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Births, Marriages, Death

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STINSON—In this city, on Dec. 13, Mary, beloved wife of Wm. Stinson, aged 44 years.

Funeral on Friday, from her late residence, 114 Wharncliffe road, at 3 o'clock (services at 2:30), to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

GRANT—On Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Montreal, Charles Grant, formerly of London.

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I HAVE received instructions from Mr. Coles, agent for shippers of East India Rugs, Benares Brassware and Ceylon Curios, to sell at public auction at store next door to Smallman & Ingram's, at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15. This is a splendid opportunity to purchase good Christmas presents. The quality is strictly first-class. Rugs consist of Mizapore, Cashmere and other high grade Oriental Rugs. The Brass is genuine hand-worked Benares ware, and of the very best quality. Goods now on exhibition. Sale is without reserve.

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Westminster Nominations.

A MEETING of the electors of the township of Westminster will be held on Friday, Dec. 23 at 12 o'clock, in O'Dell's Hall, for the purpose of nominating a reeve and councilors for the year 1900. GEO. RIDDELL, Clerk. 25i&bw

NOTICE TO CREDITORS—IN THE ESTATE of Aaron Griffith, late of the township of Nissouri West, manufacturer, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to R. S. O., chapter 110, section 36, and Amending Acts, that all persons having any claims against the estate of the said late Aaron Griffith, who died on or about the 19th day of November, A. D. 1899, are, on or before the 13th day of January, A. D. 1900, to send by mail, prepaid, or to deliver to Robert Wright, of the village of Thorndale, Ontario, one of the executors of the last will and testament of the said deceased, their names and addresses, a statement of their accounts, and full particulars of their claim or claims, and of the security, if any, held by them. And that from and after the said 13th day of January, A. D. 1900, the executors, under the will of the said deceased, will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, regard being had only to the claims of which notice shall have been given as above required, and the executors will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim or claims notice as aforesaid shall not have been received at the time of such distribution. Meredith & Fisher, Solicitors for Robert Wright and William Griffith, Executors. Dated at London, this 13th day of December, 1899. 28u w

NOTICE—ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO Aaron Griffith, late of the village of Thorndale, in the County of Middlesex, manufacturer, deceased, are hereby notified that they must settle their accounts with Robert Wright, one of the executors of the will of the said deceased, at the said village of Thorndale, on or before the 13th day of January, A. D. 1900, and any parties failing to settle their indebtedness on or before that date will be proceeded against in the usual way without further notice. Dated this 13th day of December, A. D. 1899. Robert Wright, Executor of the Estate of Aaron Griffith, Thorndale, Ont. 28u 14-30

Leading Montreal bankers deny the report coming from New York to the effect that they are sending large amounts of money to the London market in view of the stringency there

Deadly Work Of One Minute

Methuen's Fearful Loss Suffered Mostly in That Time.

British Met the Enemy's Murderous Fire at 200 Yards.

Details of the Engagement at Magersfontein.

Official Bulletins Put the British Loss at 817 Killed, Wounded and Missing.

Press Comment on the Effects of the Disaster

And Speculations Regarding Methuen's Next Move.

All Eyes Now Turned Towards Gen. Buller—Gatacre's List of Lost Shows 22 Killed and 60 Wounded Men Taken Prisoners.

London, Dec. 14.—An official report gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing of all arms in the engagement of Sunday and Monday north of Modder River as 817. Of the officers 15 were killed and 47 wounded, while 5 are missing and 1 is known to be captured.

The war office has received a message stating that there were 650 casualities among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein. The brigade lost 10 officers killed, 38 wounded and 4 missing.

British Losses.

AT MAGERSFONTEIN.

London. Dec, 14.—The following list of the officers killed or wounded has been received:

HIGHLAND BRIGADE.

Killed — Gen. Wauchope, Lieut.-Col. J. N. C. Goode, Capt. Elton, Lieut. Edmonds, Capt. J. R. Clark, Lieut. Cox, Capt. Cowan, Capt. Lamberton, Lieut.-Col. Goff, Major Robinson, Capt. Wingate and Lieut. Cowie.

Wounded—Col. Kelham, Major Berkeley, Major Duff, Capt. Featherstonhaugh, Capt. Noyes, Capt. Wolfe-Murray, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Campbell, Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, Lieut. the Hon. W. C. Baillie, Lieut. Scott and Lieut. Waterhouse.

GEN. GATACRE'S CASUALTIES.

London, Dec. 14.—The war office has received from Gen. Gatacre the following list of casualties furnished by a correspondent who was permitted to visit the Boer camp with the chaplains and is believed to be reliable:

Second Royal Irish — 10 killed, 32 wounded.

First East Lancashires—1 wounded.

Second Northumberlands—12 killed, 27 wounded.

All the above wounded men are prisoners.

VIA AMERICAN SOURCES.

New York, Dec. 14.—A London cable declares that the royal household is intensely anxious over the mental suffering which Queen Victoria endures anent the repulses to the British arms in South Africa and the loss of life in the regiments. Her majesty is continually sending to the war office for the minutest information concerning the state of affairs, and when she receives the information, breaks down under the weight of her sorrow. It is asserted that frequently when engaged in correspondence or other business, the Queen suddenly bursts into tears and talks of the sufferings endured not only by the soldiers, but by their relatives at home, and even the Boers are said to be included in her sympathies.

