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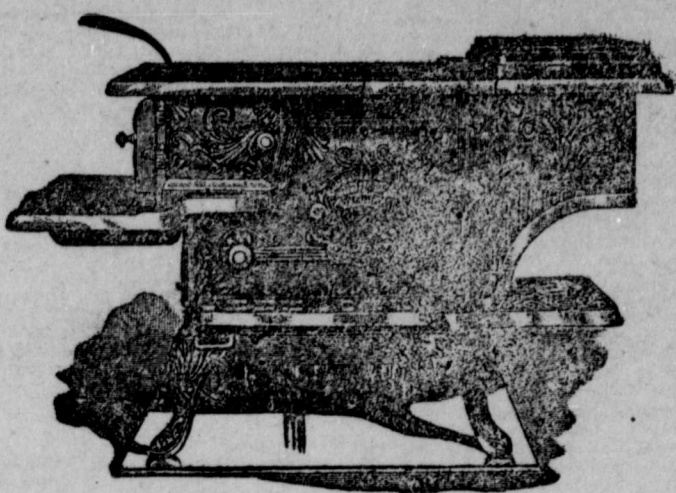
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In the Surrogate Court in the County of Elgin.

In the Matter of the Estate of George Crane, late of the Township of Dutton, Yeoman, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to R.S.O., 1897, chapter 129, section 38, and amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said George Crane, who died on or about the 28th day of April, A.D. 1899, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to W. Harold Barnum, Dutton, Ontario, 27th day of November, 1899, every name, address and description, and a full statement of particulars of their claims, and the nature of security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they then shall have notice.

Dated this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1899.
JOHN L. P. DUNCAN, Administrator.
By W. HAROLD BARNUM, His Solicitor

STRAYED.

Came on the premises of the undersigned, Lot 16, Concession 10, Dutton, an aged ewe, with mark on rump. Owner is notified to prove property, pay expenses and remove the same.

J. G. DOCKER, Wallacestown.

Campbell's flour mill, St. Thomas, will be put in a joint stock company.

A British Reverse.

TWO REGIMENTS SURROUNDED AND CAPTURED BY THE BOERS.

Gen. White Assumes Full Blame for the Disaster.—The Situation in South Africa Quite Serious.

Firing commenced at 5.30 Monday morning by the Boers shelling Ladysmith with forty pounders. After seven shots the British guns succeeded in silencing the Boer fire.

London, Oct. 30.—The War Office has received a despatch which says that General White has fought a battle, presumably with Gen. Joubert's force, which was driven back after several hours' fighting. The British lost about 100 men, and the Boer losses were much greater. The Boers were in larger numbers and had better artillery.

Gen. White's despatch, which was dated at 4.30 p.m. to day, read:—

"I employed all the troops here, except the obligatory garrison before the works. I sent a mountain battery, the Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucesters, to take up a position on the hills, to clear my left flank. The force moved at 11 yesterday evening, and during some night firing, the battery mules stampeded with some of the guns, which I hope to recover. These two battalions have not yet returned, but are expected this evening.

"I detailed two brigade divisions of field artillery and five battalions of infantry, aided by cavalry, under Gen. French, to attack a position upon which the enemy yesterday mounted guns. We found this position evacuated, but our force was attacked with considerable vigor by which I considered were Gen. Joubert's troops. They had many guns and showed in great numbers. Our troops were all in action, and we pushed the enemy back several miles, but did not succeed in reaching his laager. Our losses are estimated at between eighty and a hundred, but those of the enemy must have been much greater, the fire of our guns appearing very effective. After being in action several hours I withdrew the troops and they returned unmolested to their cantonments. The enemy are in great numbers and their guns range farther than our field guns. I have now some naval guns which have temporarily silenced, and I hope will permanently dominate the enemy's best guns, with which he has been bombarding the town at a range of over 6,000 yards."

ACTUAL POSITION UNCHANGED.

Monday's engagement at Ladysmith, which, despite the rather heavy losses, must be regarded rather as an extended reconnaissance or skirmish than a battle seems to make little change in the position. It is disappointing to the British public, as again revealing the tactical skill of the high order on the side of the Boers. In addition to the position of a number of heavy guns, the transportation of which has caused wonderment, they have available marvellous ability. Unless commanded by skillful European officers, it is hardly considered probable that Boer farmers would have assumed a feigned position, as they evidently did, in front of the right column, with the intention of retreating from it to the Boers' real line of defence, and inducing the British to attack it over a fire swept zone. The special despatches describing the engagement fail to confirm Gen. White's official account that the Boers were pushed back several miles, and the only conclusion that can be arrived at that it was extremely inconclusive. Sir Redvers Buller cannot arrive at the scene of fighting until the end of this week. In the meantime Gen. White will need all his resources to prevent the Boers around Ladysmith linking their forces.

A Staggering Blow.

