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WARM WORK!

The Troops Have a Lively Day With the Rebels.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE.

Riel's Skirmishers Finally Beaten Back.

THE ENEMY LOSES HEAVILY.

One Soldier Killed and Seven Wounded.

CAPT. MASON SLIGHTLY HURT.

Gallant Conduct of the Grenadiers.

MIDDLETON AT BATOCHE.

The Battle to Have Been Resumed Yesterday—Tale of Two Escaped Prisoners—A U. S. General on the Situation—Tough Experience of the Steamer—Northwest—Escape of Half of Riel's Force.

WINNIPEG, May 10.—A despatch received via Humboldt and brought by courier who left camp at Gabriel's crossing at 7 o'clock Friday night, reports that orders had just been issued for a march upon Batoche at 5 a. m. Gabriel Dumont's house near camp was burned Friday by order of Gen. Middleton. A French half-breed named Lette who escaped from Riel's camp came into our lines on Friday.

He states that there were only 45 half-breeds in the fight at Fish Creek with a number of Indians. The loss of the rebels is put down at six killed and three wounded and the names are given.

He gives the strength of Riel's force as 200 men, and that they have resolved to fight to the bitter end. Riel has proclaimed himself a prophet. The half-breeds should Riel attempt to desert them, would shoot him.

Lette further says that after the Fish Creek fight the rebels wanted to kill their prisoners of hand, but Riel forbade them. Finally the rebel leader found it necessary to secrete the prisoners in a cellar. The half-breeds are fairly well armed with rifles and shot guns, but the Indians have every kind of weapon, including rifles, shot guns, bows and arrows, clubs, swords, tomahawks and axes. Rifles have been dug at every place, and the insurgents believe they can at least hold out for several days, if indeed they cannot maintain their position for a week to come. Their only difficulty is a scarcity of ammunition, and they are doing their best to remedy that deficiency by melting down everything available. Riel, Gabriel Dumont and the other rebel captives wear over and over again that they will never be taken alive. Riel has a daily service, at which he professes to perform miracles and cleverly succeeds in deceiving his followers:

THE BATTLE.

CLARKE'S CROSSING, N.W.T., May 10.—Gen. Middleton engaged the rebels at Batoche yesterday, where they were strongly posted in a ravine, the fight lasting from 8 in the morning till seven in the evening.

The casualties have not been as severe on our side as at Fish Creek, but the rebel loss is believed to have been greater. The Gatling gun in charge of Capt. Howard did good service and in the fight beat off detachments which had crept up the ravine where they were posted and were charging a battery.

Both forces camped on their own ground last night and the battle will be resumed early this morning.

Killed.

GUNNER WILLIAM PHILLIPS, a battery.

GUNNER MICHAEL TWOHEY, shot in the leg.

GUNNER NAPOLEON CHARPENTIER, both legs, one being fractured.

GUNNER THOMAS STOUT, run over by gun carriage.

GUNNER W. FAIRBANKS, in the leg.

All of the above belong to a battery. Of Captain French's scouts W. Cook was slightly wounded in the leg, and C. Allan was hit in the shoulder.

CAPTAIN MASON OF THE ROYAL GRENADIERS WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE THIGH.

attachment and the teamsters, all of whom were well armed.

We advanced slowly for six or seven miles, the morning being bright and warm, and exactly fitted for the task in hand. First came Major Boulton's scouts, accompanied by Capt. Howard and Cinfantry in charge of the Gatling. Then boldly in advance of the main army came the Royal Grenadiers in command of Col. Middleton, and boldly they marched and wall. A battery flanked them with the 90th battery supporting and Winnipeg field battery and two companies of the Midland forming the reserve.

All at once on the still air broke the sound of the steamer's whistle screaming without ceasing, and then we heard firing and knew we were in for it. We responded with a signal and quick march was the order.

The scouts and the Gatling pushed forward with all possible speed until they came upon a couple of houses near the bank of the river, which is very precipitous at this point. A party of rebels who had been firing at the Northwester were here seen. They turned upon our advance, fired, and fled, seeking shelter behind a house in a hollow. The Gatling was brought to bear on them and speedily scattered them out of their refuge. They next sought shelter behind the church of St. Laurent, but the terrible Gatling was once more on to them and they made better shelter for the bank, leaving one behind dead and two wounded.

