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HARD BATTLE FOUGHT

Some of the Boer Forces Compelled to Withdraw.

THE REPORT MEAGER

From British Sources it is Supposed Methuen Has Been Forced to Retreat and His Men Fought the Scandinavians.

Pretoria, Dec. 12.—The following announcement has been made:

General Cronje reports that on yesterday there was desultory firing until 6 o'clock, when heavy cannon firing was resumed. The Scandinavians stormed a difficult position, but it became untenable and they suffered severely. I was unable to send help. The British was in overwhelming force, but must have had at least 2000 men put out of action, either killed or wounded.

Another official report from Captain Funnhart says there were no signs of surrender, the burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under a heavy British fire. Our cannon was of very little use.

The British were greatly assisted by balloons. Twenty-four ambulances worked backward and forward between the fighting line and the enemy's camp. Our loss is not definitely known. Estimate it at 100 killed and wounded.

The telegraph operator at Modder river wires:

"Gun and Maxim firing has been proceeding since 5.30 this morning. At 10 o'clock cannonading was proceeding, at 2 o'clock the fighting was reported to be very severe. The Boer forces along the river bank being heavily attacked, but received assistance from other Boer forces."

It is not known whether the operator refers to the fighting on Monday or the renewed fighting on Tuesday.

A special dispatch from Modder river says firing was reported by the telegraph operator as a resumption of the fighting between General Methuen's forces and those of the Boers.

BELIEVE IT METHUEN.

Indications Are He Fought the Boers at Zoutspan.

London, Dec. 15.—Little news has been received here to throw fresh light on the situation at the seat of war. The artillery firing heard near Colenso is taken to indicate a preliminary to the expected big battle.

General Barton reported 88 guns in good position and the Boers apparently pursuing the same tactics as at Magersfontein, not relying, with a view of concealing their position until the infantry was brought into play.

It is feared the first war office dispatch announcing fighting at Zoutspan drift is considerably southwest of the Orange river base. Some special estimates the Boer loss at Magersfontein at 2000 men.

Considerable satisfaction is felt in both military and civilian circles by the announcement that General Hector McDonald, whose splendid defeat of the Dervishes' flank attack at Omdurman was turned at the critical situation into a British victory, has been ordered to leave India immediately to succeed the late General Wauchope in command of the Highland brigade. General Tucker, commanding at Zecunderabad, has also been ordered to the Cape to command a division.

A Small Fight.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following from the officer commanding at Orange river, on Thursday, Dec. 14:

Yesterday part of the mounted infantry, under Captain Bradshaw, and the Yorkshires and Lancshires guides, under Lieutenant MacFarlane, patrolled in the direction of Ramah and Zoutspan drift, about 10 miles east of Orange river to reconnoiter and report the strength of the enemy, reported them to be holding the drift. The mounted infantry found a strong detachment of the enemy at the drift and a sharp engagement ensued. The enemy ultimately retreated to Coemansberg. Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed, Lieutenant Gregson of the East Kent and seven men were wounded. The Boers had five men killed and several men wounded.

Two British Expeditions.

New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to The Herald from Arundel, Cape Colony, says:

With two expeditions—one to seize Vaalkop and the other to punish Lieutenant Collis' assassins—matters have

been pretty brisk for this column. The latter force, which was under the command of Major Sprot of the Sixth Dragoon guards and the Carbineers, comprised the Inniskilling Dragoons, Carbineers and a section of the Royal Horse artillery, with mounted infantry as an escort. They were ordered to shell a farm house five miles east of the enemy's position, which was occupied by Boers, who had frequently fired on our patrols from it. Nothing likely to bring on a general engagement, however, was to be risked.

The force proceeded within two miles of the farm. Two artillery went forward and shelled the building. After shelling for some time the Carbineers surrounded the house and found the body of Sergeant Freeman inside. They were about to make prisoners of the nine Boers when from the main Boer position a "Long Tom" opened fire, necessitating retirement. Our troops withdrew steadily under a heavy shell fire, the Carbineers sticking closely together to the guns. The Vaalkop expedition found that the Boer position had been evacuated and the laager destroyed by the shelling.

No Further News.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already received. The general belief is that the large Boer force Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that General Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town Tuesday, will possibly join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The Boers Kept Still.

New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to The Herald from Chereley camp via Frere says:

It is always the unexpected that happens. The Boers did not fire a shot Tuesday, but kept a dead silence along their strong lines on the hills north of the Tugela river, including Groblers Kloof. We could see bodies of mounted men riding about and wagons trekking over the hills to their camps. Yet the Boers must and clearly did see our forces.

An attempt was made to draw them by sending men close to the river, but it failed. Evidently the enemy desire to mask their batteries until our infantry begins to move. Firing still continues from Bulwans against Ladysmith.

Did Not Come Off.

Frere Camp, Dec. 11.—The expected artillery duel between the British and Boer forces did not come off.

The British bombarded the positions around Colenso, but the Boers did not reply.

Macrum Leaves Pretoria.

Lorenzo, Marques, Dec. 13.—Charles Macrum, late United States consul at Pretoria, has left for New York. Stanley Hollis, United States consul here, assumes the duties of Macrum's office until the arrival of Mr. Hay, his successor.

Spinners Resolute on Laws.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Southern Hosiery Yarn Spinners' association at a meeting adopted resolutions favoring the preservation of the integrity of the Chinese empire and the maintenance of the open door policy in China; restoration of order in the Philippines; construction without delay of the isthmian ship canal; construction of the Pacific cable to Hawaii, Japan, China, Philippines and other oriental countries; revision of the navigation laws for the development of the merchant marine service and an increase in the navy sufficient to protect American commerce in all parts of the world. The association includes in its membership 75 per cent of all hosiery yarn spinners in the south and every mill in the association was represented.

Rev. D. B. J. Patterson Dead.

New York, Dec. 15.—Rev. D. B. J. Patterson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Brooklyn, is dead at his home in that borough, aged 88 years. He traveled on horseback from Chicago through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, New York and Vermont in 1848. To his Brooklyn congregation he was known as "Father Patterson" and as the "father of the Presbytery." He was versed in astronomy and archeology, and was a strong advocate of temperance, and had an intimate acquaintance with Latin, Greek, Syrian, Hebrew and Arabic.

Carter Sentenced.

Savannah, Dec. 15.—W. F. Carter, former postmaster at Milledgeville, Ga., and ex-chairman of the executive committee of the Populist party of Georgia, pleaded guilty in the United States court to embezzling \$500 of the postoffice funds. He was sentenced to two years in the Ohio penitentiary. A plea for mercy was entered on the ground that his friends advised him to take the money and that they would stand good for it, which they failed to do.

To Examine a Coal Bed.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—H. E. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific com-

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pany has gone to Mexico with a corps of experts to make a final examination of a bed of coal in the state of Sonora, about 60 miles off the line of the Sonora railway, which runs from Benson, Ariz., to Guaymas. The Southern Pacific recently purchased this road from the Santa Fe. The coal deposit cost the Southern Pacific \$500,000. The branch from the Sonora railroad to the property cost \$1,500,000.

Rev. Warner Randolph Dead.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 15.—Rev. Dr. Warner Randolph, pastor of the Central Baptist church of Newport, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Indianapolis, and a clergyman of national reputation among Baptists, is dead, aged 94 years.

Another Case at Tyler.

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 15.—Another case of smallpox has developed at the Cotton Belt hospital on one of the patients that was exposed to the disease. The patient was sent to the pesthouse.

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