

The Raid on The Gun Hill

Article by the Late G. W. Steevens That Is Just Published.

Likely the Last From His Pen That Will Ever See Light.

From Daily Mail. With the exception of a very charming article on a French holiday resort...

About the end of November, in a timid way, things began to happen. Till then we have assumed, half cynically, half carelessly, that the enemy's base was invulnerable...

The gun began to fire on the 27th, and earned his name from the sailors, because you could always see him coming, and he never hid anybody. That was all very well for them, but it was not quite so reassuring on Wagon Hill...

On the old target, \$2,000, covered only the top of the mountain. Off it went, and the antediluvian monster jumped back grunting.

"Ten feet," megalomaniacally the Captain in the hieratic language of the gunners, said to the third gunner, "Good—shoot." Just in. We heard no noise. The howitzer had been firing so gorgeously good that nobody could quite believe it, and some are afraid, though clinging to belief, that the 28-ton two deserters and a native spy all said so—a shell from the forward 47 hit the original Long Tom on the 28th...

Only there appeared on the 30th a new brother. The 200 in a midsized, rough kopie of medium size, beneath and west of Lombard's Kop. At first we thought it was a new gun. But the driving bands of the shells showed that this was a new gun. He had no name, but he was known as the Stinker on Gun Hill.

It did not matter much till December 2, when he bombarded the Light Horse camp, including my eligible residence, Mulberry Grove, with a couple of shells. He was that accurate and steady was he that, having found a patch of soft earth where he could burst without doing any harm, he planted the best part of his twenty shells within fifty yards of it. Still, it was disconcerting to have your own camp planted by your door like dogs, or tipping your hat into your last surviving cigarettes.

Altogether, what with his good shooting, his industry, his accuracy, his position, the Stinker was by far the most detestable gun now in action. And then on the morning of December 8, we woke up, and the first thing we saw was the troops of the 1st Light Horse, bringing home, among other things, a new shell. He was blown up, and the 12-centimetre howitzer at his side was blown up, too, and the Maxim-Nordenflicht gun was brought in. And it had all been done by Gun Hunter, with a couple of hundred irregulars.

You will have read all about it—all I know about it at any rate—in the telegrams, and there is no need of my repeating it. It was not till the evening that Gun Hunter unfolded his plan and got the General's consent to it. At 10 o'clock the Light Horse, the hard and valiant, the flower of British South Africa, the Natal Volunteers, and a handful of gunners and sappers, these troops carried no arms but a rifle, and their rifles they were not to load till they had...

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Fever at Bloemfontein

Conan Doyle Writes of Outbreak of Enteric Among the Troops

He Pays a Tribute to Work of the Hospital Orderlies.

From British Medical Journal. The Langham Hospital, South African Field Force, Bloemfontein, June 5, 1900.

Dear Sir:—You were good enough to suggest when I left England that I should send you some notes upon "any points which might strike me. The pressure of work has prevented me from complying with your request, but I am glad to feel that you will find these comments of a very appreciable character.

When the nation sums up its debt of gratitude to the men who have spent themselves in this war I fear that they will almost certainly ignore those who have done the hardest and the most essential since the war cannot proceed without the aid of the hospital orderlies. They are the most laborious, and infinitely the most dangerous.

Some Valuable Advice Given by Mr. F. W. Foster.

Since all opinions and experiences regarding the extinction of cut-worms are so diverse at the present juncture, the following letter from Mr. F. W. Foster, a gentleman whose opinion is well worth considering, may be of some value to the public at large.

Clinton, B. C., July 30, 1900. J. R. Anderson, Esq., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria.

Dear Sir:—I have your favor re destruction of cut-worms, and for your own information and that of the public I may say that many years ago I tried the fine dry ashes of wood, sprinkling the same around where these cut-worms infested fields and gardens, and found it to be well defined and for I do not know how it acts if it gets wet, but directly a worm touches it on the surface he wriggles and dies. It is easily tried by you getting a few of them and let them touch the white ashes.

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Miners From Cape Nome

Umatilla Passengers Who Tell of the Land of the Bustled Boom.

The Deputy Sheriff Pays Visit to the Bark Garibaldi.

Steamer Umatilla, which sailed from the Outer wharf last night for San Francisco, had a very large crowd of passengers, for now the summer travel is at its height.

Among the passengers were a number of Cape Nomers, who arrived at Seattle yesterday on the steamer Seneca, which vessel brought down over 500 passengers. Among the returnees were Cape Nomers who had returned to San Francisco, were M. H. Murray and Frank Coates. They said, in an interview last night, that the Cape Nome district was like a toy balloon after the small boy had stuck a pin into it—the bubble had completely burst.

There has been no rain there, and what creeks are being worked—there are only three in the district which can be called any good—are not any too plentifully supplied with water. These three creeks are Dexter, Alder and Glacier. The tundra is no good, and a million men are working there for less than a dollar per day. The gamblers are prostrated, saloon keepers are going broke, and, in fact, the district is going fast into bankruptcy.

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