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Buller Found Warren's Position on Spion Kop Untenable.

Water was too scarce for the maintenance of a force on the Summit which had been so Gallantly Won.

enemy and obtained possession of the southern erests of the high table land extending from the line of Acten Homes and Honger's Poort to the western Ladysmith hills. From then to Jan. 25 he nemained in close contact with the enemy. The enemy held a strong position on a range of small kopies stretching from northwest to southeast across the plateau from Acten Homes, through Spion Kop to the left bank of the Tugela. The actual position held was perfectly tenable but anot lend itself to an advance as the southern slope was so steep that Warren could not get an effective artillery position and water supply was a difficulty.

"On Jan. 23 I assented to his attacking Spion Kep, a large hill, indeed a moun-Spion Kep, a large hill, indeed a mountain, which was evidently the key of the

Kings kines, who supported the attack on the mountain from the steepest side and in each case fought their way to the top and the Second Lancashire Fusiliers and Second Middlesex, who magnificently maintained the best traditions of the Brit-ish army throughout the trying day of Jan. 24, and Thornycroft's Mounted In-

night of Jan. 24 to abandon the position d did so before dawn Jan. 25.

"I reached Warren's camp at 5 a. m. on-an. 25 and decided that a second attack on Spion Kop was seless and that the emy's right was too strong to allow me

e to the south of the Tugela. At 6 m. we commenced withdrawing the in and by 8 a. m., Jan. 27 (Saturday)

Tugela without the loss of a man or und of stores.

le fact that the force could withm actual touch—in some cases
were less than a thousand yards I think, sufficient evidence of the fet the troops and that we were perto withdraw our cumbrous ox and cansport across the river, 85 yards with 20 foot banks and a very current, unmolested, is, I think, that the enemy has been taught to ct our soldiers' fighting powers."

THE BOERS' STORY.

Headquarters, Modder Sprut, Up ngela, Wednesday, Jan. 24.—Mid-via Lourenzo Marquez, Thursday 5.—Some Vryheid burghers from the osts on the highest hills of the Spion group rushed into the laager saying the Kop was lost and that the Enghad taken it. Reinforcements were red up, but nothing could be done for e time, the hill being enveloped in

ntingents, suplemented from other com-undees, began the ascent of the hill.

mel from rifles but of lyddite and shrapnel from field guas.

Three forces ascended the three spurs
co-ordinately, under cover of fire from the
three state Krupps, a creusot and a big
Maxim. The English tried to rush the
Boers with the bayonet but their infantry went down before the Boer rifle fire
as before a seythe.

The Beer investing party advanced step by step until two in the afternoon when a white flag went up and one hundred and fifty men in the front tremohes surrendered, being sent as prisoners to the head

London, Jan. 28.—The following in the text of Gen. Bulker's despatch dated.

Spearman's Camp, Saturday, Jan. 27, 6.10
p. m.:—

"On Jan. 20 Warren drove back the enemy and obtained possession of the enemy and obtained possession of the sheltered in the trenches. Firing centiury, ed for some time and then the Fusiliers, ed for some time and then the Fusiliers.

I.enden, Jam. 29.—A special despatch from spearman's Camp, dated Friday, and supplying additional details of the operations of Wednesday, says:—

rais, which was evidently the key of the position but was more accessible from the morth than from the santh.

"On the night of Jan. 23 he attacked spion Kep but found it very difficult to hold as its perimeter was too large and water, which he had been led to believe existed, in this extraordinarily dry season, was found very deficient.

"The crests were held that day against severe attacks and a heavy shell fire. Our mean fought with great gallantry; would especially mention the conduct of the Second Cameron Highlanders and the Third Kings antes, who supported the attacks.

"Another Account.

"The deployed to Gen. Warren's right flank and reinforced the that the incident is closed. Warren's right flank and reinforced the that the incident is closed. Warren's right flank and reinforced the troops in possession of Tabanyama. They were subjected to a heavy Boer shell fire, but stood their ground nobly.

