

MOWED DOWN BY THEIR OWN GUNS. How the British Were Caught in the Terrible Stormberg Trap.

INCOMPETENT LEADERSHIP.

English Mismanagement Rather Than Boer Cleverness Caused the Severe Disaster.

London, Feb. 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Extended accounts of the British reverses at Stormberg, Magersfontein and Colenso are being sent by mail from war correspondents. From these realistic impressions may be gained of what defeat really means.

"I have seen in my life," writes the correspondent of the Times, "one or two British fights, but at Stormberg, for the first time I was enabled to realize what actual defeat means. It was indeed a case of *vae victis*. The hopeless exhaustion of the unhappy soldiers was terrible to see."

The description of Gen. Gatacre's retreat at this point is, in part, as follows: "The infantry had been at work or in the train in open trucks or marching columns 4 a. m. on Saturday. The actual march occupied seven hours, and it is therefore little to be wondered at that the men were wholly incapable of making any strenuous effort when at last they were surprised by receiving fire at short range, while marching in fours in column, and several shells falling in the ranks. On receiving the attack at hand the companies at hand at once fired over against the kopjes which it proceeded, and, advancing from boulder to boulder, swiftly descended to ascend. Indeed, it is estimated that a considerable number actually reached with a few yards of the lowly kopjes, which could not, of course, be reached without ladders. At this juncture our artillery, falling in the uncertain light to observe the position of the enemy, opened fire upon the enemy, and several shells falling in the ranks of the British, caused the falling of the position.

A partial retirement instantly engaged, and having been brought to a halt, the attack gradually melted away until, convinced that the case was hopeless, the general ordered the troops to be sounded. Had the order promptly obeyed, the troops might have been withdrawn without serious loss, and a fresh battle might have been successfully prosecuted. But it was not to be. Many men were loath to retire because they were anxious to go on, while a few were so utterly exhausted that they preferred to stay where they were, and a number of the British had taken ground at the foot of the hills. Eventually over 500 un wounded men were taken prisoners. Steadily, as if by magic, the retirement was executed, the soldiers moving back at a steady pace without the least hurry or confusion and halting constantly to fire.

So far as it can be understood the matter in the case in which the inevitable failure must be attributed as follows: "The map of the ground was utterly misleading and worse than useless. It is so far as I am aware, no one is responsible for the fact that the British had taken compass bearings, and consequently no one knew where he was being taken in the dark.

The Berkshire regiment, by whom the redoubts now occupied by the Boers had been built, and to whom every inch of the ground was familiar, were left at Queenstown instead of being employed to recapture the works which they so unwisely evacuated about a month previously.

"Over 500 men, afterwards made prisoners, had fallen into a trap from which they failed to extricate themselves. Consequently, when the rest of the force had been rallied upon a defensible position in the rear the general had forces insufficient to warrant a fresh attempt upon some selected point of attack.

"In any case the men who had been kept in the line for over 24 hours on the stretch, and who had marched seven hours marching through the night and who had been actually under arms for upwards of sixteen hours, were so dead beat that the severe hill climbing was quite beyond their powers. During the usual retirement from the hills attacked—or rather under which we were ourselves attacked in anticipation—men were falling asleep in the open ground, under fire after or before, and in the case of some, before they had time to mount their rifles; to warrant a fresh attempt upon some selected point of attack.

"The guns were at first in the same trap as the infantry and were compelled to retreat some distance over the open ground before they could come into action upon even then a poor position, with most inferior gunnery during the movement a gun was lost in consequence of being stuck fast and the struggling horses were shot down by the enemy."

Describing the retreat from Stormberg to Mafeking another special correspondent at Sterkstroom writes: "Then we had the humiliating experience of being chased back all the way ten miles to Mafeking, retreating as fast as we could in small groups, sometimes crouching against the right hand of the road—the Boers being on our heels—sometimes making our way into the cornfields or along the interminable veldt, or, now, again, falling prone on the ground as a shell came hissing overhead, waiting with breathless suspense until we heard its dull thud as it struck the ground, then with a loud bang, as we were being bounded the uncanny thud did not burst, but off and on again, ravenously hungry and utterly fatigued as we were, accompanied us for a distance of eight miles. At last when the majority of the force, which had left the night before, full of promise and so brimful of saccharine, had straggled into all generally found our feet again, and when we were up and got into line a roll call was taken after name was called, when silence—dead silence—was the only answer, when 266 men of the straggling force were missing, and some 264 of our men were missing, and some failed to give response, then the true reality of the disaster came home to us, and we silently thanked God that we were safe and thought wistfully of the Boers, who, dead, were and missing, left behind in the terrible trap at Stormberg, from which we had just escaped."

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Florist Suicides.

New York, Feb. 6.—James B. Neal, who was at one time a wealthy and prominent florist in this city, committed suicide near the base of the Obelisk in Central Park, by swallowing cyanide of potassium, a few days ago.

San Francisco's Sympathy.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The board of supervisors of this city have adopted resolutions of sympathy with the Boers in their contest with Great Britain. The board consists of eighteen members and there were six negative votes.

