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LORD METHUEN GIVES DENIALS

Particulars of Commandant Delarey's Recent Successful Attack.

British Rear Overwhelmed—Isolated Parties Held Out Against Big Odds.

London, March 16.—The War Office has received the following communication from Lord Methuen at Pretoria—

"Lord Methuen has sent me a staff officer, with a dictated despatch, from which it appears that certain particulars previously given are inaccurate. The rear screen of mounted troops was rushed and overwhelmed at dawn. There was a gap of a mile between the ox and the mule convoys. The mounted supports to the rear of the screen with General Methuen, immediately reinforced by all the available mounted troops and a section of the 38th battery, maintained themselves for an hour, during which the con- voys were closing up without disorder.

"In the meantime two hundred in- fantry were being disposed by Lord Methuen to resist the Boer attack which was outflanking the left of the rear guard." The Boers pressed that attack hard, and the mounted troops attempting to fall back on the in- fantry, got completely out of hand, carrying away with them in the route the bulk of the mounted troops. Two guns of the 38th battery were thus left unprotected, but continued in ac- tion, until every man with the excep- tion of Lieut. Nesbitt, was hit. Lieut. Nesbitt was called on to surrender and, upon refusing to do so, was killed.

"Lord Methuen, with two hundred of the Northumberland Fusiliers and two guns of the Fourth Battery, then found themselves isolated, but held on for three hours. During this period the remaining infantry, namely, 100 of the Lancashire, with some 40 mounted men, mostly Cape police, who had secured the rear, were thus left unprotected, but continued in ac- tion, until every man with the excep- tion of Lieut. Nesbitt, was hit. Lieut. Nesbitt was called on to surrender and, upon refusing to do so, was killed.

"By this time Lord Methuen was surrounded and his men were ex- ceedingly heavy amongst his men. Their ammunition was mostly expended, and the surrender was made at about half-past nine in the morning. The party in the kraal still held out, and did not give in until two guns and a pom-pom were brought to bear upon them at about 10 o'clock, making their position untenable.

"It is confirmed that most of the Boers wore our khaki uniforms. Many also wore our badges. Even at close quarters they could not be distin- guished from our own men.

"It is clear the infantry fought well and the artillery kept up the tradi- tions of their regiment.

"In addition to the 40 members of the Cape Police already mentioned, a few parties of Imperial Yeomanry and Cape Police continued to hold their ground after the panic had swept the bulk of the mounted troops off the field.

From other despatches it appears that Gen. Methuen was shot while riding to bring up the mounted troops and that his horse was killed. After the surrender, Gen. Delarey rode up and treated Gen. Methuen with the greatest courtesy and consideration. He ordered his return to Klerksdorp under the care of his own nephew and a medical officer. According to Klerksdorp correspondent of the Daily Mail the burghers were so angry at this that a party of them went out and brought Gen. Methuen back. General Delarey, however, overruled the objections of the burghers.

CLEVER WORK

Officer Dezella Secures Arrest of Man who Stole Horse and rig Over two Months ago.

Chief of Police Holmes left for Sarnia this morning in quest of the man Charles Johnson, held there on a war- rant for theft in this city.

The apprehension of this man is the result of diligent and clever detective work on the part of Officer Dezella. On Jan. 23 a horse and rig was hired by Johnson from John Hendershott; days passed and nothing was heard concerning them and the matter was placed in the hands of the police. It was also ascertained that Johnson had taken an overcoat from Geo. Sum- mers.

The case was taken charge of by Officer Dezella, who communicated with outside points, and commenced a systematic investigation. As a re- suit two weeks ago Mr. Hendershott received his horse and rig from Mar- line City, where the thief had disposed of them, stealing others to proceed to Mount Clemens. It was found that he was then serving time in the Port Huron jail and would be released on Saturday last. Mr. Dezella placed the Sarnia Chief in possession of the facts and directed his arrest on coming to the Canadian side.

Johnson was arrested in Sarnia at 5.30 Saturday afternoon, and will arrive with Chief Holmes to-night. Of- ficer Dezella deserves much credit for the capable way in which he handled the case.