By this time A battery had come up and sent in some shells, which appeared to cause the whole district, for firing began from many points, but it was a waste of ammunition, all falling short.

Then the Royal Grenadiers came up and deploying into line steadily advanced until the church was within a stone's throw. Here they were halted and a white flag was seen waving from a church door.

Gen. Middleton and his staff came up on the gallop. Father Moulin, three priests, five sisters of mercy and a number of half-breeds came out of the church and approached the general, who shook hands with the priests and conversed with them in French.

Father Moulin stated that the Northwester arrived at Batoche shortly after 6 o'clock, and was met by a sharp fire from both banks. The men of the Midland on board the steamer returned in good style, but little damage was done on either side, the men on the steamer being well protected by the bales of hay and the other means of protection employed, while the rebels were too advantageously placed to be hit. However, the smoke stack of the steamer proved an excellent target and suffered considerably from the rebel fire. While the firing was going on the steamer struck on a mud bank, but swung clear again and went on down the river; but the smoke stack by that time had gone.

Meantime the Grenadiers had resumed their advance through the bush on the right of the trail, the Gatling being forwarded down the declivity toward Batoche's, which was now plainly visible in the valley below.

Here a battery unlimbered on the top of the ridge, sending shells into them, but the rebels were almost surprised by a number of the rebels, who crept up through the bush, and were not discovered until twenty yards distant, when they made a rush for our guns, firing and yelling as they ran.

Capt. Howard recognized the danger and ran his gun in front of the battery, letting the enemy have a hail of bullets that was terrible in its effect, many being shot down and the remaining actually turning tail and scampering off to the shelter of the friendly bushes, where they were reinforced by another party. Here they once more faced about and opened a warm fire, the bullets raining in on all sides of Capt. Howard, but he most marvellously remained unscathed. Finally the rebels were unable to stand his galling fire and deserted their cover here and retreated to the ravine containing their rifle pits.

Our line was now as follows: Two companies of the Midland with the Winnipeg battery supported by E and C miles north of the centre and the extending across to the right where the Grenadiers, who were supported on the left by B company of the 90th, on the right by D company of the 90th, and the extreme right by F and A companies. A battery occupied the left centre, afterwards returning to the right rear. Col. Stranbush, who commands the entire infantry force, is in the rear.

The firing was maintained with unwavering success, the rebels being forced to retire at points.

A battery did remarkable work, but failed with the aid of French's scouts to drive the enemy out of their pits. Unfortunately they paid for their impetuosity suffering more than all the remainder of the attacking force together.

smithereens and the rebels beat a hasty retreat.

The intervening time between the cessation of hostilities and retiring was occupied by the troops in fortifying their position, throwing up earthworks and so on. To-morrow (Sunday) we expect to deal the rebellion a blow from which it will not again rear its head.

In addition to the casualties mentioned in a previous despatch Col. Stranbush, who was in command of the reserve, seriously strained an ankle by stepping in a hole.

Another of Riel's Prisoners.

CLARKE'S CROSSING, May 10.—William Bruce, another prisoner escaped from Riel, has been brought in. He corroborates Lette's story, and says Riel's force comprises about 500, half of whom, however, are on the other side of the river and he thinks will make toward Poundmaker's reserve in order to help the Cree chief in his defence against Col. Otter. He states that Deputy Commissioner Cameron's report will be sent for. He advises that in attacking Batoche itself, as he says, the rebels are desperate and will sacrifice their lives dearly. The women and children have been sent to the other side of the river. He thinks the rebellion will be crushed, even if Riel should be taken or killed.

The Commission and its Report.

OTTAWA, May 9.—A Calgary report today says: After much discussion many half-breeds accepted the majority will to-day accept the scrip. The commission will go to Melville on Monday, but will return to Regina on Tuesday. Winnipeg land sharks who have been playing the breeds with whisky to catch the scrip may lead to continued dissatisfaction.

Col. Otter's Position.

WINNIPEG, May 9.—Despatches from Batoche seem to confirm the idea that Col. Otter will not strike the enemy again until reinforced. He is really in the presence of a larger army than Gen. Middleton, but the latter cannot assist him until he clears out the Batoche district. "Batoche" means "the place where the rebels are routed they will fall back upon Batoche and endeavor to effect a junction with the Northwester. The main report they will take shelter in the big band of the North Saskatchewan.