"Part of Gen. Lyttleton's brigade extended on the plain in front of Mount Alice, and, within two hours, scaled the height of Spion Kep under a heavy fire. One rifleman, who reached the summit before his comrades, proudly stood on the plain in front of Mount Alice, and, within two hours, scaled the height of Spion Kep under a heavy fire. One rifleman, who reached the summit before his comrades, proudly stood on the plain in front of Mount (fire has decided to embod tronal militia battalions and the provide has the incident is closed.

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Spearman's Camp. Friday, Jan. 26.—

Spearman's Camp, Friday, Jan. 26. ed upon the kopjes, the main point of the Boer position, Taban-Yama, was stormed by the British infantry under General Woodgate. Our force crossed over a ravine and climbed the mountain side stead-ily, getting within 30 yards of the enemy's

the infantry crept along the top of the hill. At daybreak, however, the Boers from a high point on the extreme east sent a withering fire among the British their artillery sent several shells right to the top of the crest, forcing the infantry

to take cover.

The British held the position agains great odds. At 10 o'clock strong reinforcements were sent up the hill and advanced in skeleton formation, the enemy being driven back to the extreme point.

THE NEWS' STORY.

London, Jan. 29 .- The Daily News pub-

London, Jan. 29.—The Daily News publishes a despatch dated Spearman's Camp, Wednesday afternon, but held back presumably by the censor until Friday, Jan. 26, 6.48 p. m. The corespondent says: "Having gallantly taken a portion of Tabanyama mountain during last night, General Warren's troops are finding considerable difficulty in holding it. There has been heavy fighting today. The Boers's shells are splendidly directed and in the face of the enemy's heavy fire the further advance of our forces has been checked. shells are splendidly directed and in the face of the enemy's heavy fire the farther advance of our forces has been checked.

"Again and again attempts had been made to dislodge them and things had begun to look serious. Determined as had been their attack, however, the Boers had not succeeded in dislodging them. Meanwhile the King's Royal Rifles, approaching from the Potgieter's Drift side of the mountain, began the ardunus ascent of Spion Kop. The heights at the place where they arrived were pretainted and their task was no light one. They advanced, however, and apparently at first without knowledge of the Boers; but before reaching the top they became the face of the mountain began the ardunus ascent of Spion Kop. The heights at the place where they arrived were pretainted to the spiritus and their task was no light one. They advanced, however, and apparently at first without knowledge of the Boers; but before reaching the top they became

at first without knowledge of the Boers; but before reaching the top they became exposed to a flank fire from the enemy.

"The last part of the hill was even more "The government is advised that, after

"There is still the serious difficulty of keping this important point without artillery. The position, therefore now is that the British hold Spion Kep, at the east end of the range. They also hold the west end. The Boers are entreuchd in the intermediate part besides holding other entrenched positions on the adjoining koppes, which command the British positions."

THE MAINE INSPECTED BY LORD ROBERTS.

Cape Town, Thursday, Jan. 25.—Lerd Reberts, after visiting the hospital ship Maine, over which he was conducted by Lady Randolph Churchill, expressed his entire satisfaction with the arrangements.

JAMESON BYPORTED WOUNDED.

day, Jan. 25, via Boreano Marques, Jan. 28.—It is reported here that as the result of "Long Tom's" practice on Monday, Dr. Jameson was wounded in the leg.

President Steyn has visited this laager.

THE BEATRICE RELEASED.

Washington, Jan. 27-'the American washington, Jan. W—the American shippers whose goods were on the British ship Beatrice, seized off the African coast by the British warships, have had news to the effect that the vessel was released siz weeks ago and that the goods which were landed at East London have in large

London, Jan. 27, 9.20 p. m.-The wa cffice has decided to embody two addi-tional militia battalions and another bat

TRANSFERS DECLARED VOID. Cape Town, Friday, Jan. 26.—Sir Alfred Milner, British High Commissioner, has issued a proclamation announcing that Her Majesty's government will not recognize as valid any forfeiture, fine or croum brance upon property in the Transvaal or the Free State subsequent to Oct. 10th, the date when war was declared.