ROYAL BETROTHAL

A good deal of interest has been caused by the report that the Princess Alice of Albany is shortly to be be- trothed to the Crown Prince of Prus- sia. The announcement of the be- trothal would be greeted with great satisfaction in England. The Prin- cess is the eldest child of the late Prince Leopold, youngest and favorite son of Queen Victoria.

BOER LEADERS AGAIN TAKEN

Commandant Calliers a Pris- oner—Gen. Methuen a Cripple for Life.

French People Seek Permission to Send an Ambulance to the Boers.

London, March 15.—The War Office announces that Lord Methuen's wound was from a bullet in his right thigh. The femur was fractured, and as a result of a necessary operation his leg will be shortened. The general is not yet out of danger, but with the best of attention, which he will receive, it is believed he will ultimately recover.

COMDT. COLLIERIES A PRISONER.

Pretoria, Transvaal Colony, March 15.—Commandant Colliers, of the Kromstad, Orange River Colony, commandant of the Boers, was among the prisoners captured by the British recently in the Heilbron district.

ITALY AND INTERVENTION.

Rome, May 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Signor Prinetti, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, replying to a question, said the Government of Italy declined to take the initiative in proposing European intervention in South Africa. He was glad of the opportunity to say that the relations between Italy and Great Britain were never more cordial and intimate than at present.

FRENCH AMBULANCE FOR BOERS.

Paris, March 15.—The Vicomte de Chastel de Villebois de Mareuil, a brother of the hero of Boschof, South Africa, has written to the British Government requesting permission to take a French ambulance to the Boers. He says the ambulance is ready to start for South Africa im- mediately if Great Britain gives the necessary authorization. The Vicomte would have made the request before, but was deterred from so doing by the British refusal to allow other ambu- lances to go to the Boers. Now, how- ever, since Gen. Delarey's release of Gen. Methuen, the vicomte thinks the British Government may consent to the French ambulance going to the Boers.

SENSATION

Two Young Ladies Assaulted on the Street—Rev. Fr. Walsh was the Assailant.

Stratford, Ont., March 17.—A most unprovoked assault was committed by Rev. Father Walsh, curate of St. Joseph's R. C. Church here on two young ladies who were returning to their homes about 9.30 on Friday night. Without warning Miss Jessie Mallion was struck on the arm with a cane and Miss Minnie Mark, who accompanied her, was roughly han- dled and received a blow on the head and was told to go home.

The ladies screamed loudly and at- tracted the attention of the mayor and others who had been attending a meeting of the hospital trust at the court house. Father Walsh again came up, shouting "Go home; go home." He was eventually per- suaded to go home himself.

Father Walsh has always been very outspoken as to what he thought proper in the conduct of the young ladies of his flock, and may have mistaken Misses Mallion and Mark for some of his parishioners and thought he had a right to chastise them for being on the street at that time of night. As it happened the ladies are respectable Presbyterians, and had been out for tea.

The charitable construction of the affair is that the Rev. Father's mind has become deranged from constant harping on this subject, and that he was not entirely responsible for his actions.

An information against Father Walsh was laid by Mr. Mallion, father of one of the ladies, but, it is said, he left town by an early train Satur- day and will not likely return.

BLIZZARD IN THE NORTHWEST

Fierce Wind and Heavy Snow- fall—The Railroads Tied up.

The Storm the Worst of the Season in Manitoba and the Dakotas.

Winnipeg, Man. March 15.—A real old-time blizzard has held Winnipeg at its mercy since yesterday, and is still raging. The thermometer is dropping steadily. Instead of the dust on the streets there are snow drifts straight across six to eight feet high. The street railway service was main- tained very irregularly until about 11 o'clock last night, when they had to give up, and theatre-goers and others had to walk home. This morning another partially successful attempt was made to run the cars, but the service cannot be depended upon. The wind is not quite as severe now as at midnight, but shows little sign of diminution. It will go hard with any- one driving in the country, and al- though no fatalities are yet reported, it is expected there will be some, owing to the suddenness of the storm.

