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SPORTING NEWS

Forest City Curlers Defeated by Ingersoll—Latest Happenings in the World of Sports.

CURLING.

Ingersoll and Forest City played at Simcoe street rink yesterday afternoon. Ingersoll winning by 35 shots. The score:

Ingersoll.	Forest City.
rink No. 1—	rink No. 1—
C. A. O'Neill,	J. Burnett,
Dr. Burnett,	S. Stevely,
A. E. Gayler,	C. E. Sterling,
F. F. Rundle,	John Burnett,
skip.....13	skip.....15
rink No. 2—	rink No. 2—
R. Harris,	C. B. Edwards,
J. Richardson,	C. M. R. Graham,
S. Laird,	Dr. McDonald,
E. Dundas,	R. Inglis,
skip.....21	skip.....13
rink No. 3—	rink No. 3—
R. Harris,	A. Gillen,
J. Wadley,	F. Riddle,
O. E. Robinson,	A. Talbot,
F. G. Wadley,	R. Reid,
skip.....21	skip.....11
rink No. 4—	rink No. 4—
W. L. Cameron,	J. Mattinson,
Dr. Walker,	J. H. Carrie,
John Ross,	J. W. McIntosh,
C. Seldon,	W. T. Strong,
skip.....23	skip.....8
Total.....83	Total.....47

FISHERY.

Mutual friends of Bob Fitzsimmons and Martin Julian are trying to patch up the differences between the lanky fighter and his former manager.

Tom Sharkey will receive a great reception should he return to Ireland this year. Tom Baye, of Belfast, who has charge of the affair, is getting up subscriptions to make the event a public one. A local committee of Sharkey's townsmen in Dundalk intend to present him with a belt in recognition of his great fight with Jeffries.

TURP.

AT TANTORAN, San Francisco—Momentum, Lost Girl, Soffala, Tempo, Flomora and Stronghold.

At New Orleans—The Staggard, Ben Magen, Cruisair, Lord Fairfax, Demoretta and Admistr.

During this year's horse show in Paris there is to be a new feature interesting the whole world. A new prize amounting to 40,000 francs, has been founded for an international handicap steeplechase. Officers of any nationality can compete, mounted on 4-year-olds or upwards. The race will take place on June 8, and applications may be sent in up to April 3. The weights will be published on May 1 in Paris. The minimum weight allowed is 85 kilograms, about 143 pounds.

NOTES OF SPORT.

Detroit curlers had a bad day on Tuesday, losing three rink games with Chatham by 1 shot and with Windsor by 7 shots.

Ban Johnson, of the American League, is trying to find a purchaser for the Detroit club, which is now owned by Mrs. Van der Beek.

Globe Toronto newspaper men are prepared to curl a one, two or three rink game with the newspaper men of any other city in the world.

Harry Weldon, the well-known Cincinnati sporting writer, who was stricken with paralysis on Sunday, is still in a precarious condition. His recovery is doubtful.

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7: "Friday's bombardment was heavy. Shells fell in the hospital and one burst in a hotel during luncheon. No one was injured. The only casualty in the town from the shells thus far is a Kafir killed."

ATTACK REPULSED.

On Nov 9th the Boers made an attack in force, but were driven back with losses estimated at between 700 and 800 men. The British losses were remarkably small. For the next month the Boers left White's army severely alone, contenting themselves with keeping up the daily bombardment and cutting off all supplies to the town.

On Dec. 8th the correspondent of the times at Ladysmith sent a dispatch saying: "The situation here is becoming graver every day. The enemy is keeping up a more systematic artillery fire and is concentrating it on given points, with the result that considerable damage has been done. Yesterday the fifty-second shell landed near the hospital, and, as the shells, walls and roof now hang in pieces. A shrapnel shell pierced the roof and flung its bullets among the ill and wounded orderlies. It killed one and wounded seven others. Though every street is now pitted with holes, it is astonishing the escapes that are daily reported. A soldier escaped unhurt, although a shell passed so near him that a blast tore his shirt to ribbons."

SUCCESSFUL SORTIE.

On Dec. 9, General White found that the Boer investment was becoming too close for comfort, and accordingly a sortie was made under Gen. Hunter. He surprised a Boer battery on Lombard's Kop, destroyed two guns and captured another. The Boer telegraph wires were also cut. The British loss in the engagement was one killed and one wounded. Since Nov. 11 the British losses in the bombardment had been 8 killed and 44 wounded.

No further word was received from Ladysmith until Dec. 22, on which date a dispatch was sent out saying that the garrison were amply holding their own and had plenty of provisions. The total casualties since the siege began were 70 men killed and 236 wounded.

