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GEN. WHITE'S LAST FIGHT WITH THE BURGHERS WAS A REVERSE

Those Two Battalions and Mountain Battery Sent Up the Hill Were Captured by the Boer Hordes, and the Number of Killed is Yet Unknown.

Great Anxiety in Britain for News, But the War Office Has Given Out Nothing Except Gen. White's Message Telling of the Disaster—Gloucester is in Mourning—Have the Wires Connecting With Ladysmith Been Cut?

Matters were much worse at Ladysmith than General White's message, published in the newspapers yesterday, would lead the public to believe. It turns out now, from a later official report, that the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mountain Battery and the Gloucestershire Regiment, sent to protect the British left flank, and whom General White in his previous message expected to return in the evening, were surrounded by the enemy in the hills and had to "capitulate." The General now fears that the losses in this column were very heavy. As for those who survived they are all prisoners of the enemy. The list of officers taken as prisoners is given in General White's despatch. The General takes full responsibility for the plan which so utterly failed, owing to cunning Boer strategy.

time must elapse before details regarding British losses are received. All in Great Suspense. If the War Office officials have received information on this point they have refrained from publishing it. General White's estimate that the British losses were about 90 is evidently quite separate from the probable losses killed and wounded among the captured battalions. On this point there is the greatest suspense among the relatives of the prisoners. It is supposed that the stampeding of the mules meant the carrying away of the reserves of ammunition, and that the troops captured capitulated after firing the rounds which each man carried. Misuse of the Cavalry. In the absence of news, the morning papers are reduced to speculation as to how the disaster occurred. The general opinion is a misuse of the cavalry was the real reason for the fall into the Boer trap. Apparently there was no cavalry to watch over the safety of the missing column.

consequence of losses sustained by these regiments in previous engagements. The Situation is Grave. Public anxiety was increased by a special despatch from Ladysmith, published in the late editions of London morning papers to the effect that before darkness yesterday the Boers recaptured the old position held by their heavy artillery, which Gen. White had reported silenced by the guns of the naval brigade from the Powerful, and had opened fire again. The despatch further says: "The enemy are again closing in and the situation is one of grave anxiety. Beyond that the Boer retirement yesterday (Monday) was a rise to draw Gen. White into the hilly country and away from the British camp." Some harsh things are said in military circles of the British tactics, which have made possible the ambush of the 18th Hussars at Glencoe and now the loss of two fine regiments.

Beyond the official telegram of General White no news has been received from Ladysmith, and the inference is that the lines of communication with Ladysmith have already been cut by the enemy.

The estimate that the British losses were about ninety, as mentioned yesterday, does not include the probable losses killed and wounded among the missing British battalions. The relatives of the captured British are under the greatest suspense, yet the War Office has no information for the public.

Bulletins also contain the information, however, that the Boers suffered a loss of between 900 and 1000 killed and wounded in Monday's skirmish.

GEN. WHITE TELLS OF DISASTER. The Column Sent to Guard the Left Flank Got into the Hands of the Enemy.

London, Oct. 31.—The following is the text of General White's despatch to the War Office: "Ladysmith, Oct. 30.—(10.35 p.m.)—I have to report a disaster to the column sent by me to take a position on a hill to guard the left flank of the troops. 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 a 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 assuming responsibility 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 to-day: "Major Major, Col. Carleton, Major Mann, Major Kincaid, Capt. Burrows, Capt. Rice, Capt. Silver, Lieut. Heard, Lieut. Southey, Lieut. Phillips, Lieut. McGregor, Lieut. Holmes, Lieut. Kelly, Lieut. Dooner, Lieut. Kentish, Lieut. Kinahan, Lieut. Jeandwine, Chaplain Matthews.

"Of the above Captains Rice and Silver and Lieut. Dooner were wounded. "Gloucestershire Regiment—Major Humphrey, Major Capel-Cure, Major Wallace, Capt. Duncan, Capt. Conner, Lieut. Bryant, Lieut. Nesbet, Lieut. Ingham, Lieut. Davy, Lieut. Knox, Lieut. Temple, Lieut. Radice, Lieut. Breul, Lieut. Hill, Lieut. Short, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Mackenzie, Lieut. Beasley, Lieut. Gray.

