

Boers Kept In Cover.

Rarely Showed Themselves While Raking British Infantry in the Open.

Rifle Brigade Detrain Just in Time to Answer Urgent Call for Relief.

Fate of the Gloucesters and Irish Fusiliers for a Time Uncertain.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 31.—The war correspondent of the Standard with the British forces at Ladysmith telegraphing as to Monday's engagement says: "During the opening stages of the fight I attached myself to the centre column. We marched out before dawn and after covering three miles, halted under a kopje to await developments. In the attack, the first shot was fired at 5:20 a.m. It came from Lombard's Kop, a lofty eminence some five miles to the east of Ladysmith.

"Battery after battery went into action and gradually the enemy's fire slackened. For nearly two hours not a shot of ours was returned, save when Long Tom, the name our soldiers had given to the Boer 40-pounder, hurled a shell which was followed with anxious eyes toward the town of Ladysmith.

"Presently the enemy's horses were seen straggling on a hill to our left sheltered by rising ground. They occupied a ridge on our left flank and there, hidden by the scrub and trees they could watch the turn of events in safety and await their chance.

"The Devonshires now advanced toward the hill. The Boers were ordered to fire a shot until they were called upon. Only when volleys were heard on their rear and flank did they show the least sign of restlessness. The sound of this firing, feeble though it seemed, satisfied the British that the Boers were near and that there was no truth in the story of disaster to the battalions after the stampede of the Mounted Battery.

"Sir Geo. White, Sir Archibald Hunter and the staff officers watched the artillery attack which gave the first promise of realization of Gen. White's plans. "Soon after 1 o'clock messengers began to come with news of the fight. The needed support. First detachments of the Gordon Highlanders, then the Manchester Regiment, then the Rifle Brigade, who had left the train for the battlefield, were sent to its assistance until only the Devonshire Regiment, a squadron of Mounted Infantry and the field hospital left with the centre column.

"Perceiving that a change of operations was in progress, went with the Manchester Regiment toward the right, engaged in repelling the enemy's attempt to turn our flank. The Manchester were sent forward to support the cavalry, while the Dublin Fusiliers, two battalions of the Sixth Rifles, the Liverpool Regiment and the Leicesterships were beginning to feel the effects of the enemy's searching rifle fire.

"The enemy services showed themselves, although along the ridges they lay beyond the range of our guns they from time to time gave us an opportunity to judge of their numbers.

"At the height of the engagement the noise was almost deafening. Above the rattle of the musketry could be heard the thud of the Maxims and the banging of the quick-fire guns which considerably added to the difficulties our men had to encounter.

"The purpose of the reconnaissance had however, been gallantly accomplished and our infantry began to fall back. "This movement was covered by cavalry. Some of the troops had to cross open ground toward the centre and while so doing they were raked by heavy rifle fire. The retirement was, however, effected without disorder or serious loss, but the withdrawal of other arms without molestation, but the fortunate destruction of the enemy's Long Tom rendered serious services unnecessary.

Rome, Oct. 30.—Parliament having been summoned for November 14, Deputy Minister of the Interior, M. Zanichelli, whose trial for upsetting the voting turn of the chamber was to commence to-day, has been released from custody.

BECKLESS SHOOTING. Woman Killed by Chance Bullet From Man Foolishly Resisting Arrest.

London, Oct. 31.—According to a despatch to the Daily Mail it has been ascertained that the Natal Dutch have been actively assisting the Boers by carrying information regarding the British movements.

PRISONERS OF FILIPINOS. Americans Well Treated But So With Spaniards—Aguinaldo Still Wants to Fight.

Manila, Oct. 30.—The Spanish commission which entered the insurgent territory a month ago with money to relieve the wants of several thousand military and civil prisoners, returned to Angeles to-day. The commissioners report that they spent most of the time in Tarlac and vicinity where there are some 200 sick Spaniards in hospitals. The Filipinos ill-treated and ill-fed them, refusing to surrender to them, as well as the other had done great damage to property, and that the lines of communication between Havana and Santiago had all been cut. No mention is made of any loss of life.

Reverse for The British

Irish Fusiliers and Gloucester Regiment Capitulato to the Boers.