A SHARP ENGAGEMENT.

On the same day a sharp engagement took place, in which Major A. C. King and Lieut.-Col. Fawcett were wounded and nine non-commissioned officers and men killed and ten wounded. About this time the Boers began to assume rather serious proportions in the town, six deaths occurring the previous week.

For a week the garrison were left in comparative quiet, but on Dec. 27th the Boers again started a heavy bombardment, one shell striking the Devonshire mess tent, killing Captain Dailzell and wounding seven lieutenants.

A FEVER-NEST.

But now a far more deadly than the Boer shells began to cause the greatest anxiety to General Buller. Enteric fever and dysentery were playing havoc with his troops. On Jan. 2, twenty deaths were reported and seventy-seven serious cases were in the hospital. The place was a veritable fever-nest, and the army surgeons were kept busy night and day. Still the garrison showed not a sign of yielding, though the little army was now pressed at the point of keeping the Boers back at every point.

As the days wore on and Buller's army drew nearer and nearer, the Boers began to realize that if the place was to be reduced, a general and desperate assault would have to be made without further delay. This assault came on Saturday, Jan. 6, Joubert, knowing that Gen. Buller was at the point of using a general attack on Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill to the south of the town.

THE GREAT BATTLE.

The assault began in the small hours of Saturday morning, the Boers making a desperate and obstinate fight to carry the town. But the Boer defense was even more desperate and obstinate. Three times Joubert's men carried the entrenchments on Wagon Hill and three times the British drove them out. At 10 o'clock the evening the battle raged, the British troops being under fire for nearly twenty hours. Finally the last Boer regiment was driven back in the darkness of the night by a brave and determined attack under Col. Park, and ousted the point of the bayonet. Once the British lion kept watch over a Boer of victory.

On both sides the losses were severe. The British casualties among rank and file were 135 killed and 242 wounded. The Boer losses were very much greater. The results of the battle convinced the Boers of the futility of their attempts to overcome Gen. White's defense. From that time the relief of the garrison, as reported, no further assault was made, although the bombardment has been kept up intermittently ever since.

Gen. White's achievement in successfully defending for so long a place that military men have considered indefensible except by a very large garrison is one that will rank him as one of the greatest of British generals. That the British have held out for so long is due not to superhuman bravery on the part of the garrison, but also to the extreme skillful disposition of a force numbering only 9,000 men. British gunship and British valor have once more won as on the days of Cressy, Agincourt and Waterloo.

THE BEGINNING.

Ladysmith was first invested by the Boers during the closing days of October. On Oct. 26, Gen. Buller joined Gen. White at Ladysmith after the memorable march from Belmont. He was closely followed by the army of Boers, whose advance had been partially checked by Gen. White's brilliant attack and victory at Rietfontein on the 24th. With his little army of about 12,000 men, Gen. White resolved to make a stand at Ladysmith, and, if possible, prevent the advance of the Boer army of 20,000 men further into Natal. British soldiers were at once set to work throwing up entrenchments and making every possible preparation for a long and desperate defense. It was four days before the Boers recovered from their reverse at Rietfontein and advanced on Ladysmith. They occupied the hills facing the eastern side of the town, and placed their artillery in commanding positions. Their position was a very strong one, and almost unassailable.

A DISASTER.

