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Commandant at Ladysmith Tells the Story of the Loss of His Column More in Detail—They all Fought to the End of Their Ammunition.

Broken Cable and the Censor Cause of Little News From the Scene of Action—Hot Criticism in the London Papers—Was Col. Carleton's Column Sacrificed—Some of the Missing Ones Returning to Ladysmith.

News of a more reassuring character was received from Gen. White, in command at Ladysmith, by the War Office yesterday. It now appears that the column captured by the Boers was composed of the Tenth Mountain Battery, four half companies of the Gloucesters and six companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and not the full battalions, as reported. The captured column did not "capitulate," as at first reported, but fired their last round of ammunition before falling into the hands of the enemy. The reserve ammunition of the column was lost owing to a stampede of the mules. The official list of casualties in this column has not yet reached the War Office. General White added a note to his despatch that the security of Ladysmith had been in no way affected by the loss of the column.

The situation in London, after the receipt of this reassuring message, is said to have assumed a brighter aspect.

The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith from the hills, but the British are full of confidence that they can hold their own.

Not counting the captured column, which Gen. White lost on Monday, the total British casualties since the outbreak figures thus: Officers—133; being 19 killed, 61 wounded and 93 captured. Men—783; being 137 killed, 492 wounded and 154 captured.

An unconfirmed report has reached London from Cape Town that Gen. Buller has gone to Ladysmith.

The best piece of news came this morning. A Pietermaritzburg despatch says: Stragglers from the Gloucestershire Regiment are arriving at Ladysmith. A number of mules with a portion of the Mountain Battery are also coming in.

SOME OF THEM RETURN.

Men of the Gloucesters and Part of the Mountain Battery Back at Ladysmith. London, Nov. 2.—A special despatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday morning, says: "Stragglers from the Gloucestershire regiment are arriving at Ladysmith. A number of mules, with a portion of the Mountain Battery, are also coming in."

WHITE'S OFFICIAL STORY.

Stampeding of Mules Caused the Column to Lose Their Ammunition.

London, Nov. 1.—The British War Office today made public a despatch received from General White, describing the operations of Monday. It was as follows: "Ladysmith, Oct. 31.—(7.50 p.m.)—I took out from Ladysmith a brigade of mounted troops, two brigade divisions of the Royal Artillery, the Natal Field Battery and two brigades of infantry to reconnoitre in force the enemy's main position to the north, and, if the opportunity should offer, to capture the hill behind Farquhar's farm, which had, on the previous day, been held in strength by the enemy.

"In connection with this advance a column, consisting of the Tenth Mountain Artillery, four half companies of the Gloucesters and six companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the whole under Lieut-Col. Carleton and Major Adye, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, was despatched at 11 p.m. on the 29th to march by night up Bell's Spruit and seize Nicholson's Nek, or some position near Nicholson's Nek, thus turning the enemy's right flank.

A GOOD SUGGESTION. London, Nov. 2.—The morning papers comment with the greatest satisfaction upon General White's suggestion regarding the sending of a second contingent to South Africa.

The infantry brigade and cavalry had been repulsed, the troops were slowly withdrawn to camp, pickets being left on observation.

"Late in the engagement the naval contingent, under Captain Lambton of H.M.S. Powerful, came into action and, with their extremely accurate fire, the enemy's guns of position.

"The circumstances which attended the movement of Lieut-Col. Carleton's column are not yet fully known, but from reports received the column appears to have carried out the night march unimpeded until within two miles of Nicholson's Nek. At this point two boulders rolled from the hill and a few rifleshots stamped the infantry ammunition mules. The stampede spread to the battery which broke loose from their positions and got away with practically the whole of the gun equipment and the greater portion of the regimental small arms ammunition. The reserve was similarly lost.

"The infantry battalions, however, fixed bayonets and, accompanied by the personnel of the artillery, seized a hill on the left of the roads, two miles from the Nek, with but little opposition. They then remained unmolested till dawn, the time being occupied in organizing the defence of the hill and constructing stone sangars and walls as cover from fire.

"At dawn a skirmishing attack on our position was commenced by the enemy, but made no way until 9.30 a.m., when strong reinforcements enabled them to rush to the attack with great energy. Their fire became very searching, and two companies of the Gloucesters, in an advance position, were ordered to fall back. The enemy then pressed to short range, the losses on our side becoming very numerous.

"At 2 p.m. our ammunition was practically exhausted, the position was captured and the survivors of the column fell into the enemy's hands. The enemy treated our wounded with humanity, General Joubert at once despatching a letter to me offering a safe conduct to doctors and ambulances to remove the wounded. A medical officer and parties to render first aid to the wounded were despatched from Ladysmith last night and the ambulance at dawn this morning.

LITTLE NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

But the London Papers Are Indulging in Criticisms of Gen. White's Plans. London, Nov. 2.—The breakdown of the Delagoa cable route, combined with the monopolization of the available telegraph lines by the Government and the State officers, is responsible for the fact that notice further has arrived from South Africa. The Government has received despatches describing the casualty lists. These will be published to-day.