"Of the above Captains Duncan and Conner were wounded. "Royal Artillery—Major Bryant, "Mountain Battery—Lieut. Wheeler, Lieut. Nugent, Lieut. Moore, Lieut. Webb."

CURTAIN HIDES THE SCENE. Britain is in the Dark as to Further Information Regarding the Position at Ladysmith.

London, Nov. 1.—An ominous curtain has again descended upon affairs in Natal. No despatches except the official telegrams of General Sir George Stewart White have thus far been permitted to mention the disaster, and no telegram from Ladysmith has been received in London since the advice from the British commander. This gives rise to a belief that communication has already been cut, in which event some

Might Have Been Worse. The Morning Post, pointing out how near the British were to a "still greater disaster," says: "In capturing the column the Boers had the Devonshire Regiment precisely at their mercy, and a little maddening would have made a bad business much worse, and, seeing that a force strong enough to scoop a couple of infantry battalions could have put itself practically between Sir George White and his camp, we may be very thankful that things to-day are not more serious than they are. The lesson has been a severe one. It is humiliating to find a nation of farmers beating soldiers at their own game, but the sooner a proper respect is had for Boer strategy and tactics the better for our fortunes in Natal."

Will Be Carried Through. This sobering note is struck by all the morning papers to-day, together with the expression of a determination to carry the matter through, at whatever cost. The Daily Chronicle, referring editorially to the situation, says: "In view of the patent failure of the campaign, and the terrible humiliation of the British army, we can only vaguely hope that Sir George White in the hard days that he before him may be able to hold Ladysmith. He must be an undertaking which the imagination fails to grasp. If this war is to be a war of vengeance, we shall have to wipe out a disaster before which the memory of Maloja fades away. The Empire is face to face with a repulse comparable only to the embattled farmers of our American colonies. If the catastrophe will bring forth something better than music hall patriotism, we may come to reckon it as a thing which will be learned for the good of our souls."

Will White Be Superseded? Sir George White's honest admission of full responsibility and the terms of his despatch are regarded in some circles as virtually placing his case in the hands of the home authorities, and it is even rumored this evening that the War Office has already decided to supersede him.

Troops to Arrive Sunday. About six thousand fresh troops will arrive at Cape Town on Sunday next, and will be available to reinforce Sir George White. Transports will arrive there daily after Sunday until, by the end of next week, 25,000 troops will have been landed in South Africa. These men are intended for Gen. Sir Redvers Buller's army, but they will undoubtedly be detached to Natal if the situation there should become perilous.

Salisbury Wanted News. Late this evening the Prince of Wales and the Marquis of Salisbury sent their respective secretaries to the War Office to make inquiries, but the reply given was that no further news had been received. Large crowds still waited in the vicinity shortly before midnight.

Money for the Widows. The tidings of disaster will have the effect of giving a strong impulse to the popular movement aiming to raise funds for the benefit of the wives and children of the men at the front. The War Office, under the signatures of the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Secretary of State for War, and Gen. Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief, has issued a long statement indicating British methods of distributing the money thus received.

DISMAY AT GLOUCESTER Over the Engagement at Ladysmith, Which Made Many a Wife a Widow. London, Oct. 31.—Throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain the news traveled fast that about 2000 men had been killed or captured, for such is the estimate of the best authorities, based on Gen. White's despatch. As the day wore on the crowd around the War Office swelled to enormous proportions, and at Gloucester, the home of many of those engaged, the wild excitement prevailed. The special edition of the local newspapers were speedily exhausted, and the same thing occurred at Bristol and other towns in that county. The fighting at Hliefontein had made many a Gloucestershire wife a widow, and this second overwhelming loss, coming so soon after the previous engagement, where the Gloucestershires suffered so heavily, brought dire dismay to the little county.

