang on.

The Free Press creates a great deal of unrest among Conservatives by its hints that Greenway is not yet prepared to admit defeat and step out.

Hugh John Macdonald has not yet decided on the composition of his Cabinet. The expectation has been that Governor Patterson will call on him immediately after the returns from Gimli and Dauphin are announced.

Sifton Renews Promises.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, this morning met joint committees of the City Council and the Board of Trade, at the rooms of the latter, to discuss the proposed improvement of St. Andrew's Rapids. E. L. Drewry, president of the Board of Trade, presided. Mr. Sifton, addressing the meeting, said: When I left Ottawa two months ago, I had Mr. Tarte's assurance that the Engineer's Department would be urged to get matters into shape in all possible haste for the letting of contracts. I expect to hear at any time that the plans have been completed, and to see tenders called for by public advertisement. When we came down to Parliament and asked for the sum of $150,000 for commencement of the work, stating at the same time that the work would cost $650,000, we were committed, and the Government would simply stultify itself if it now withdrew from that position. Parliament was asked to vote all the money there was any idea could be spent before it reassembled. I cannot give you any better explanation or assurance, and I can add nothing. If I speak for an hour and a half, I cannot say anything more as to the Government's good faith in the matter. I might say I am leaving for Ottawa at once, and that I expect that a few days after I reach there, tenders will be called for. [Applause.]

Messrs. Drewry, Ashdown and others express warm approval of the Minister's utterances.

Conspiracy Cases Squelched.

The charge of conspiracy against James Hooper and F. H. Turner of The Telegram, and F. W. Russell and A. E. Allison, preferred by Phillip Garnot, as a sequel to his arrest and subsequent acquittal on a charge of having bogus ballot papers in his possession, was dismissed by Magistrate Dawson at the Police Court to-day. The magistrate said he had looked into the information, and concluded that it contained no charge against the gentlemen named. The charge against J. Obed Smith, Liberal organizer, of bribery, was enlarged until Wednesday next.

Bengough's Political Cartoons.

At a public meeting last night, Mr. Bengough, the cartoonist, drew a cartoon representing Premier Greenway struggling in the soup, with feet and clenched fists in the air, exclaiming: "Hang that Sifton." The next was a likeness of Hugh John Macdonald, before a painting of his father, making the observation: "I am getting like pa every day." Ed. Martin was represented in a cartoon, raising a football, labelled, "New Liberalism," with Hon. Joseph Martin sitting in a fatherly way to one side, "teaching his little brother in good style how to kick." The audience manifested appreciation of the various selections.

Good Winter Weather.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 15.—(8 p.m.)—The southwestern low area mentioned yesterday is now central over the Gaspe coast, and is giving a gale in the Maritime Provinces, snow in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and rain in Nova Scotia. It will be succeeded by colder weather there. A trough of low pressure is forming over Lake Superior and extending southeastward, giving a tendency for slowly rising temperatures over the lake district. It continues fine and cold in the Northwest.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Calgary, 12 below—8 below; Prince Albert, 12 below—10 below; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—12 below; Winnipeg, zero—4; Port Arthur, 14 below—16; Parry Sound, 6—12; Toronto, 16—26; Ottawa, 12—14; Montreal, 18—22; Quebec, 12—22; Halifax, 28—50.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair, with stationary or a little higher temperature; a few light snow falls to-night.

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Fair, stationary or higher temperature.

Gulf and Maritime—Decreasing westerly winds, fair and cold.

Lake Superior—Partly cloudy or cloudy, light local snow falls; stationary or higher temperature.

Manitoba—Fair, not much change in temperature.

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

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