

# A FAMOUS IRISH REGIMENT SLAUGHTERED BY THE BOERS.

**Inskilling Fusiliers Practically Annihilated in Desperate Encounter with the Enemy.**

**At Roll-Call, After the Battle, Only Five Officers and One Hundred Men Answered to Their Names.**

LONDON, Feb. 28.—One of Bulwer's best regiments, the famous Inskilling Fusiliers, has been practically annihilated. After a bloody struggle in the dark on Friday night and several hours' fighting in the daylight, next morning the regiment at roll-call was only able to muster five officers and one hundred men.

Fourteen out of nineteen officers were killed and wounded, and so far it is known that over 250 non-commissioned officers and men fell. The regiment had suffered severely in previous fights, and the latest disaster has temporarily wiped it out as a regiment.

Buller, after careful reconnaissance, decided that it would be madness to try to break through the Boer position on the left by way of Grobler's Kloof, and the only other alternative was to find a way on the right.

Railway Hill lay in that direction. It is practically a spur of Grobler's Kloof, but presented far less difficulties than the Kloof itself.

An advance was ordered, and amid the roar of cannon and the crack of rifles the Irish brigade was despatched along the river to take Railway Hill, on the other side of Pieter's station.

This hill is commanding enough to insure the British final advance, providing Buller could hold it secretly and could mount cannon on it. The Onderbosch Spruit Railway track runs along the Tugela, and it was perilously open to the Boer marksmen disposed on the banks back from the river, and after passing Pieter's station many men would be bound to be hit.

The troops had to gain and cross a bridge over a donga beyond the railroad station.

As the Irishmen tried to reach the bridge and cross it they fell right and left, picked off by the Boer marksmen. Finally the bridge was sandbagged and only one man allowed to cross at a time.

In a short race from the bridge to the rendezvous fifty men were dropped by the Boer bullets. Several members of the ambulance corps were also hit as they followed up close behind.

Toward evening Buller determined to attack Railway Hill. The Inskilling Fusiliers were assigned to the task. Mixed with them were a number of the Connaught Rangers and Dublin Fusiliers.

As the men emerged from the cover of some trees in the shelter of which they advanced, a terrible fire suddenly opened on them from the Boer lines.

This was part of their strategy, for they had every man in the leading half of the company tumbled to the ground wounded or killed.

But the men behind swept on over the broken ground until they suddenly stumbled on a donga in front of the first Boer trench. This donga could not be seen until the men were actually in it.

Then the Boers retired to the crest. This was part of their strategy, for they promptly came around on either flank of the British, completely enveloping the captured trench and donga.

Finding it utterly impossible to advance or to hold the position, the British fell back hurriedly and then retreated themselves lower down on the hill.

During the night reinforcements arrived and a desperate effort to capture the hill was made.

The attempt failed. The troops could not advance against the terrible fire poured in by the Boers and the battle went on throughout the night. It was continued until 9 o'clock next morning, when Gen. Lytton's brigade was sent to relieve the shattered portion of Hart's brigade that had been in the battle.

When the roll of the Inskilling Fusiliers was called only five officers and one hundred men were able to answer.

Among the killed are Col. Thackeray and Major Sanders, of the Inskilling Fusiliers; Col. Stewart, of the Dublin Fusiliers; Capt. Medland, of the Second Gordons; and Col. Thorold, of the Welsh Fusiliers.

**CAPTURED 5,000 BOERS.**

Lord Roberts has a Greater Number of Prisoners Than at First Reported.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—With the additional 600 Boers reported to be prisoners at Kimberley, it is estimated that the number of men captured by Lord Roberts nearly reaches 5,000.

The afternoon papers continue to comment on the hero of Kandahar's great achievement, laying special stress on the gallantry of the Canadian, who, according to a Paardeberg special, were bravely fighting hand to hand in the Boer trenches, though this scarcely squares with Lord Roberts's despatch.

**MADE IS DEFEATED.**

Lord Roberts Meets O'Donnell to Discuss Plan for Next Day's Fight for Beers.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The result of the fight took place in South Maye between the representative in Parliament, O'Donnell, and Mr. Michael O'Donnell, who resigned as a protest against the Boer War, was as follows: O'Donnell, Nationalist, M.P.; Major O'Donnell, Nationalist, M.P.; O'Donnell, Nationalist, M.P.; O'Donnell, Nationalist, M.P.

**HOW CRONJE LOOKED.**

At about 7 o'clock a small group of men appeared in the distance crossing the plain toward headquarters. The latter being apprised of Gen. Cronje's approach, Lord Roberts went to the front in the modest cart in which he sleeps and ordered a guard of the Scots to line up.

A group of horsemen then approached. On Gen. Pretzmann's right rode an elderly man, clad in a rough, short overcoat, a wide-brimmed hat, ordinary topped trousers and brown shoes. It was the

## NIGHT ATTACK ON A KOPJE BY BRITISH TROOPS.



## VICTORIA CABLES HER GREAT SORROW.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Queen has telegraphed Gen. Buller as follows: "I have heard with the deepest concern the heavy losses sustained by my brave Irish soldiers and I desire to express my sympathy and admiration for the splendid fighting qualities they have exhibited throughout these trying operations."