Offer Cannot Be Accepted. London, Oct. 31.—The Daily Mail, referring to an offer made, through Mr. Hiram Maxton, from 200 American gentlemen, who propose to give £250 each, and to provide their own horses and equipment, tendering their services to the British in South Africa, says: "Of course, this offer cannot be accepted."

Where Blackest Gloom Prevails. The disaster has caused a feeling akin to consternation in Gloucester, where North of Ireland, where the captured regiments were recruited, the blackest gloom prevails, families awaiting with beating hearts the names of slain and wounded, which are expected to reach a high figure. Many homes are already in mourning, in

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TEMPORARILY ON TOP.



Oom Paul: Yes, I'm on top—but for how long?

A TALK WITH DR. LEYDS.

The Transvaal Agent was Surprised at the News—20,000 Boers in Arms. Brussels, Oct. 31.—Dr. Leyds, the special representative of the Transvaal Government in Europe, in the course of an interview to-day regarding the situation at Ladysmith, said: "I was greatly surprised at the news of the British disaster. While paying a warm tribute to the valor of Sir George White, he pointed out that a tactical error had been committed by the British commander in dividing his forces and underestimating the strength of the Boers. He declined to give an opinion regarding future developments. Telegrams of congratulation had been received by him, he said, from all parts of Europe and from all classes of society."

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MRS. STERNAMAN'S THIRD. Has Buried Two Husbands and Now Takes Another. Buffalo, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Olive Adele Sternaman, who about a year ago was sentenced to be hanged in Cayuga, Ont., for the alleged poisoning of her husband, was married last Saturday at Niagara Falls, Ont., to Frank Creutzburg of No. 220 Bird-avenue, this city. The marriage was a quiet one.

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AMERICANS WANT TO ENLIST.

Loss About \$300,000, With Only Half That Amount in Insurance—Methodists the Losers. Hackettstown, N.J., Oct. 31.—The Hackettstown Wesleyan building, owned by the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was completely destroyed by fire this morning, entailing a loss of about \$300,000, on which there is only about \$150,000 insurance. The structure was of brick, 250 feet long, 100 feet in width and six stories in height. It was located in the outskirts of the town. Two hundred students, half of them female, occupied rooms in the building. All escaped uninjured, but not more than a quarter of them were able to save their clothing and other belongings.

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THE EARL OF MINTO ON THE TRANSVAAL

Governor-General Says the Fortunes of War Will Be Retrieved Soon.

A TRIBUTE TO GEN. WHITE.

His Excellency Says the Commander at Ladysmith is a Splendid Officer.

EULOGIUM ON THE CONTINGENT.

Cordial Thanks From the Minister of Militia to the City of Quebec for Favors Shown.

LORD MINTO'S SATISFACTION

At the Soldierly Appearance and Discipline of the Canadian Contingent on Embarkation.

Quebec, Oct. 31.—The following military orders were issued this evening in compliance with orders received from the general officer commanding the militia of Canada.

I am instructed to convey to Military District No. 7 that His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to express his cordial satisfaction at the soldierly appearance and disciplined embarkation of our comrades and representatives of the second special service battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, on Monday, the 30th inst. The general officer commanding also desires to express his congratulations to all concerned upon this auspicious event in Canadian military history. By order, Gen. Rolt White, colonel, acting D.O.C., M.D. 7.

In accordance with instructions received from the Deputy Minister, I am requested in the name of the Hon. the Minister of Militia and Defence, to convey his cordial thanks to His Worship the Mayor and to the citizens of Quebec, and to express his extreme satisfaction at the loyal demonstration accorded to the second special service battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, on the 30th inst., on which there is only about \$150,000 insurance. The structure was of brick, 250 feet long, 100 feet in width and six stories in height. It was located in the outskirts of the town. Two hundred students, half of them female, occupied rooms in the building. All escaped uninjured, but not more than a quarter of them were able to save their clothing and other belongings.

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