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STORMING OF DARGAI RIDGE

HEROIC CONDUCT OF THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

DETAILS OF THE FAMOUS CHARGE BROUGHT BY MAIL FROM INDIA—PIPER FINDS LATER'S BRAVERY.

London, Nov. 15.—The newspapers of this city have just received graphic details by mail of the capture of Dargai Ridge by the Gordon Highlanders on October 25.

After the fighting on Monday, October 18, between the columns of British troops commanded by General Sir Younghusband and the tribesmen from Chagru, on the Samana Range, the British retired upon Shitware, and the enemy, greatly reinforced, recaptured Dargai Ridge, which commands Chagru. This capture and eventual retreat from Dargai Ridge has been pronounced to be a military error; but, on the other hand, it has been defended on the ground of the extreme difficulty experienced in transporting supplies through such a mountainous country.

THE CLIFFS BURST INTO FLAME.

Dargai Ridge, from the direction of the assault, it is now more fully explained, presents a frontal of about a mile, the left end of which is sheer rock for two hundred yards. In spite of the difficulty of the ascent, the movements of the British troops were fairly well covered, except in the case of a low dip, or small valley, from a hundred to one hundred and fifty yards wide, about half-way up the ridge. This dip was exposed to direct fire from the summit of the cliffs.

GORDON HIGHLANDERS TO THE FRONT.

At this juncture General Kempster ordered the Gordon Highlanders to the front. The time had then arrived for desperate action, for it was then 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the dead and wounded were lying thick on every side. Over one hundred men had already fallen and the enemy were shouting their defiance and waving their battle flags, or standards, and beating their drums, confident of the impregnability of their position and certain of their success.

But the Gordon Highlanders had yet to be reckoned with. Rapidly forming his men, and after his own historic speech "Men of the Gordon Highlanders! General says that your position must be taken at all costs. The Gordon Highlanders will take it." Colonel Mathias, the commander of the Highlanders, dashed out at the head of his gallant regiment and in a moment they were across, carrying every one with them in the impetuosity of their onrush, and storming the ridge with a resolution that was resistless, and beating down all opposition.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR THE BRAVE PIPER.

Piper Findlater, blowing his loudest and best, was among the first to show the way across that deadly strip of ground, and when, after traversing the ridge, he was laid low by a shot through both legs, he managed to prop himself up against a bowlder and continued with unabated energy to play "Cock of the North," animating his comrades by the familiar, stirring music of his beloved pipes.

COMPLIES WITH AUSTRIA'S DEMANDS.

TURKISH OFFICIALS TO BE DISMISSED AND THE AUSTRIAN FLAG SALUTED.

London, Nov. 15.—According to a dispatch from Vienna, the Turkish Government, in reply to the demands of Baron de Calice, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the Porte, for the dismissal of the staff of the Austro-Hungarian Consulate in Constantinople, has agreed to dismiss both officials and to salute the Austrian flag.

TENSION BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

THE TROUBLE GROWS OUT OF MUSCOVITE EFFORTS TO CONTROL COREAN CUSTOMS.

London, Nov. 15.—A dispatch from Shanghai says serious tension exists between Japan and Russia, owing to the latter's efforts to control the Korean customs, and that some of the leading Japanese Ministers are urging the adoption of strong measures, even to the extent of war with Russia.

THE TRADE OF MADAGASCAR.

London, Nov. 15.—The Paris correspondent of "The Times" says: "The report of General Gallieni, Governor-General of Madagascar, on the trade of the island for 1896 shows that American imports amounted to 2,486,000 francs, compared with 5,749,000 for England and 3,280,000 for France. The value of imported American textile fabrics for the year was 2,150,000 francs, as compared with 50,000 for France."

WANT THE VOTE RECOUNTED.

NEW-JERSEY GAMBLERS TAKE LEGAL STEPS LOOKING TO THE OVERTHROW OF THE ANTI-GAMBLING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 15 (Special).—The gambling element in New-Jersey has not yet abandoned hope of overturning the result of the special election of September 28.

The first legal step looking toward this end was made after the adjournment of the Court of Errors and Appeals this afternoon, when ex-Senator William D. Edwards, of Jersey City, appeared before Justices Dixon, Van Syckel and Collins, sitting as a branch of the Supreme Court, and applied for a recount of the ballots. The application proved a big surprise to the lawyers and spectators in the courtroom, as it was generally understood that Senator Edwards had given up his plan to contest the election.

The application was for a rule to show cause why a mandamus should not be issued to the officers of about three hundred election districts in the State compelling them to recount the ballots cast at the special election, and to count also those which they had previously rejected. Accompanying the application were several affidavits, including one by Mr. Edwards himself, setting forth his reasons for believing that the anti-gambling amendment had not been carried. His affidavit was based on the fact that, while the amendment was supposed to have been carried by a majority of 802, there were 901 rejected ballots, all of which were intended as votes against it.

SUICIDE OF WILLIAM S. WILSON.

HE TAKES HIS LIFE WHILE SUFFERING FROM A TEMPORARY ABERRATION OF MIND.

Snow Hill, Md., Nov. 15.—William Sidney Wilson committed suicide at his home in Snow Hill yesterday afternoon by shooting himself with a revolver. The fatal bullet had been in his hand and is supposed to have taken his life while suffering under temporary aberration of mind. He died instantly after firing the shot.

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