LATER—General White, in a later despatch says: "I have to report a disaster to the columns sent by me to take a position on a hill to guard the left flank of the troops. In this operation the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 mounted battery and the Gloucester regiment were surrounded in the hills and after losing heavily had to capitulate. The casualties have not yet been ascertained. A man of the Fusiliers employed as a hospital orderly came in under a flag of truce with a letter from the survivors of the column who asked for assistance to bury the dead. I formed a plan in the carrying out of which the disaster occurred, and I am alone responsible for the plan. There is no blame whatever to be attached to the troops, as the position was untenable."

In the engagement at Ladysmith 1,000 Boers are reported to have been killed and wounded. Reports are current in London that Gen. White may retire to Pietermaritzburg, while the railroad is intact.

While minor reverses were not wholly unexpected, no Englishman ever dreamed that anything like the staggering blow which Gen. Joubert delivered to Gen. White's forces. Enquiry at the War Office seems to indicate that the military despatches contain other particulars, which it is deemed inexpedient to publish immediately, but the serious nature of which is

not disguised. The story, as already known, however, is sufficiently bad. The loss in effective men must be serious to a general who is practically surrounded. Two of the finest British regiments and a mule battery deducted from the Ladysmith garrison weakens it about a fifth of its total strength, and alters the whole situation very materially in favor of the Boers, who, once again, have shown themselves stern fighters and military strategists of superior order. The disaster cost the British from 1,500 to 2,000 men and six seven pound screw guns, and as the Boer artillery is already stronger than anticipated, the capture of these guns will be a great help to the Boers.

Apart from the immediate loss in effectiveness, which will seriously cripple Gen. White's operations, the British defeat must have a most depressing effect on the balance of the Ladysmith forces, while it may be expected to have much weight with the Boers who are wavering as to which side to support, and it will immensely raise the morale of the Boer force and bring crowds to their standard. Further news must be awaited before it is attempted to attach the blame where it belongs. General White manifestly accepts all the discredit attaching to the disaster, which, apparently, was at least partially due to the stampeding of the mules with the guns.

"Awful British disaster!" yelled the newsboys in London. Women stopped their carriages in the streets and hailed the boys. Out of fashionable stores women ran for papers. They stood stock still in the crowded streets scanning the extras. Having read the reverse the men set their teeth and walked on with hardened, troubled faces, while women cried. Then there was a rush for the War Office, which was soon surrounded with private carriages and hansoms, while many of the humbler class came on foot, all waiting for the possible posting among the lists of dead of the names they held dear. At the Government office no effort was made to conceal the feeling of dismay prevailing. One official said: "It is inexplicable, and I am sorry to say that its moral effect is insupportable. We have lost heavily in many ways, and have had regiments almost wiped out, but to have regiments captured, and by the Boers—it is terrible."

The confidence of General White's avowal that it was his fault has awakened the deepest sympathy. An official of the War Office said: "It is more than likely due to the crime of our young officers to distinguish themselves; to obtain mention in the despatches and earn the Victoria Cross, than to the fault of that splendid Indian veteran, General White, in spite of his pitiful avowal."

In a later despatch Gen. White states that the mules drawing the ammunition stampeded and they disappeared in the direction of the enemy with all the gun equipments. The fight was kept up until the ammunition of the British was gone.

As Viewed in London.

London, Oct. 26.—The despatches from the front are so diversified and contradictory that it is difficult to combine the situation with any degree of exactitude. Three or four main facts, however, stand out prominently.

General Symons' fight at Gibeon was not anything like the decisive victory at first alleged, and General Buller would in all probability have been annihilated or have met with the same fate as the captured Hussars if he had not retreated.

General White's artillery duel at Reitfontein was a very severe engagement, in which the rifle did great execution.

The Boer campaign has been rushed strenuously and on such strategical lines that the situation of the British must in all probability give them cause for deep anxiety for some time to come.

BULLER ARRIVES.

A despatch from Cape Town announces the arrival in Table Bay of the Dunottar Castle late last (Monday) evening, with Gen. Sir Redvers Buller and his staff. They will meet with a tremendous ovation in Cape Town. It is reported from Pretoria that 200 of the British wounded from Dundee have arrived there, and have been furnished accommodation in the state school buildings.

Free War Maps.

We learn that every reader of the "Family Herald and Weekly Star," of Montreal, is this week receiving a large colored map of South Africa. To possess one of these maps when reading the war despatches is essential to intelligently appreciate the position of affairs. It is also announced that at the close of the war a revised map of Africa will be issued by the "Family Herald and Weekly Star" for its readers. A comparison of the two will show Great Britain's gains by the present war. It certainly pays in these times to be on the subscription list of that paper. In addition to the map, each subscriber receives, on receipt of his subscription, the two beautiful pictures, "Battle of Alma" and "Pussy Willows."

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