## 10,000 BOERS STOUTLY DEFEND LADYSMITH FROM BULLER.

The situation on the 28th was that the Boers held the summit of Pieter's Hill and the Irish brigade was entrenched on the sides of the hill. A ceaseless rifle and artillery duel marked the day, causing heavy British losses. The Boers were subjected to a harassing artillery fire, and three sharpshooters expended in the middle of the reserves. The strength of the enemy around Ladysmith is now fully 10,000 men with six or seven concealed guns. They display no intention of raising the siege, but are fighting with more vigor than ever.

## FIRST DETAILS OF HOW CRONJE SURRENDERED HIMSELF TO ROBERTS.

PAARDEBERG, Tuesday, Feb. 27. The British camp was awakened by the continued rattle of rifle fire at daybreak, and the news arrived that the Canadian, while building a trench quite close to the enemy, were fusilladed at a range of fifty yards. The Canadians gallantly worked forward and occupied the site of the trenches along the river, entirely cutting off the Boers. This movement was followed by a cessation of the fire, except an occasional solitary shot. Suddenly a regiment stationed on the crest of a hill perceived a white flag and burst into cheers, thus first announcing the surrender of Gen. Cronje. Shortly afterward a note reached Lord Roberts bringing tidings of the Boer's unconditional surrender. Gen. Pretzmann was sent to accept the surrender.

## REJOICING AT THE CAPE.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—There has been extravagant rejoicing in Cape Colony and Natal at the surrender of Gen. Cronje. Crowds of people have been parading the streets of the different towns, singing and cheering. Flags have been everywhere displayed, the warships and merchantmen have been dressed with bunting and salutes have been fired.

## MESSAGE TO CRONJE BY CONGRESSMEN.

Democratic Members Send Congratulations to Him for His Brave Stand.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, today passed around among his Democratic colleagues the following cable to Gen. Cronje, the defeated Boer General. Up to 2 o'clock to-day about thirty of them had signed it:

## SENDING CRONJE TO CAPE TOWN.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—6 P. M.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts: PAARDEBERG, Feb. 28.—Cronje, with his family, left here yesterday in charge of Major-Gen. Pretzmann, under the escort of the City Imperial Volunteers and Mounted Infantry. Later in the day the remaining prisoners were sent, in charge of the Earl of Erroll, escorted by the Gloucesters and one hundred Imperial Volunteers. The women and children are being sent to their homes.

## BULLER'S OWN REPORT.

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the Fourth Brigade, under Col. Norcott, and the Eleventh Brigade, Col. Kitchener commanding, the whole under command of Gen. Warren, assailed the enemy's position, which was magnificently carried by the South Lancashire Regiment about sunset.

We took about sixty prisoners and scattered the enemy in all directions. There seems to be still a considerable body of them left on and under Bulwana Mountain. Our losses, I hope, are not large. They certainly are much less than they would have been were it not for the admirable manner in which the artillery was served, especially the guns manned by the Royal Naval force and the Natal Naval Volunteers. BULLER.

## BRITISH IN RENSBURG.

Troops Have Again Occupied the Town Held Previously by the Boers.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—4 P. M.—A despatch from Arundel says that the British troops have again occupied Rensburg, in Cape Colony.

## FOR MAFKING'S RELIEF.

Milner Proclaims Military Right to Impress Transport to Aid Col. Plummer.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 27.—The Governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner, has further prorogued the Cape Parliament to April 6.

## WOULD ATTACK BRITAIN.

Russian Press Denounces the Boer War and Urges a Diversion to Aid Transvaal.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28.—The newspapers here outside the rest of the Continental press in bewailing Gen. Cronje's defeat and in virulently abusing Great Britain.

## ROBERTS REPORTS 98 ADDITIONAL LOSSES.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Lord Roberts has forwarded an additional list of the casualties during the three days' fighting at Paardeberg, showing twelve killed, eighty-two wounded and four missing, and including seven officers and four Canadian privates wounded.

## MRS. ADAIR GETS \$263 FOR IRISH WOUNDED.

Mrs. Adair has received \$263 in aid for sending convalescing Irish soldiers on board the American hospital ship Maine.

## GRANT RECEIVER FOR THIRD AVENUE.

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template making any changes, and added that he appreciated the compliment paid him in making him receiver, and would do his best to straighten out affairs.

Mr. Joline, of the Creditors' Protective Association, held a conference with Mr. Grant late to-day.

Mr. Grant, when asked what was to become of W. H. Curtis, who was supposed to be the receiver of the road, replied that he did not know the man.

Edward Lauterbach said, speaking of Mr. Grant's appointment: "The splendid earning powers of the road will not compel the receiver to sell the property. The appointment of Mr. Grant will only give a breathing time for the company to adjust its finances. He has already taken charge of the road."

