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CANADIANS FOUGHT ALL DAY BATTLE

The Boys Behaved Most Gallantly in the Face of a Terrific Boer Rifle Fire.

Private John Donegan, of this City Among the Dead—The British Casualties Altogether Number Eighty—Of These 19 Were Killed and 61 Wounded—All the Details of the Fight Received.

It is seldom excitement runs so high in Chatham as it did this morning, when the news arrived that the Canadian contingent had been in action at Modder River and had suffered loss. The first intimation came by way of a bulletin from the Globe, which received the news from Mr. Hamilton, its special correspondent, with the boys in South Africa.

THE BULLETIN.
Toronto, Feb. 21.—Special Globe cable, 4:20 a. m., says: "Modder River, Feb. 20th. The Canadian contingent participated in Sunday's battle. We fought the Modder River after a night march, and were engaged the whole day. The casualties were 19 killed and 61 wounded. (Signed) HAMILTON."
This news was immediately bulletined out in front of the book stores and the Planet office and soon spread all over the town.

TO MAJOR RANKIN.
A little later Major J. B. Rankin received the following brief despatch from Toronto:

"Pte. Donegan, of Chatham, reported killed in action."
Immediately on learning the intelligence that a Chathamite had fallen



PRIVATE JOHN E. DONEGAN.
Killed in Sunday's battle.

in the defence of his Empire, flags were hoisted at half-mast on Harrison Hall, McKeough school, Central school, Payne school, Post Office, Oddfellows' Temple, Fire Hall, and other buildings. Private Donegan's brother, at the C. P. R., was first apprised of the sad intelligence by a representative of The Planet. He felt very much broken up over the news of his brother's death but still had some hope that there might be a mistake.

HIS LAST MESSAGE.

The last message Private Donegan's brother Ed, received from him was on Feb. 12. It was written on a souvenir South African post card and was as follows:

Belmont, Jan. 11th, '00.

Dear Brother Ed—

I am sending you a souvenir post card by this mail, and I hope you will receive it all right. I am at present laid up in the hospital with tonsillitis but the doctor said he would discharge me on Friday (to-morrow). I guess I will close now, as it is getting very dark, and hoping to hear from you soon. I remain, Your affectionate brother,

JACK.

THE GLOBE'S DESPATCH.

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WESTERN MEN KILLED.
Scott, Mundrell, Jackson, Summers, Tait.

Wounded—Arnold, Beach, Neighbour, Leemann, Duncanson, Andrews, R. Rixon, Similes, C. Thompson, McKenzie, Coleman, Gibson.

LONDON MEN.
Killed—J. Donegan, late of Chatham, R. Smith, W. White.

Wounded—Mason, Threves, Sippi, Power, J. Smith, Marentette, Paddon, Brough, Green, McLaren, Corley, Day, Whentcroft, Kingwall.

Missing—Adams, Burns.

TORONTO.

Killed—Finlay, Manion.
Wounded—Stewart, Usher, Kennedy, Sutton, McGivern, Ward, Vanderwater, McLaughlin.

OTTAWA.

Killed—Lewis, Jackson, O. Burns.
Wounded—Thompson, Clark, Laird, Macaulay, J. J. L. Bradshaw, (formerly of Standard Bank, Chatham), Coleman, Gibson.

MONTREAL.

Killed—Goodfellow, Lester, Barrie, McQueen.
Wounded—Moore, Gorman, P. Thomas, Melven, A. Shaw, Turner, Roberts, McGill.

QUEBEC.

Killed—Brunswick, Taylor, McCrary.
Wounded—Hunter, Scott, Larne, Haddon, McLaughlin, Wayne, Gifford, I. Johnson.

HALIFAX.

Wounded—Regan, Adams, B. McCollum, Robertson.
The following sick were captured at Waterval Drift:—Cobbold, London, Wood, Ottawa; Warn, Ottawa; Padmore, Quebec; Doran, Halifax; Walsh, Drakey.

Died at Orange River:—Moore, London.

BULLER, NORTH OF THE TUGELA.

London, Feb. 21.—The war office is reported to have received a message from Ladysmith stating that the Boer forces have drawn off, and large convoys can be seen trekking towards the Drakensberg Pass. General Buller cables that he has crossed to the north of the Tugela, and is driving the weak guard the Boers have left before him. Communication with Ladysmith will be open by to-night.

FOUGHT AS THEY FLED.

How the Boers Were Harassed by the British in Their Retreat.

London, Feb. 21.—A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Sunday, thus describes Gen. Cronje's retreat, with the Boers at Magersfontein, on learning of Gen. French's success:—"On Thursday, at midnight, headed by Gen. Cronje, five thousand Boers, with their heavy guns and ox wagons, evacuated the Magersfontein lines. At dawn, on Friday, the retreating Boer army was seen from the British naval gun station on Klip Drift kopje, trekking eastward across the British front at a distance of 5,000 yards. Our guns opened upon them, and a force of mounted infantry crossing the river, made a dashing charge in the attempt to cut off the head of the enemy's column. But in half an hour their whole force had gained shelter under a line of kopjes. Meanwhile two of our batteries had come up, and the Oxford, Buffs, West Ridings and Gloucesters. Our infantry crossed the drift, and for three hours were engaged with the enemy. Our batteries shelled his position. The mounted infantry kept hard at work. Unable to withstand our galling shell fire, the enemy retired, disputing every inch of the way, and took up a second position on the kopjes to the eastward. It was a magnificent spectacle to see the Boer army thus at bay. The rear guard, 2,000 strong, fought us, while the main body trekked farther east, and then brought their guns into action, while the rear guard retired. The action lasted through the night. Our infantry fought splendidly, but the enemy held his ground under the continued bombardment. Later on, the Boer commander ventured on a bold stroke. Leaving two thousand of his men under cover, he withdrew the rest from his main position, and headed for Klip Kraal Drift, six miles to the east. This movement was soon discovered. Our mounted infantry came back across the drift and marched along the south bank to endeavor to head off the enemy. When they reached the neighborhood of Klip Kraal Drift, night had fallen, and half the Boers were already across to the south side. Our mounted infantry harassed their movements. Meanwhile the Boer rear guard, having covered the crossing of the main body, retired slowly and successfully passed the drift. The rear guard fought desperately, and as it fell back to the river it was harassed on the flank and rear by the British. Having thus passed the Modder under cover of darkness, the Boers trekked throughout the night in the direction of Bloemfontein. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, with the sixth division, then pursued them at daylight. Gen. Mac-