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"In these operations to-day the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mountain Battery, and the Gloucestershire 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 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 fear there is no doubt of the truth of the report.

"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 the troops, as the position was untenable.

The following is a list of the officers taken prisoners: Staff-Major Adie, Major Capt. Rice, Capt. Silver, Lieut. Heard, Lieut. Southey, Lieut. Phipps, Lieut. McGregor, Lieut. Hadden, Lieut. Kelly, Lieut. Donner, Lieut. Kentish, Lieut. Kinahan, Lieut. Jeudine and Chaplain Matthews. Of the above Captains Rice and Silver and Lieut. Donner were wounded.

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The news of the British reverse was received in London with expressions of grief and dismay. The disaster had an immediate effect on the Stock Exchange, where consols fell 1/2 and South African securities fell 1/2. Rand mines fell two points.

The afternoon papers made only brief editorial comments on the news from Ladysmith, but their headlines voiced the feeling of general dismay. The tone of the editorials can be summed up by the following of the St. James' Gazette: "It is evident that the patriotism and fortitude of the men who are to be tested in real earnest by these operations in Natal."

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VICE-PRESIDENT HOBART. Paterson, N. J., Oct. 31.—It was stated this evening by the physicians in attendance, that the condition of Vice-President Hobart is such that a fatal result may ensue at any moment or his present condition may indefinitely prolong. It was also announced that Mr. Hobart would not return to Washington, but he will again take part in public affairs even should he be returned to perfect health.

COMING TO COAST. Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—Hon. Messrs. Sifton and Paterson will go to British Columbia on the 1st inst. in a series of meetings in Manitoba and the Territories.

ONTARIO'S PREMIER CLERK. Pension Would be More Fitting if His Health Was Lost in Public Service.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—(Special)—The World says that as Hon. Mr. Hardy retires on account of ill-health he should not be obliged to accept positions entailing clerical duties. He should be pensioned.

SEEK CANADIAN PULP. British Publishers Turning to Dominion for Their Pulp Supply.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—S. Chas. Phillips, chief editor and proprietor of a number of journals in London, Eng., is en route to British Columbia. He has been under the impression for years that Canada can produce better pulp than any other pulp country in the world and he has formulated a scheme which has been approved by leading paper millers of the United Kingdom. A party of prominent paper and pulp makers will leave there next June for the purpose of looking into plans for the advancement of Canadian pulp industry, with the establishment of mills in the Dominion for the purpose of supplying pulp for their newspapers.

LEWES AUTUMN MEETING. London, Oct. 31.—At the Lewes autumn meeting the Lewes nursery handicaps was won by Arden; Luthwell Lass finished second and Baby Maud third. Twelve horses ran. The juvenile plate was captured by Dewey Rose. Though Iron and Dulcinea were second and third. Five stragglers.

FOR ROBBING MOLSONS. Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—The Winnipeg assizes opened to-day. The trial of Anderson for the bank robbery may again to-morrow.

PARCELS FOR TRANSVAAL. Ottawa, Oct. 31.—The department announces that the British authorities cannot guarantee the delivery of parcels addressed to persons in the South African Republic and Orange Free State.

MAILS FOR FAR NORTH. Ottawa, Oct. 31.—The post office department will send in December letters and parcels to Lesser Slave Lake, Peace River and Fort Saskatchewan. Later in the month it is hoped to send a second mail to those remote regions.

New Regiment From Canada

A Suggestion That Dominion Should Help in Replacing the Loss at Ladysmith.

The Choice of Chaplains—Montreal's Gift—Sardinian Passes Out to Sea.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—As a result of today's disastrous news from South Africa there is a consensus of opinion that the government should offer the services of another contingent for service in South Africa. Canada of all the colonies was the last in the field with her recent offer. The sentiment is that she should be the first in the field now.

THE CHAPLAINS. Prominent Methodists felt rather sore because the greatest Protestant church in the Dominion is not represented by the chaplains on the Sardinian, although the adherents of that church in the contingent outnumber the Presbyterians or Roman Catholics.