The Opinion of the Times.

LONDON, May 9.—The Times says that Canada evidently has a long and bloody war in prospect before the suppression of the revolt in the Northwest can be accomplished.

All Honor to the Princess.

LONDON, May 9.—Subscriptions are rapidly pouring in to swell the fund started by the Princess Louise for the amelioration of the condition of the Canadian troops engaged in putting down Riel's rebellion.

A Man Who Knows How to Do It.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 10.—A Minnesota Indian war veteran says: Middleton must achieve a decisive victory, or all the Indians will have on their war paint in a week. Should the half-breeds achieve a signal victory over the whites the result would be most disastrous. He says the best plan of attack would be to weaken the rebel force, scatter the half-breeds by shell from the front and bank, have Col. Irvine fall in upon the rear with the mounted rifles, free them into disorder, march if possible and then take them, until disarmed and then shoot them. This he says would cost many valuable lives but the end to be attained is so desirable that the troops must be sacrificed to win the whole country would be swept by Gatling guns.

Lord Lansdowne has subscribed \$250 to the Ottawa relief fund for the purpose of the relief of the rebels. Lady Lansdowne called on Friday on the family of Ogodee, who was killed in the Northwest. Ogodee's father lives in New Edinburgh. The people of this place are getting up a purse for him.

Col. Irvine, inspector of artillery, will inspect the Toronto Field and Garrison artillery to-morrow afternoon at the new fort.

Everything Looks Levelly.

LONDON, May 10.—The News expects that the Marquis of Hartington will announce in the house of commons to-day the definite withdrawal of the British troops from Suakin, the abandonment of the Khartoum expedition and favorable progress in the negotiations on the Afghan frontier in every way acceptable to the Amoy.

The Plymouth Plague.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 10.—A committee of Philadelphia physicians made a post mortem examination of some epidemic victims to-day and declared the disease to be typhoid fever. There have been five deaths to-day. Many others are at the point of death.

Paris Green and Poverty.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Chas. Liehman aged 72, a workman for Budecker's, a boggy builder, and his wife, aged 71, were found dead in their rooms this afternoon. The couple had taken Paris green. Utter poverty was the cause.

Proclamation of a New Reformation.

CLARKE'S CROSSING, May 10.—A nihilist congress was held here last week. A sort of nihilist reformation has been proclaimed on principles no longer confined merely to the destruction of the existing social system, but to the creation of a new system capable at any moment of being put in force and of fulfilling all requirements for the administration of the state. The congress decided that for two years no attempt should be made to alter the constitution, but to the creation of a new system capable at any moment of being put in force and of fulfilling all requirements for the administration of the state. The congress decided that for two years no attempt should be made to alter the constitution, but to the creation of a new system capable at any moment of being put in force and of fulfilling all requirements for the administration of the state.

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United States News.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The number of Germans now resident in America is estimated at 1,967,000. The council of catholic prelates which met at Baltimore last week decided upon a national catholic conference. At Chicago on Saturday Miss Genie Vandewater recovered \$5000 for damages received by being thrown from a cable car, the scrip may lead to continued dissatisfaction.

Another Successful Trial of the Dynamite Gun.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The dynamite gun was made at Washington on Saturday. A number of military officers witnessed the test, including the captain of the Russian corvette Stronok. The safety of the system in firing was proved assured.

Osvezko, May 10.—The Russian night gun after eight o'clock two masked men entered the house of S. Thrall during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Thrall. One of them, with a drawn knife, seized a daughter aged 12, and under penalty of death commanded silence, but she would not be harmed if she made no outcry. He then with a knife cut off her hair and after her clothing, seized her and wanted revenge on her father. They took some money and left the house. The affair is shrouded in mystery. Thrall lives in no one who could have a motive for doing such a deed.

No Stomach for Further Fighting.

PARIS, May 10.—The aggressive foreign policy which has had away to France the past year or two appears to be upon its last legs. It is believed ministers are engaged in proposing terms of peace with Russia, and it is not improbable that the Russian government. Such a course may strike a blow at French prestige, but it is believed that the French will not be so easily deceived. A similar policy to that followed in settling the difficulty with China will likely be adopted.