Died From Overwork. Up to midnight nothing had been received concerning Monday's casualties. The War Office officials are working under great strain. Captain Perrott, staff-captain to the Military Secretary, has just died, his end being hastened by anxiety and overwork.

Has Buller Gone to Ladysmith? An unconfirmed statement is published that General Buller has just left Cape Town for Ladysmith.

Narrow Escape of Hussars. A belated despatch from Ladysmith, describing Monday's fight, says: "A couple of squadrons of Hussars had a narrow escape from disaster early in the day. They found themselves suddenly confronted with an enemy force of overwhelming force of Boers, who seemed to spring from the bowels of the earth. The Hussars were splendidly handled and were extracted with only one man wounded."

Criticisms of Gen. White. The Queen is credited with expressing sin-

cerely for Sir George Stewart White, and the officials are in no wise inclined to judge him harshly. So far as the public is concerned, however, white gratification is felt at the manner in which the isolated battalions surrendered, there is still severe criticism for General White and Lieut-Col. Carleton for allowing the column to get out of touch for the absence of proper scouting and for not retreating when the ammunition was lost. In favor of Lieut-Col. Carleton, the explanation is hazarded that he believed it imperative to the success of General White's operations that he should hold the position at Nicholson's Nek.

The Morning Post comments severely upon the British contempt for the enemy, as shown by the belief that the large Boer force at Acton Homes could be held in check by Carleton's main column. It points out that, even if the British there had been supplied with ammunition, they could only have held out a few hours longer, inasmuch as they were in the most complete state of disrepair, and because nobody appears to have been sent out to look for the distress or to take any measures to rescue them. "The column was sacrificed," says The Morning Post, "because it was sent into action gassed and blindfolded. It had neither scout nor patrol. Twelve hundred men were thrown into the hands of the enemy, which would not have been missed from another part of the field."

No Effort to Rescue Them. The standard, which comments in similar terms upon the fact that Gen. White made no effort to extricate the column from the impossible situation into which he had thrust it," draws a sad picture of the mad hope for relief and then realizing with bitterness of heart that some one had blundered, that they had been forgotten by their general and his staff and that nothing was left but surrender and imprisonment at Pretoria, until the end of the war.

The Daily Chronicle says: It is evident that somebody blundered, but who? Details are required before the blame can be apportioned. "Were Cape 'Boys' Traitors?" The Times says: "The dangers of Sir George White's plans are patent even to civilians; but it is not impossible that the Cape 'boys' in charge of the mountain battery, who quite recently were suspected of disaffection, may have been tampered with by the Boers. Otherwise such a large and important stampede is a very extraordinary occurrence from such a slight cause."

General White's whole movement so far as it can be understood from present information, is open to criticism, especially in the complete absence of communication with the main body.

NO GOOD WITHOUT MONEY.

Society Formed in Paris to Enlist Men to Fight on Behalf of the Boers. Paris, Nov. 1.—A society has been formed to render assistance to the Transvaal Government. Col. Montell is president and M. Francis is secretary. Henri Rochefort and Drumont, proprietors of the Libre Parole, are the honorary presidents. The organization is enrolling volunteers to fight for the Boers, and the promoters claim that more than 300 have volunteered. They have difficulty, however, in finding the necessary funds, and it is doubtful whether Dr. Leyds, the special representative of the Transvaal Government in Europe will be able to supply these. Under these conditions the whole movement, which is in the hands of the most violent section of the Nationalists and anti-Semites, will probably collapse.

IS IT ALL UNDERSTOOD?

That Britain, With the Consent of Portugal, Will Seize Delagoa Bay? London, Nov. 2.—The Portuguese Government, according to a despatch from Oporto to The Daily Mail, has decided to send no troops to Delagoa Bay before the end of December, unless the frontier of Portuguese East Africa should be threatened.

Britain May Seize Delagoa Bay. Berlin, Nov. 2.—The Vossische Zeitung declares that official information that Great Britain, with the consent of Portugal, is about to seize Delagoa Bay.

SEE THIS THING THROUGH.

Says Rosebery, Even if It Costs More Battalions and Still More Money. Edinburgh, Nov. 1.—Lord Rosebery, toasting "The Army and Navy" at a banquet given this evening by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to the officers of the Gordon Highlanders and the Scots Greys, referred to the reverse in Natal, saying: "It is much to be regretted that a considerable campaign we must look out for such incidents. It is not in the nature of Britons to take much notice of them. We have had a good many of the same kind, and have generally got out right in the end. But, whatever happens, we must see this thing through, even if it should cost still more battalions and still more millions."

"Some day there will be an inquiry into the circumstances of the loss of the column."

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GENERAL BULLER: It's a blot on the map—it's a blot on the name of Britain; but, fellow Britons, I shall cut it out.

"NOT GUILTY" HIS ANSWER

Young Anderson on Trial at Winnipeg. Assizes for Molsons Bank Robbery.

TRUE BILL BY THE GRAND JURY

Case for the Crown Opened—Prisoner's Aged Mother Was in the Court Room.

Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Interest in the case against John W. Anderson for the theft of \$22,000 from the vaults of the Molsons Bank, Winnipeg, in October, 1898, was evidenced by quite a large crowd at the Court House this morning. The bench was occupied by Judge Bain. The members of the bar present were: Mr. H. M. Howell, Q.C., and W. E. Perrine for the Crown, and N. F. Hazel, Q.C., T. F. McCallie and Harold Turnbull for the accused. Attorney-General Cameron was also present. The work of the day was in consultation with Mr. Howell.

AGED MOTHER IN COURT.

At this point Anderson's aged mother and two brothers, accompanied by Mrs. Capt. Crowe, came into the court room, and the accused surveyed them with a rapid glance of recognition from the dock. The work of securing a panel of jurors was then proceeded with, and finished in about half an hour.

CROWN'S CASE OPENED.

The preliminaries over, and the jury having been made acquainted with the details of the indictment by the clerk, H. M. Howell, Q.C., opened the case for the Crown. He spoke of the rare nature of this case, because of the large amount involved, and the fact that it was such a safe depositary as a bank that was robbed. He pointed out that the jury would have to put up with considerable inconvenience, inasmuch as the case was being tried in the winter, etc., a few days before the holidays. Nothing new was revealed in Mr. Phelpoe's evidence.

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TWO BODIES GOLD IN DEATH

Wife and Daughter of William Yaster, of Wilberforce Township, Fully Murdered.

BEATEN WITH HEAVY INSTRUMENT.

The Husband and Father is Suspected of Having Committed the Heinous Deed.

Eganville, Ont., Nov. 1.—A double tragedy was perpetrated early Wednesday morning on the farm of William Yaster, near Wilberforce, in the Township of Wilberforce. Mrs. William Yaster and her 17-year-old daughter were brutally murdered about 11 p.m. and their bodies were found in the corncrib of the farm. The husband and father, William Yaster, aged about 50 years, has come on between seasons, has met with insanity, is accused of doing the terrible deed. He had previously threatened to take their lives. Three children, younger than the dead daughter, were in the house and it was they who gave the alarm to the neighbors.

THREE DEAD, THREE MISSING.

Six-Storey Building Collapsed in Chicago Causing Loss of Life and \$200,000 in Property. Chicago, Nov. 1.—Three men are known to have perished and three others are reported missing as the result of the collapse of a six-story building at 139 and 141 West Lake-street this evening. Considerable damage was done to adjoining property, and during the excitement it was reported that as many as forty lives had been lost. About \$200,000 damage was done. The dead men are: J. S. Bates, proprietor of the New England Mills, 145 West Lake-street; Joseph B. Doctor and Henry Hilton.

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BIRTHS.

BRICKENDEN—On Nov. 1, at 756 Queen-st. East, the wife of F. S. Brickenden, of a son.

DEATHS.

BRICKENDEN—On the Isolation Hospital, on Nov. 1, Laura May (Lola) Brickenden, dearly beloved child of F. S. and Fanny Brickenden, aged 2 years and 8 months. Funeral private.

CORNELL—On Wednesday, Nov. 1, at his late residence, Scarborough Village, James Cornell. Funeral Friday at 2 p.m. to the Washington burying ground, rest.

MR. ROSS BURNED TO DEATH

Farmer Near Holland Landing the Victim of a Fire in His Own Stable. HIS HORSE AND COW ALSO BURNED

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The Calamity Was Due to the Upsetting of a Lantern Which Mr. Ross Was Using.

Holland Landing, Ont., Nov. 1.—At 8 o'clock to-night the stable of Mr. John Ross, who lives two miles and a half south of here, on Yonge-street, was seen to be on fire, and on arriving at the stable the sad news was revealed that Mr. Ross had perished in the flames. It appears Mr. Ross went out with the lantern to attend to his horse and cow for the night, and that in some way he upset the lantern and in trying to extinguish the fire he lost his life. His horse and cow, besides the burned, because was an elderly man and leaves a widow and daughter, Miss Ross, who teaches in the Newmarket Model School.

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FOR A TASTE OF WINTER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Nov. 1.—(8 p.m.)—The storm which was centred over Virginia last night, has now reached the Bay of Fundy and the important high pressure area situated over the Atlantic and has fallen heavily in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

PROBABILITIES.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong winds and moderate gales, northerly to northwesterly and decreasing at night; mostly fair and cold; local snow flurries.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong winds and moderate gales, northerly to northwesterly and decreasing at night; mostly fair and cold; local snow flurries.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and gales, shifting to northerly and westerly; cloudy to partly cloudy and colder; a few showers of rain or snow.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, shifting to westerly and northerly; cloudy to partly cloudy, turning colder; few passing showers.

Quebec—Fine and cold to-day and on Friday.

Manitoba—Fine to-day and on Friday; a little milder.

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Sailed. From. For. Aswan. Glasgow. Montreal. Tein Head. Antwerp. Montreal. Ansonia. London. Montreal. Coronado. Antwerp. Montreal. Benore Head. Dublin. Montreal.