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FORTY SECOND YEAR.
ondon Rumor of Abandonment of the Town With Desperate Alternative to Surrender of the Valiant Garrison.
Times Fears There May Be Impending a Catastrophe Without Parallel Except in Surrender at Yorktown.
Demand for Immediate Desparch of Fifty Thousand Men Wuth Equal Number Held In Reserve - Public Anxiety
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Though Boers First Encountered Fled in Pan Withering Fire Soon Covered the Gallant Storming Party.

Spion Kop Without the Expected Supply of Water and Boer Right Too Strong to Force as Planned.

Quickly Realized That tie Postition Was a Despera ne Without Guns ${ }^{7}$ to slitence Fushlade of Artillery and Rifies.
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British-Splendid Braver: of Troops-Sensational
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British Therefore Concentrate South of the Tugela-.-Withdrawal Effected Without Loss of Man or Pound of Stores-.-Conspicuous

Bravery in the Attack on the Mountain.
London, Jan. 28.-The following is the text of a despatch from General Buller dated Spearman's Camp, Saturday, Jan. 27, 9.10 p. m.:
"On January 20, Warren drowe back the enemy and obtained possession of the south ern crests of the high table-land extending from the line of Acton Homes and Hongers Poort to the westem Ladysmith hills. From then until January 25 he remained in close contact with the enemy.
"The enemy held a strong position on a range of small kopjes stretching from northwest to southeast accross the plateau from Acton Homes through Spion Kop to the left bank of the Tugela.
"The actual position held was perfectly tenable, but did not lend itself to an advance as the southern slopes were so steep that Warren could not get an effective artillery position and water supply was obtained with difficulty.

MOn January 23 I assented to his attacking Spion Kop, a large hill, indeed a mounsin, which was evidently the key of the position but was far more accessible from the north than from the south.

On the night of January 23 he attacked Spion Kop, but found it very difficult to hold,
as its perimeter was too large, and water, which he had been led to believe existed in this extraordinary dry season, was found to be very deficient.

- The orests were held all that day against severe attacks and a heavy shell fire. Our en fought with great gallantry
"I would especially mention the conduct of the Second Cameronians and Third King' Rifles, who supported the attadk on the mountain from the steepest side and in each cas fought their way to the top, and the Second Lancushire Fusiliers and Second Middlesex who magnificently maintained the best traditions of the British army throughout the trying day of January 24; and Thorny equally well alongside of them.

General Woodgate, who was in command at the summit, having been wounded, the offieer who succeeded him decided on the night of Jammary 24 to abandon the position and did so beforeidawn, January 25.

I reached Warren's camp at $5 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on January 25 and decided that a second attack upon Spion Kop was useless and that the enemy's right was too strong to allow $m$

Accordingly, I decided to withdraw the force to the south of the Tugela. Warren's foree was concentrated south of the Tugela without loss of a man or a poun of stores.
"Thefact that the force could withdraw from aetual touch-in some cases the lines 38 than a thousand yards apart-with the enemy in the manner it did, is. I think ufficient evidence of the morale of the troops; and that we were permitted to withdraw ou cumbse, and a very swift current, unmolested, is, I think, proof that the enemy has been taught to respect our soldiers' fighting pawers.

## BOER NARRATIVE OF THRILLING EPISODE. <br> B

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