A Ship to Be Sold.

SAND BEACH, May 9.—F. W. Weeks skipper and owner of the barge C. J. Johnson, of Marine City, has not of late been discouraged by misfortune and often said that his family would be better off in upon the rear with the mounted rifles, free them into disorder, march if possible and then take them, until disarmed and then shoot them. This he says would cost many valuable lives but the end to be attained is so desirable that the troops must be sacrificed to win the whole country would be swept by Gatling guns.

The Pittsburgh Trunk Tragedy.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Jared, the man arrested in New York for complicity in the murder of Philip Carr, the Pittsburgh trunk victim, arrived to-night. He is a man of about 40 years of age, of medium build, with a fair complexion, and a description of the trunk in which the body was found as he is thought to be the man who carried the trunk to the depot offering to identify the person for whom he did the work if assured of immunity.

The Fate of a Ferry.

PITTSBURGH, May 10.—Thompson Snyder, who runs a skiff ferry on the river between Haledwood and Hay's Station, started last night with four men, one boy and a woman. When midway in the stream the skiff was caught in the walls of a passing steamboat and capsized. Mrs. Snyder and son, aged 12, and a girl, aged 10, were drowned. The others were rescued.

The War Against Poltzansky.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 10.—Angus Cannon, Milton Murray and J. C. Watson were sentenced to-day for conspiracy in the law—\$300 fine and six months imprisonment. Each declined to make any pledge to obey the law or admit his obligation to obey it. The defendant accused of the conspiracy were applauded by some spectators.

The Evidence Against Maxwell.

ST. LOUIS, May 10.—The regular o'clock Southern hotel was taken by the police to-day to compare the signature of Maxwell the murderer of Preiler, with the inscription "St. Louis" found in the trunk containing the body. Experts declare that both were written by the same man. All the testimony necessary for extradition is now ready.

More Prisoners Held.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 10.—The Knickerbocker Ice company's stables were raided to-night to the extent of \$25,000 worth of goods. Twelve horses perished. Seven men were arrested on a frame bridge connecting the second story of the two houses when the bridge gave away and fell three feet into the air. It is feared three were fatally injured.

Business Swallowing Capacity.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 10.—White Alex. Hibbard, aged 16, was tossing up a trade dollar and attempting to catch it in his sleeve when money struck his mouth and he swallowed it. All the present-day physicians of the city are being consulted on the case.

The Value of Statistics.

From the Wall Street News.
"Statistically," said a large coal dealer yesterday, "the coal trade was in a better position. As a matter of fact, I have seldom known the trade to be worse."

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MOBBED AT MIDNIGHT.

Two Clubs at London Attacked by a Crowd.

LONDON, May 10.—At midnight Saturday night four or five men who had been invited to the European club raised the cry that they had been swindled and assaulted in the club house. A mob of roughly assembled and armed men forced open the doors. While the police were searching the upper floors of this building others searched the premises without finding the alleged swindlers. Concluding that they had escaped to a neighboring social democratic building, the mob hastened thither and forced open the doors. While the police were searching the upper floors of this building others searched the premises without finding the alleged swindlers. Concluding that they had escaped to a neighboring social democratic building, the mob hastened thither and forced open the doors.

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ANDREW MCGUIRE'S GIRL.

Being Unable to See Her He Shoots HER FATHER.

The Old Man Badly Wounded and the Fate of the Girl Remains a Mystery.

COSBORO, May 9.—Andrew McGuire, painter, shot John Tucker, it is thought fatally, this afternoon. McGuire has been courting Tucker's daughter who was drunk and dabbled in the family on account of drunken habits and forbidden the house. A week ago McGuire started drinking again, though he had been sober since Christmas. Saturday morning, apparently over his apes, he went to Hayden's hardware store and bought a Young America revolver, 22 calibre and loaded the seven chambers. He visited several barrooms and then went to Tucker's house. As he approached the door he noticed that he was drunk inasmuch as he could hardly walk. Tucker went out and advised him to go home and at the same time offered him a ride in the vehicle of a neighbor who was passing. He refused, saying: "I have come to see your daughter, and I will not go till I have seen her." 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