donald, with the Highlanders, followed him. Macdonald reached Klip Kraal Drift by forced marches Sunday. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, moving from Klip Kraal Drift, was endeavoring to flank the enemy and to cut them off from Bloemfontein, so as to drive them back into Gen. Macdonald's hands. When I left the front Gen. Kelly-Kenny had not come up with the enemy."

ALL TO FACE ROBERTS.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post today, says:—"The meaning of the position in Natal is that the Boers have sent the bulk of their forces to resist Lord Roberts. Gen. Buller's aim is to join Sir George White, and then either push on to Laings Nek, or to send back two divisions to reinforce Lord Roberts, retaining two in Natal to complete the recovery of the northern triangle. It is to be hoped that Lord Roberts will overcome Gen. Cronje before the latter is reinforced, otherwise the British commander may find himself facing a Boer army equal in strength to his own, as all the Boers appear to be hurrying towards Cronje. The British commander ought soon to be able to free both Natal and Cape Colony from the enemy. The actions now in progress are the decisive battles of the year, and every effort must be made to reinforce Lord Roberts."

FROM GEN. BULLER.

London, Feb. 21.—The following despatch has been received at the war office from General Buller:—"Blow's Farm, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4:10 p. m.—The Fusilier Brigade yesterday took Hlangwanna Hill, the right of the enemy's position, and commanding Colenso, the rest of the force advanced towards the Tugela. This morning the enemy had withdrawn all the troops north of the Tugela, and had practically evacuated Colenso. Today General Buller occupied Colenso, after a very slight resistance by a weak rear guard, and we hold the line of the Tugela on the south side from Colenso to Eagle's Nest. The enemy seem to be in full retreat, and apparently are only holding the position they occupy across the Colenso Ladysmith Railway, where it is close to the angle of the Tugela, with a weak rear guard. Buller's advanced guard is crossing at Colenso. Our casualties yesterday and today have, I hope, been but few."

The casualties among Gen. Buller's force in the fighting at Hlangwanna, Monte Cristo hill, and other places from Feb. 15 to Feb. 18, were:—Killed—Captain T. H. Barney and thirteen men. Wounded—Six officers and 154 men.

BOERS ALL TREKKING

From British Territory to Oppose the Advance of Lord Roberts.

London, Feb. 21, 4 a. m.—The Boers are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory and are concentrating for the defence of their own. Sir Redvers Buller's forces are about to raise the siege of Ladysmith, and this is the large news of the day. Gen. Clements reports that the force confronting him has been greatly diminished. Ten thousand men are estimated to have gone from the Colaba district alone. The Boers are also retracing their steps from Zululand. Thus they are relaxing their hold on all sides in relation to oppose Lord Roberts. He is pressing on steadily towards Bloemfontein. This is shown by his incoherent telegram from Paardeberg, fifty or sixty miles away. Doubtless he is miles behind the column that is pursuing the Boers, and the next important news may be the occupation of Bloemfontein.

WHERE IS CRONJE?

Nothing has been heard from the chase of Cronje for two days. Although the last words of the War Office last (Tuesday) night were that there was no news for publication, there is a strong disposition to believe that favorable information has been received, but is being withheld until the operations culminate in something more conclusive. There is an equally strong disposition to think that Gen. Cronje has got away. Owing to the lack of transport the British are not likely to invade Boer territory except where Lord Roberts is operating. Gen. Buller will have to stop at the Drakensberg mountains. Probably a part of his 40,000 men will ultimately join the legions of Lord Roberts. If, as Gen. Buller avers, the Boers are retreating from him, then the news on

every side is favorable to the British. Nevertheless, troops continue to go up. The War Office thinks that the call to veterans to rejoin the colors, together with the bounty, will bring 45,000 men to the home defence. The urgency with which home defence is pressed excites some wonder.

CRONJE LEFT HIS CLOTHES BEHIND.

At the crossing of the Modder River the Boers halted, leaving their tents, guns, oxen, wagons, and large quantities of ammunition in the hands of the British. Moving northward, the Boers again attempted to stem the advance, but Gen. French turned their flank and reached his goal with insignificant losses—7 men killed and 35 wounded, during three days, from Wednesday, Feb. 14, to Friday, Feb. 16. After a night's rest at Kimberley, Gen. French's column pursued the Boers to Brandvlei, surrounded the kopjes on which they were posted and shelled them till nightfall, when the Boers fled, leaving many dead.

Gen. Cronje left a gun, his tents, food and clothes at Magersfontein.

WAR NOTES.

All business in Mafeking is conducted underground.

With the casualties just reported the British losses now aggregate 11,102. Lord Roberts' proclamation to the Free Staters is having a good effect. The mounted rifles sail from Halifax this afternoon.

An American named George Labram, who made the big gun Long Obed, was killed in his room by a shell during the siege of Kimberley.

Radley's drug store is situated now nearly opposite the Standard Bank, and next to Young, the grocer. Im

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buying shoes

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