Relief for Donkhor Colonies.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—A movement has been begun in Oakland and Berkeley to send relief to the Donkhor colonies in Manitoba, who are suffering for food. The Donkhor colonies are represented as worthy people greatly attached to their religious belief, which resembles that of the Quakers. They will not bear arms and were driven out of Russia by the compulsory military service. Numerous contributions of cash and dried fruits have already been received by the committee in charge of the relief fund.

PASS THE BILL THIS MONTH

Expectations in House and Senate on Nicaraguan Canal.

Need is Not in Power Now, Hence There Will be No Delay—Opinions of Congressmen.

New York, Feb. 6.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Senator Morgan, chairman of the Senate committee on the Nicaragua canal, says he expects the canal bill to pass the Senate this month. Representative Hepburn, chairman of the House committee, says he expects it to pass the House during this month.

A poll of both houses shows that when it comes to a vote the bill will pass both houses by overwhelming majorities.

Both bills, while differing in language, somewhat, authorize the President to secure from Nicaragua and Costa Rica the necessary territory and may be necessary to construct and defend the proposed canal, and make an indefinite appropriation to be used in securing such control. Citizens of Nicaragua and Costa Rica are to have the same advantages in the use of the canal as citizens of the United States. An appropriation of \$10,000,000 is made for the commencement of the work, and the secretary of war is authorized to enter into contracts for its completion to the amount of \$10,000,000, the money to be provided in the regular annual appropriation bills as it shall be needed.

There is no reason to expect any serious efforts to delay the bill in either house of Congress. Its opponents are so few as to make such efforts hopeless, and the present prospects are that a vote will be reached in both houses after short debates. When Mr. Hoed, speaker he was able to prevent consideration of the bill in the House, but Speaker Henderson is heartily in favor of it, and will aid in expediting action.

Chairman Hepburn's present plan is

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Says His Brother is Innocent.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—S. A. Crow, in whose hotel Patrick Crow, suspected of being implicated in the daring North-western train robbery between Maple Park and De Kalb, on the night of October 11, was arrested, declares that his brother is innocent of any connection with the crime.

Will It Be Carrie or Lillie?

Rival of Mrs. Catt for President of Woman's Association.

New York, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Lillie Devoreux Blake has announced her candidacy for the presidency of the National Woman's Suffrage association, whose national convention will meet on Thursday at Washington. There have been only two elections in the association since it was founded in 1850, the election of Elizabeth Cady Stanton as the first president, and the endorsement of Miss Anthony, who had been acting as president for a long time and was chosen without any opposition.

At this year's convention in Washington, however, there will be a speech-making propaganda should be carried on and no pressure brought to bear upon legislators to pass woman suffrage measures just at present.

On the other hand there are those who are in favor of emphasizing this legislative work. Mrs. Blake is one of those who are in favor of emphasizing this legislative work. Mrs. Blake is one of those who are in favor of emphasizing this legislative work.

Washington's Ancestry.

Plan to Bring Gravestone from Cemetery in Wiltshire.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Representative Kahn, of San Francisco, has received a letter from Dr. Robert Davies, of that city, telling of the successful efforts he has made to secure from England the gravestone of Lawrence and Elizabeth Washington, ancestors of George Washington, which he desires to have deposited in the Washington monument or the Smithsonian Institute. Dr. Davies, a member of the church, and identified by the family coat of arms. He has been negotiating with the parish authorities since then, and has finally overcome all obstacles to bringing the relic to America. Mr. Kahn will lay the matter before the authorities here.

NOT AN ALGONQUIN GUEST.

Club Declines to Entertain Mr. Bryan—His Speech in New York.

New York, Feb. 6.—Members of the Algonquin club, a leading social organization of Bridgeport, Conn., have declined to entertain Wm. J. Bryan, who is to speak in that city today. Some of the members announced that Mr. Bryan would be the guest of the club, and there was a revolt by those of other political faiths. The governors of the club, after a warm discussion, decided that it would breed trouble if the Nebraska man were tendered a club invitation.

Rockefeller Resigns.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—A special to the Chicago Record from Cleveland, O., says: John D. Rockefeller is no longer president of the Standard Oil company of Ohio. This is the parent company of all the widespread Standard interests. Mr. Rockefeller resigned last December, but the facts were kept secret until now. Vice President McGregor, of New York, has been elected president, and Secretary Squire of this city vice president. Mr. Rockefeller, it is said, has been subjected to so many examinations in the various legal proceedings against the company under anti-trust legislation that he found the presidency irksome and hence his resignation.

Where Boers Got Guns.

Washington, Feb. 6.—By way of preparation for the great struggle now in progress, the Boers in the year 1898 bought from France alone guns, swords, carbines, pistols, cartridges, lead, zinc, powder, caps, fuses, etc., to the value of \$350,000, according to a report of the consular department from United States Consul Covert, at Lyons. The consul quotes his figures from a recent report of the French consul general in the Transvaal on the resources of that country, and adds that it is probable that several times this sum is imported in arms, of which no account was taken. The French consul general also reports that the French stockholders in

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