

FIGHTING CONTINUES

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GENERAL REVIEW.

LONDON, Jan. 23, 4.15 a. m.—Gen. Buller has reported nothing of his operations on Monday, and official and press intelligence leaves the British bivouacked Sunday night on the ground they had won after two days' fighting.

The war office turned everybody out of the lobbies at midnight. Apparently Lord Lansdowne was as much without news all day yesterday as other persons were.

Military men assume that fighting must have taken place, and that it was probably more severe than on the two preceding days.

Even when a battle is won in a single day, as a rule pursuit is only possible when fresh troops are available.

Reinforcements aggregating 5,000 or more, have reached Cape Town during the last three days.

SWEDISH BUDGET.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 22.—In the Swedish budget, which balances nearly 150,000,000 kroner, and which is the largest on record, King Oscar asks for 46 new batteries of artillery by the end of 1903.

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British Pluck Told Its Tale, the Enemy Being Gradually Forced Back.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Daily Mail has the following, dated Sunday night, from Spearman's Camp:

"There has been hot fighting all day. At dawn our attack was resumed all along the entire line, all the brigades taking part.

"The country simply abounds in hills favorable to guerilla warfare; and our task is an arduous one. Nevertheless, it is being gradually accomplished.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Samuel Stockton, of Johannesburg, is a guest at the Waldorf-Astoria, and in speaking of the Transvaal war, he said: "I do not believe that the Boers have as yet fought the great battle of the war, or even that this fight will occur."

ALMOST IMPREGNABLE.

THE TURNING POINT.

OVER 85,000 MEN.

Boers have between 85,000 and 90,000 men in the field.

WARREN'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Times publishes the following from Pieter Camp, dated yesterday (Monday) afternoon:

"On Saturday a frontal attack on the ridges was ordered. The correspondent then describes Saturday's fighting (already cabled), and adds:

"The man behaved splendidly under an incessant, heavy cross fire in a burning trench, and those who had played their trump card for the most part slight, the proportion of killed to wounded being extremely small."

"Last evening about 9 o'clock the Boers began firing furiously all along their main position. Three tiers of rifle fire were visible. The firing lasted three-quarters of an hour. The reason for the alarm is not known."

THE MARIE RELEASED.

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—A despatch received here from Durban says the German bark Marie, loaded with sulphur, which was captured early in January by the British cruiser Fearless and sent to Port Elizabeth, has been unconditionally released.

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But all other reports transmitted on Monday refer to the situation on the Pieter Camp front, and confirm the reports that the progress of the British is very slow and difficult. The telegrams, however, still leave too much unexplained to enable a realization of the precise position of the British forces. What is known indicates the probability that the present operation, if successful, will last several days yet, and the inferences of some of the critics that Gen. Buller's silence precedes an announcement of his success need not engage attention. Meantime the very moderate total of the British casualties and the small proportion of deaths show a very different handling of the troops compared with many of the previous engagements. It furnishes proof of the correspondents' statements concerning the growing skill of the British soldiers in availing themselves of cover like the Boers.

According to the Telegraph's correspondent, the Boers have two six inch creosot guns, about four 15 pounders, and two machine guns, of which a moderate total of the force for the defence of the position which is said to extend several miles. Whether it indicates that the Boers have as yet been unable to mount more guns, or whether, as some guess, the present resistance is merely that of the rear guard covering the withdrawal of the heavy guns and the result of the deliberate abandonment of the siege of Ladysmith, it is impossible to say. An incident of Sunday's fighting was an attempt of the Boers to turn the extreme British left. The manoeuvre was defeated, however, by the local and the Devonshire regiments. Nothing of consequence is transpiring at the other war centres.

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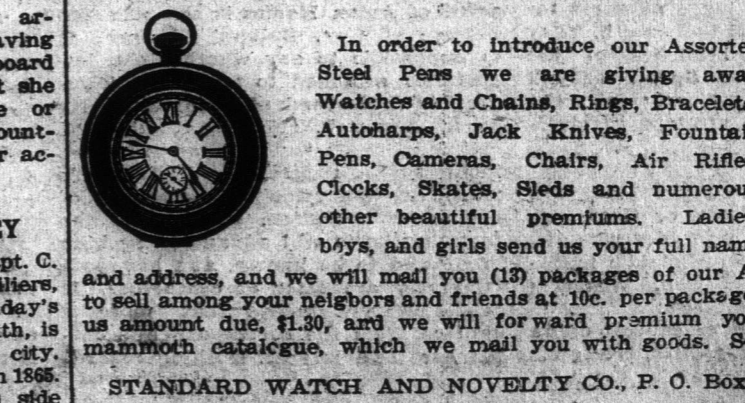
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