Later — The blizzard is now worse than ever. Only a few cars are run- ning on Main street. All the outlying districts are without car service. The streets in many places are almost im- passable, drifts ten feet being fre- quently met with. On the Canadian Northern Railway everything is tied up, except a passenger train and two freight trains. The C. P. R. are keeping their main line open with difficulty, and all traffic is moving slowly. The storm is general and several people are reported missing at various places. The Great Northern train from the south was stopped, 20 miles south of the boundary, and it is not known when she will arrive here.

IN THE DAKOTAS.

St. Paul, Minn., March 15.—Blizzard news is contained in specials from various points in both North and South Dakota. A hard snow storm is reported at Fargo, delaying trains and breaking down wires. The storm in Western and North-western Dakota is said to be the worst in years, with snow three feet deep on the level. There is no sign of any abatement of the storm at Bismarck, where it has been raging furiously for over 12 hours. All business there is practically suspended, and in that vicinity all trains are snow-bound. The Northern Pacific west-bound train has been stalled at Dawson, N. D., since last night. A plough is attempting to clear the track of snow. The Washburn road, north of Bismarck, is snowed in completely. Reports received from along the line of that road state that it is the worst storm of the season. About Huron, S. D., the given set in to-day, and drifts are interfering with the railroads.

FURIOUS AT NIGHT.

Bismarck, N. D., March 15.—The storm that has raged for 24 hours is still furious to-night, with a tempera- ture of five degrees below zero and a wind blowing 45 miles an hour. The snow is drifting badly, and all rail- road traffic is suspended. Trains on the Northern Pacific road are snow- bound at Mandan and Dawson after ineffectual efforts all day to get them through the heavy drifts. The storm is the worst in this section for ten years in violence and length of dura- tion. Cattle on the prairie are scattered wildly, and there may be con- siderable losses where the owners have no shelter. It is feared im- migrants recently arrived here and in- adequately provided with shelter will suffer greatly.

CRITICAL

Mr. Rhodes is Lying at Death's Door—He is Losing Strength.

Cape Town, March 15.—Mr. Rhodes passed a very bad night. His condition at times was highly critical, and the attending physicians had frequent re- course to oxygen. The patient's con- tinued loss of strength causes great anxiety. The physicians are in con- stant cable communication with the London heart specialist who attended Mr. Rhodes last year.

Noon—Cecil Rhodes at this hour is in a very critical condition.

Cape Town, March 15, 6.30 p. m.—There has been no further change in Mr. Rhodes' condition up to this hour. He is very drowsy, and hardly speaks. His strength is still kept up by means of oxygen and stimulants. The weather is warm and not favorable to the sick man.

Cape Town, March 16.—Mr. Rhodes dozed considerably and took some nourishment during last night, but was decidedly weaker this morning. At four o'clock this afternoon his condition was unchanged.

Cape Town, March 16.—The con- dition of Cecil Rhodes is unchanged at a quarter to six this morning.

When a man has turned a sharp business corner he takes the world in to his confidence.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR

London, March 17.—With reference to the Russo-Japanese war rumors, the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times says in a despatch that he is able to vouch that the Siberian Railway is declining consignments from merchants, because the resources of the line are fully occupied in for- warding troops and war material to Vladivostok.

ONE COLUMN STILL MISSING

Some Anxiety Felt Regarding Colonel Grenfell's Command.

Exposed to an Attack From De- larey and Supposed to Have Retired on Lichtenburg.

London, March 15.—War news has remained suspiciously light since Lord Methuen's reverse, and release. Mil- itary men do not conceal their anxiety to hear what has become of Colonel Grenfell's column, which was waiting for Lord Methuen's force south of Lichtenburg, and was exposed to an attack by Delarey after the capture of the convoy. They assume that Col. Grenfell has either been strongly re- enforced or has retired on Lichtenburg or Potchefstroom, and they forecast the concentration of the British forces in the Western Transvaal, since the presence of a strong driving column is no longer required in the former hunting ground of De Wet and Steyn. While the censor obviously suppresses details of this kind, there will be a feeling of relief among military men when the safety of Col. Grenfell's column is assured.

Lord Wolseley's departure for South Africa is still explained as due to private reasons and devoid of military or political significance. His literary work on his memoirs will probably be facilitated by two long voyages. Lady Methuen's return to South Africa, on the day of her landing at Southampton, is one of the most path- etic episodes of the recent history of the British military misadventure.

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