

SOUTH AFRICA.

Bayonets Saved the Day at the Fight at Magato Nek.

The Boer Loss at Forts Itala and Prospect, Totalled Over Six Hundred—Treason Told.

PRETORIA, Oct. 4.—The fight at Magato Nek, where Kekewich was engaged, took place early in the morning. A patrol of Yeomanry who had proceeded beyond the pickets rode into a Boer force, and were driven back. The Boers followed them, rushed the pickets, and gained a position commanding the British camp. It was necessary to drive them from this position at all costs, and this was done by the Derbyshire Regiment and the Scottish Horse. The fighting was at such close quarters that the bayonet was used. This made the casualties heavy. The name of the Derbyshire Regiment for staunch heroism under disconcerting circumstances was maintained, while the Scottish Horse also did excellent work.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—A despatch from Dundee, Natal, to the Times says that the Boers lost over 600 in the attacks on Forts Itala and Prospect. The Boers informed the prisoners that they expected to find the Fort Itala garrison only 100 strong. The burghers lost more men than in any previous action this year.

There seems no doubt, says the Times correspondent, that the Boers intended a combined invasion of Natal East and West. It is stated that Gen. De Wet ordered the burghers in the northeastern part of Orange River Colony to concentrate at Telekop, up to now the only result of the movement has been the isolated invasion of Natal by a small commando which can easily be driven back.

British officers who were recently prisoners says that Gen. Botha's men and horses are in good condition, but the men's clothing is in a poor state. The British prisoners have been deprived of nearly everything they possessed.

The main body of the Boers is still near the Zululand frontier. LONDON, Oct. 4.—The correspondent of the Times at Pretoria says the treason trials have revealed the presence of large numbers of sedition makers who have not only taken the oath of allegiance to the British crown, but who, in many cases, have been receiving relief from the British authorities.

In spite of this, they communicated freely with their friends in the commandos in the field, feeling confident that they would be treated leniently if caught.

There is no doubt, according to the correspondent, that the Boers are being treated with leniency. JAMES TOWN, St. Helena, Oct. 3.—The census report for the year 1901 has been issued. The total population in April was 8,800, of which number 1,800 were in the garrison, a decrease of 835 from previous census, garrison 1,532, prisoners of war 4,656, and shipping 321. This is the largest population the place has known, the nearest approach to it being 8,800 in 1887. The number during the time when Napoleon I. was a prisoner, there was only 6,150. Between the years 1881 and 1891 a large exodus took place, as owing to the downward trend of affairs in the island the inhabitants emigrated to South Africa by hundreds, so that the population in 1891 stood at 4,100. In the last ten years also a large number emigrated to South Africa. The mortality, except during the epidemic of measles and influenza, has been surprisingly small, and most of the deaths have been those of old or very young persons. With the present large population there are each time as never were, and when the prisoners go away things will become very flat.

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