Russell Sage explained the plight of the company to a reporter of The Evening World this morning. "The amount of the Third Avenue Company's debt is \$2,000,000. It has been filed against the company."

"I am one of the large creditors of the Third Avenue Company," said Mr. Sage. "I believed the road good property and loaned it money. Mr. Hart, the principal stockholder, has been a friend for years. In fact he has been a tenant of one of my houses for nineteen years."

"During the past few days Mr. Hart has been to see me; so has President Elias and Mr. Lauterbach.

"I was asked to join the Banking Syndicate to save the road, but I declined. I was willing to take my place with the other creditors."

"The morning I was visited by a committee and asked to use whatever influence I might have to prevent a receivership, but I refused.

"Gentlemen, I said, 'I am on the other side of the fence. I am in favor of the appointment of a receiver. 'Do you think the road can pay dollar for dollar?'"

"That I don't know," responded Mr. Sage doubtfully. "I hope so, but we can't tell."

"What do you think are the causes that led to the financial ruin?"

"Well, I have several reasons. If it is true that there has been plundering I hope there will be a full investigation and the guilty ones punished. If we can't have honesty in business something serious is likely to happen."

"This Third Avenue affair is a great calamity. For fifteen years it has been believed in as a trustworthy, paying

## BIG COMBINE IN TROLLEYS.

Hudson River Railway & Ferry Company Organized.

Interesting developments attended the meeting to-day of the Ridgefield and Teaneck Railway Company with the Bergen County Traction Company, which runs a trolley line from Fort Lee, N. J., to Hackensack.

The Ridgefield and Teaneck was only organized last week by Col. Armistead Matthews, of New York; William Spencer, of Brooklyn, and James C. Young, of Jersey City. It is now united with the Bergen under the name of the Hudson River Railway and Ferry Company, with \$1,000,000 capital.

Among those who joined this latest trolley deal are William Clarke, of Philadelphia, who owned the Bergen County Traction; C. A. Liebe, of the Washington, D. C., Traction Company; Abram White, of New York; Alex Taylor, of Philadelphia, and James C. Young, of Jersey City.

The Fort Lee Ferry Company was purchased to-day by the combination. The trolley line from Fort Lee to Hackensack has been running for several years at a profit. The United Company proposes to run branch lines in all directions. The acquisition of the ferry gives it direct outlet to New York, where it is proposed to connect with the underground rapid transit tunnel.

In this way upper New York is to be placed in the northward march with northern New Jersey. The new trust is in opposition to the syndicate which has heretofore controlled nearly all the lines in New Jersey.

## TAXING THE FRANCHISES.

State Commission Begins Work on Valuation—Will Reach 500 Corporations Here.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—The State Tax Commission, having in charge the work of collecting the franchise tax to-day began their work on the valuation of corporation property.

It has been found that there are some four hundred corporations in New York City subject to taxation under the new law. Many of them, however, cannot be reached because of the claim that they are sub-corporations or branches of a parent corporation. It is certain, however, that about 200 will be reached by the tax.

Many corporations will be taxed in each of the five boroughs of the city. For instance, the telephone and telegraph companies and two or three of the gas companies. The Commission expects to be busy on the work for nearly a month, working day and night, their certificates of valuation must be ready by April 21.

## CRUSHED ON THE BRIDGE.

Robert Bolles Was Felled on a Car Against the Platform by Crowd of Passengers.

Robert Bolles, sixty-two years old, a baker of 80 Broome street, had a narrow escape from being crushed to death this afternoon by cars on the Brooklyn Bridge. A train was slowing at the foot of the Manhattan side. The conductor opened the gate. The passengers crowded Bolles so that he was compelled to step.

His left foot was caught between the platform and the car. He almost fell from the car. He had to be helped to the ground. He lay on the ground for some time before he was taken to the hospital.

## DIED.

SULLIVAN—On Feb. 28, GEORGE Sullivan, of 100 West 10th St., died at 7 P. M.

## GIRLS GAVE THE ALARM.

Classic and Emma Velson Were on Top Floor of Tar Factory When Fire Started.

A fire was discovered on the top floor of 101 North Moore street at 11:05 o'clock this afternoon, and Emma and Classic Velson, who were working there, fled to the street. The structure is a two-story brick building occupied by the White Tar Company, manufacturers of camphor balls.

There was plenty of tar and naphthalene in the building, and as the girls ran out they shouted a warning to Engineer Henry Bernhardt and the shipping clerk, Gustav Walker, the only other persons in the place at the time. The rest of the employees were out to lunch.

The men girls started in the alarm. It was a stubborn blaze that the firemen had to fight. The loss to building and stock amounted to about \$5,000.

## PLAGUE NEAR OUR PORTS.

Quarantine Officers in Gulf States Warned It Has Appeared in Yucatan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service has been informed that the bubonic plague has appeared on the island of Cosumel, off the coast of Yucatan. It was brought there from Brazil.

Quarantine officers in Mexico, in the Gulf States and in Cuba and Porto Rico have been directed to observe strict quarantine.

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