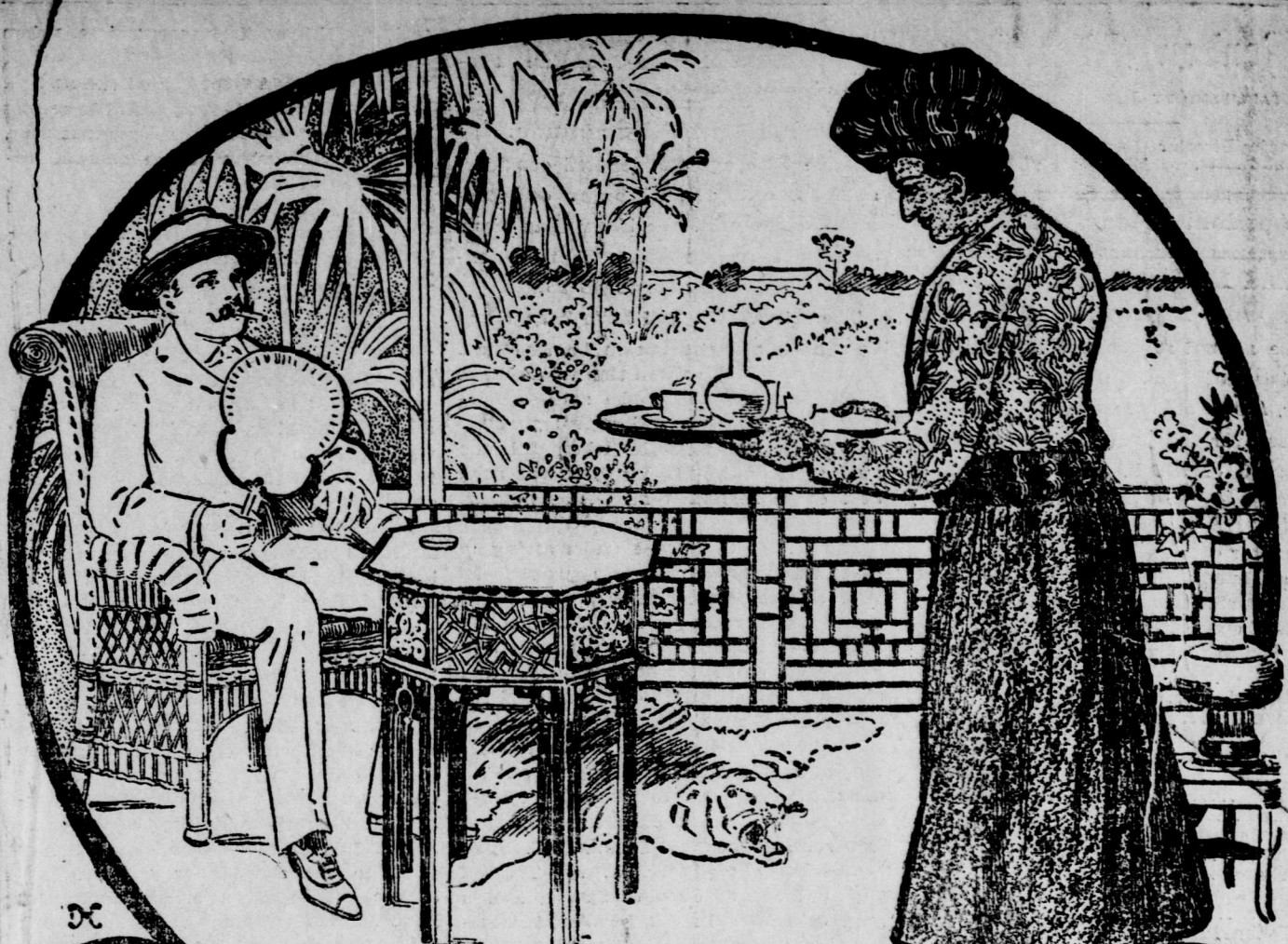
Then came the only blot on Gen. White's hitherto unblemished military career—the fierce battle outside Ladysmith on Oct. 30, and the capture of the whole of the left wing of the British army among the defiles of the hills near the town. Instead of waiting to be attacked, Gen. White's military ardor led him to abandon defensive tactics and endeavor to defeat the enemy before the arrival of Gen. Buller's army. In an attempt to surprise Gen. Joubert's army, the Gloucester Regiment, the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the 10th Mountain Battery were sent out under Lieut.-Col. Carrington, at midnight, with orders to occupy Nicholas' Nek and some good position on the right flank of the Boers, and unite with the center and right flank in a general attack at daylight. Unfortunately, however, the plan miscarried. Carrington's column, under cover of darkness, reached within two miles of their objective point unperceived by the Boers. Then two bolders fell down the hill, loosened by Boer advance guards, and warning shots rang out simultaneously. The Boers immediately bolted and were quickly followed by their confederates bearing the six mountain guns. The column was helpless. At daylight they found themselves surrounded by the Boers, and after a desperate fight of fifteen hours they were compelled to surrender. Gen. White lost in killed and wounded about 900 men.

STILL SECURE.

However, he was able to send to the war office the next day the cable that "the security of Ladysmith is in no way affected." He still had enough men to put an effectual defense against the enemy. From now on he remained on the defensive, except when it became actually necessary to drive back the investing army from some point of vantage close to the town.

Gen. Joubert now moved part of his forces round to the south and cut off White's line of retreat and his communications with Buller's army. On Nov. 1 the Boers shelled Ladysmith, but without inflicting very much damage, as the powerful guns of Gen. White's artillery kept them at a comparatively safe distance.

A considerable number of Joubert's forces moved south to oppose Buller's relief column, but a sufficiently large army remained at Ladysmith to closely invest the town, and keep up a daily bombardment. The character of the bombardment may be judged from the following dispatch under date of Nov.



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