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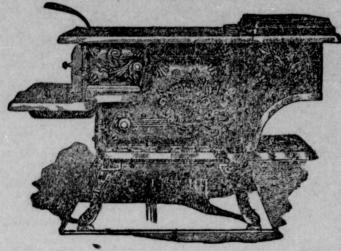
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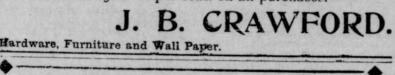
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TWO VICTORIES.

Elandslaagte and Talana Hill.

BOTH WON BY THE BRITISH. Heavy Losses by the

Boers. BRITISH GENERAL MORTALLY, WOUNDED.

A despatch from Glencoe Camp on Oct. 20 seys: After eight hours of con-tinuous fighting Talaua Hill was carried by the Dublin Fusiliers and the King's by the Dublin Fusiliers and the King's Rifles, under cover of a well served artillery fire by the Thirteeuth and Sixty-ninth Batteries. The Boers who threatened the British rear have retired. The fight was almost an exact counter-part of Majuba Hill, except that the position of the Boer and British forces was reversed. was reversed.

The battle has been a brilliant suc-The battle has been a builliant suc-cess. The Boers got a reverse which may possibly for a time check all aggressive action. The British artillery practice in the early part of the day decided the battle. The seizure of Dandee Hill by the Beers was a surprise, for although the pickets had been exchanging shots all night, it was not until a shell boomed over the town into the camp that their presence was the camp that their presence was discovered. Then the shells came fast.

"At 3.30 p.m. our gans took a position on a ridge 4,100 yards from the Boers, whose gaus at once opened fire. This-fire was generally well directed, but somewhat high. Contrary to previous experiences their shells burst well.

experiences their shells burst well. "The Imperial Light Horse moved" towards the left of the enemy's position" and two squadrons of the Fifth Lancers toward his right. During the artillery deel, mounted Boers pushed out from their left and engaged the Imperial Light Horse. In a few minutes the eveny's gaus ceased firing, and our artillery was turned on the mounted Boers, who had engaged the Imperial Light Horse and who at once fell back. After the estillery preparations, our infantry advanced to the attack sup-ported by our gans in the second position. The Devonshires held the enemy in front, while the Mauchester Regiment and the Gordon Highlanders turned his left flank.

"The Boer guns, although often temporarily silenced, invariably opened fire again on the slightest opportunity, and were served with great courage.

and were served with great courage. "After severe fighting our infantry," carried the position. This was ac-complished at 6.80 p.m., the enemy standing his ground to the last with courage and tenacity. The Fith Lancers aud a squadron of the Ffth Dragoon Guards charged thrice through the retreating Boers in the dark, doing considerable execution. "We captured the Boer camp, with teuts; wargoons, horses and also two

teuts, waggons, horses and also two gaus. The Boer losses were very con-siderable, including a number of wounded and unwounded prisoners. Among the former are Gen. Jan Kock and Piet Joubert, nephew of Command-and Piet Joubert, nephew of Command-ant General Joubert. One goods train with supplies for the regiment was rocovered. Our loss. I regret to say, was heavy. It is roughly computed at 150 killed and wounded."

Cape Town, Oct. 22 .- The latest despatches from the front say that the Boer losses at Elandslaagte were con-siderable, and that the British lost about a hundred men killed and wounded. A large number of Boers were injured.

Loudon, Oct. 21.—The War Office announces that in the fighting yester. day between Glencoe and Dundee, in Natal, thirty one nou commissioned officers and men were killed and 151 wounded.

According to the latest advices the battle lasted eight hours, and nearly seven hours elapsed before the last Boer gun was put out of action. The Irish Fusiliers and the King's Rifles, meanwhile, had advanced to the assault, and ware shocing their to the distinguishing the meanwhile, had advanced to the assault, and were shooting their way up the hill, driving the Boers back from sheiter to sheiter, until the fual rush of the British carried them to the top of the summit. It was a bright, clear morning, which evabled the operations to be followed by the staff officers without difficulty. A curious fact was that several times a hull occurred in the firing on both sides, the British in-fantry apparently taking a broathing space in the stiff climb, and the Beers also holding back their fire. The also holding back their fire. The magnificent practice of the British guns was an immense help, and the success sault w Once the British bayonets showed on top of Kopje, the Boers retreated, and, when on descending the other side, they reatly due thereto. when on descending the other side, they found a British battery and British's cavalry outflanking them the retreats became a rout. The British guns followed, and, unlimbering from time to time, threw shells among the flying foe. The latter did not wait to try conclu-sions with the Hussars and mounted infantry, who apparently seldom got near enough to deliver effective volleys. The pursuit was continued until dask, when the Boars was completely when the Boers were completely demoralized. London, Cet. 24 .- The casualties of the battle at Elaudslaagte prove to have been heavier than at first supposed, the British losses being now placed at 247 killed and wounded, with ten missing. The Boer losses are also found to have been much larger than at first reported. Commandant General Viljeon having been captured in addition to Command. ant General Kock and other well known-Boer commanders. Col. Baden Powell, in command of Mafeking, is said to have captured Commandant General Cronje and and thirty other Boers, besides inflicting a loss of 500 killed upon the enemy. The news of the Boer losses at Mafeking have caused great grief at Pretoria, the Transvaal capital.

A PESSIMISTIC'VIEW.

London, Oct. 25.—According to day's despatches to the War Office the worst fears seem to be realized. Gen. Lule has abandoned not only Dundee, but Glencoe elso, and so far as present news would indicate, he has neither joined Gen. White nor reached Ladysmith. It is evident from the official despatches both Commandant-General Joubert's column at the north and the : Orange Free State troops on the west : now occupy strong positions, and that i (Continued on page 4.)