THE TRANSPORTATION BILL. It is said the government are paying the Allan Line \$100,000 for the transportation of the troops to South Africa.

HAOGLING IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Oct. 31.—There is no prospect that Montreal will contribute to a corporation to the fund for the Transvaal contingent. The matter was brought up at the last meeting of the city council and referred to the city attorneys, who have prepared an opinion that there is no fund from which a sum for this purpose could legally be taken.

GOOD-BYE SARDINIAN. Father Point Sends Last Report from the Canadians en Route to South Africa.

Father Point, Que., Oct. 31.—(Special)—The troop ship Sardinian passed outward at 8:30 a.m. A correspondent boarded her here and found all the boys in happy vein, moving about the decks in a lively manner and laughing and joking, and with not a mournful countenance to be seen. All were delighted with the magnificent send-off they got at Quebec. Capt. Johnston said he had seen many troops embarked on troop ships but never did he see better handling, discipline and cheerfulness than were displayed at Quebec. He was proud of his passengers.

EXHIBITS FOR PARIS. To Be Sent via Antwerp from Time to Time During the Winter.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Oct. 31.—J. K. Perrault, Quebec commissioner for the Paris exhibition, leaves for Antwerp next week to await the arrival of the Abalain of the Leyland line, which sails from Montreal on November 7, with the first shipment of Canadian exhibits to Paris. It is the intention to make regular shipments of exhibits via Antwerp during the winter. Perrault remaining in Paris right along to look after their arrival.

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS. Three Rivers to the Fore at International Gatherings—Jamaica States Her Advantages.

Philadelphia, Oct. 31.—To-day's session of the international commercial congress began with an address by Mayor A. Oliver of Three Rivers, Que., who spoke upon the resources of that section of the Dominion. He was followed by Dr. James Johnson, delegate from the Jamaica government, who spoke on what Jamaica offers to the United States.

EMPEROR'S GOOD WISHES. Expressed to the Royal Dragons on Departure for South Africa—Politically Significant.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—Emperor William's farewell message to the British Royal Dragons, the regiment of which he is honorary colonel, on its departure for South Africa, expressed his Majesty's hope that all might return unscathed and well. It is generally taken as a proof of Germany's official neutrality. One of the evening papers referring to the despatches points out its high political significance and says it is the best answer to "Pan-Germanic leagues, Anglo-phobia and predictions of foreign intervention in which Germany is to play a leading part."

The Berlin Courier says: "The repeated efforts to inveigle Germany into interfering in a question absolutely foreign to her national interests have plainly the sole object of discrediting her policy. Germany declines the role of acting in foreign interests detrimental to her own."

HIS OLD CONSTITUENCY. Chatham, Oct. 31.—David Mills, minister of justice, was to-day selected as Liberal candidate in the constituency of Bothwell. There were no other nominations.

THE FOOD SUPPLY. New York, Oct. 31.—Special cable and telegraph despatches to Bradstreet's indicate the following changes in available supply list Saturday: Wheat—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase 2,000,000 bushels; flour for Europe, increase 1,190,000 bushels. Corn—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decrease, 400,000 bushels. Oats—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decrease, 220,000 bushels.

Boers Dream Of Triumph

Believe That Natal Has Now Practically Passed Into Their Hands for Keeps.

British Flag May Float Only Over Dead Bodies of the Burghers.

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London, Oct. 31.—Advises from Cape Town show that the Boers are gathering in considerable force at Dewdrop southwest of Ladysmith while large forces of Boers are advancing over the Helpmakaer road. A big camp of Boers is to be formed between Harrismith bridge and the camp at Dewdrop, which it is said will extend four miles. An Englishman who has arrived at Alval North from Pretoria, whence he was expelled by way of Bloemfontein, says that when he left Pretoria all the stores there were carrying on business as usual. President Kruger was still there and he did not see any wounded at Johannesburg. Some of the Transvaal papers are still publishing and contain glowing accounts of the success of the Boer arms, saying that Kimberley and Mafeking are expected to fall at any moment while Beuchuanaland is conquered and annexed, that the republican arms are also successful in Natal and that the Burghers are continuing their victorious march south, capturing prisoners and stores.

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