The Boers, who had been asleep, decamped, leaving everything behind and the British with a ringing cheer, climbed hung on the iron railing in front of the The Boers opened fire from several points, but it was apparent that they had been taken completely by surprise, and their resistance was dispirited. The their resistance was dispirited. The weather crest of the hill was soon won and weather crest of the hill was soon won and weather crest of the hill was soon won and the sound in the form of the sound in the sound

The Sunday papers issued extras but only the faintest interest was manifested in which momentarily staggered them. The the streets. At the service clubs the situaconsidered very unpleasant. His excuses or explanations were characterized as ery weak. The absence of water which Sig Charles Warren was "Led to believe" existed and the facts that Spion K. Indeed a mountain," and that its noter was too large," are all, which e General Buller's warn mirers hold should have been asc

before he attacked. One comforting feature of the sit wever, is the fact that General 1 retirement across the Tugela was a plished without loss, which puts a

men and to take steps to send yet another

Cape Town, Friday, Jan. 26.-Mr. John STUDY Churchill, second son of Lady Randolph Churchill who accompanied her in the Maine, has received from Lord Roberts

MILITIA ORDERS.

Ottawa, Jan. 28-The selection of the undermentioned officers for a staff course at the Kingston Mintary College, has been cancelled: Lieut. Col. W. W. White, 30th Battalion, Lieut. Col. D. McL. Vince, R. E., Lieut. A. Webster, 68th Battalon.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

London, Jan. 30-12.45-The war office ennounces that rc further news has been eccived from South Africa, except a report from Lord Roberts that the situation

LONDON STILL WANTS NEWS. London, Jan. 30 4.16 a. m. History Spaces, . - . New Brunswell

precipitous than the road along which they had come; but the brave feilows scrambled up little by little, sometimes on their feet and hands, sometimes crawling on their knes, until panting and exhausted, although we also had to give brave and valuable lives." LONDON ON THE SITUATION. It was grandly accomplished. "There is still the serious difficulty of keping this important point without has opened with the utmost slave for the process of the proce

were as high as \$6.00. 12 MIXYED TWEED JACKETS, unlined, sizes 32, 34 and 36, at the lot were as high as \$8.00.
10 MIXED TWEED JACKETS, satin lining, at \$3.00 each,

were as high as \$9.90.

10 BLACK BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, same pri
10 NAVY QURL CLOTH JACKETS, silk lined, at the lot were as high as \$8,00. 2 BLACK BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, last year's, very long size 32, \$2.00 each.

DOWLING BROS., 95 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

Oceans of ink are poured out in advice.
Orators are at work in the provinces elling the people that England has "set hereteeth in grim determination to see it through."

through."

The government's declarations in parliament, the counter suggestions of those outsides altempts to carry on the carry on the

that the 270 casualties already amounced in Lyttleton's brigade are thus explaned. Much mystery still surrounds the retreat. Wounded. 20 Mounded 20 Mounde

rates to clubs. Free sample copie: on application.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMER.

said:—
"I do not believe the session opening tomorrow will materialize into anything ser-

As people study other cal inca and you will succeed. The cheapes, and hest text book to use is a prigree of serious national crisis Irish eloquences are agricultural paper; not one that tells you what an OHIO or an ON. TARIO Farmer should do to make money, but one that tells who make, but one that tells who make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that are doing to make the farm pay. The CO-OPERATIVE FARMER that the bill. Enlarged to 20 in good the recent death of Lady Salisbury the premier did not give the contourned that the bill the bill that the bill t

ouncil.
Mr. Balfour, the Earl of Kimberley, and.
Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman also entertained their respective supporture.
Mr. Wm. T. Blood has addressed to