Lord Roberts, who at present is commander-in-chief of her majesty's forces in Ireland, has been hastily summoned to London, says a cable to the World, and no doubt exists that he is wanted for a conference on the Transvaal war. While the war office told the extra session of parliament that the Boer war would cost $50,000,000, well-informed people now place the figures at $200,000,000. There are at present 80,000 British soldiers in South Africa, 10,000 more are to be mobilized, or are on the way, and it is thought a seventh division of 10,000 more will soon be collected at Aldershot for the Cape.

Attention is called to the fact that it is the flower of the English army that have suffered defeat in the South African campaign. These include the famous Guards, the Grenadiers, the Coldstreams and the Scots, and the greatest fighting regiments England has even known—the Royal Highlanders, the mighty Black Watch, the Gordons, the Seaforth Highlanders, the Highland Light Infantry, the Argyll and the Sutherland Highlanders. Among them are great Irish fighting regiments which almost equal them.

Magersfontein

London, Thursday, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special dispatch to the Daily Mail, says: "The Boers were entrenched at Magersfontein, four miles north of Modder River. At dawn Monday, the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered

IN A SINGLE MINUTE.

Startled and overwhelmed the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied, and retained their position. This was on the left. On the right the Guards Brigade advanced across the veldt against the other trenches, and fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours. At 11 in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then enfiladed them. We raked the Boer trenches with artillery throughout the day. The fighting only ceased with nightfall."

THE BAYONET.

The special correspondent of the Daily Mail at Modder River, describing the fighting, says: "The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire. Evidently they fear our storming and bayonet attack. We raked the kopje and the trenches with an intense, well-directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they inflicted severe damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among 40 men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction.

The Boers are in still larger force than we found them at Modder River, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority."

THE ENEMY'S POSITION.

The position Lord Methuen assaulted is thus described by a correspondent: "Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments run around the whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes and afford a retreat."

A MURDEROUS FIRE.

When the Highlanders met the murderous point-blank fire of the Boers, about two hundred were mown down. The Black Watch Regiment, on reforming, was only able to muster 160 men. The Boers also lost heavily in the trenches, and also in the wire entanglements when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank attack on the British. The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles until nearly four o'clock in the afternoon, when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the Boers, close to the place where lay the dead and wounded comrades of the Highland brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire as the British advanced, and it was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here that Col. Downham fell. The Boers had had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire.

AS THEY WERE.

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupy the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The wounded include Lieut.-Col. A. E. Codrington and Capt. Sterling, both of the first battalion of the Coldstream Guards. A detachment of Boers, posted among some thick bushes to the east, maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent for taking cover which the Boer always displays, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault. At the first advance of the Highlanders, the Boers' shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high. Otherwise the British losses would have been still heavier.

BRITISH ENTRENCHED.

London, Dec. 13. — Gen. Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 1:30 p.m. today, sends the following from Gen. Methuen, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security.

HEAVY BOER LOSSES.

"I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulance, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out.

"The Boers have been most kind to my wounded."

The British casualties included the Marquis of Winchester, major of the second battalion, Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col. Downham, of the first battalion, Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded.

ALL EYES ON BULLER.

London, Thursday, Dec. 14.—All eyes are now turned hopefully to Gen. Buller, who, taking into account the troops with Gen. White in Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000 men. The Standard says: "At this moment there must be few men in her Majesty's dominion who have as great a weight of care upon them as Gen. Buller carries on his shoulders.

General Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems to have actually commenced. The military attaches have left Cape Town to join Gen. Buller, via Durban.

EIGHTH DIVISION TO BE MOBILIZED.

The Associated Press understands that the war office yesterday (Wednesday) decided, in consequence of Lord Methuen's losses at Magersfontein, to mobilize an eighth division in reserve, and to send the seventh division to the Cape. Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with military, and, if necessary, volunteers will be called to take the places of the militia at home. It is also likely that the militia reserve will be sent out to the their respective battalions, and joining office intends to order four the war talions of militia, embodied more ba ment duty, today. for perma

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

The newspapers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious yet produced. The event the war has given us. "We have had our Morning Post says: pointed for us. day of humiliation and soberly, Let us accept it humbly for the lesand be better and stronger reverse son it has taught us. This last Europe, will make us a fresh butt of ridicule. There was never a more apt occasion to prove to Europe what we are worth."

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men, and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450.

All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation, and upon the momentous decision Lord Methuen has now to take—whether to remain at Modder River or to retire on Orange River.

MORE MEN MUST BE SENT OUT.

The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called up, and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local colonial forces and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Standard, which comments upon the "seemingly astonishing numbers of the Boers," is driven to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandoes has been recruited from the Cape Dutch.

AT LADYSMITH.

Frere Camp, Natal, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrific. General White telegraphs that his wounded are doing well.

Major-General Yule, who conducted the retreat of the British from Dundee to Ladysmith, has been invalided home, and left Durban on Monday on board the Dungevan Castle.

BOERS TACKLE A TRAIN.

London, Thursday, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from Pretoria by way of Lorenzo Marquez, says: "While the battle of Magersfontein was proceeding, the Free State artillery engaged an armored train along the railway line toward Belmont.

"Forty-one prisoners belonging to the 1st Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders have just traversed Jacob's Dal.

In the last attack on Surprise Hill, three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed and several others wounded, causing great sorrow here."

A dispatch from Boer sources says that Kimberley remained quiet during the battle of Magersfontein.

MR. KNIGHT LOSES HIS ARM.

Mr. E. F. Knight, the distinguish-

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