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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1899.

THE WAR.

As was predicted at the outbreak of the war the first severe fighting has taken place in the northern portion of Natal, which extends in wedge shape between the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. Through the centre of this wedge runs the railway line from Ladysmith, northward through Eglundstaagte, Glencoe, Newcastle and Charlestown, the latter being the last station in British territory and 115 miles north of Ladysmith.

Immediately on the outbreak of the war the Boers swept down the railway line occupying Charles town, Newcastle and surrounded Glencoe, where General French held the most advanced position of the British forces. They had in their possession approximately 100 miles of the railway in British territory. This was the position on Friday last when the Boer forces attacked Glencoe and were so gallantly repulsed.

The second engagement, referred to in our Sunday's despatches took place at Eglundstaagte, between Glencoe and Ladysmith. It appears to have been equally as bloody and even more stubbornly contested than the battle of Glencoe. Again the Boers were whipped, driven from their strong position and some guns and prisoners captured. But it is noted that their artillery fire was more accurate than at Glencoe, and they stood their ground to the last with courage and tenacity.

Yesterday afternoon's despatches told that the situation was not yet cleared, that the main northern column of the Boers had again attacked Glencoe and that the British force there, though strongly entrenched was acting on the defensive. The enemy were also shelling Dundee, five and a half miles east of Glencoe. These incidents show that the enemy are still strong enough to act on the aggressive, and that General Sir Stewart White will probably not make any notable forward movement until strongly reinforced by troops now on their way.

The successful engagement at Eglundstaagte is of great importance as it re-opens the communication by rail between Ladysmith and Glencoe, which had been cut. Severe as has been the fighting in the two engagements referred to, present indications are that other battles upon a more extended scale must be fought before the invaders are driven back to the border. The Boers appear to have greatly outnumbered the Imperial forces in the battles that have so far taken place.

The report mentioned in our despatches, that Kruger will advise his government to make an unconditional surrender, while it may possibly prove true, we regard as altogether improbable. General regret was felt when this report became circulated about town last night, lest the Boers might get off too easily. Nothing short of a new map of South Africa in which the Transvaal and Orange State shall be included in British territory, will satisfy the feeling of our people now.

The important announcement was made in the Imperial Parliament a few days ago by Mr. Balfour that the British Government had made an arrangement with Portugal for the purchase of Delagoa Bay. There is a railway line from the Bay running directly westward to Pretoria. The

possession of Delagoa gives Britain the control of the last remaining railway and port by which foreign aid can reach the Boers. The British squadron now stationed at Delagoa Bay will be strongly reinforced by battleships now on their way thither.

Max O'Rell, who is well-known to Canadian lecture audiences in our principal Canadian cities, has expressed his opinion of the Boers in his book, John Bull & Co. He says: "Take all that is dirtiest, bravest, most old-fashioned and most obstinate in a Breton, all that is most suspicious, sly and mean in a Norman, all that is shrewdest, most hospitable and most puritan and bigoted in a Scot, mix well, stir and serve, and you have a Boer, or, if you will—a boor. No, the world of to-day goes around too rapidly to allow the Boer to stand still. He will have to mend or end."

The French Government, in addition to farming out spaces for advertising in railway stations and cars, custom houses, police stations, etc., has now adopted a postal advertising scheme for revenue. This is a post paid advertising letter sheet. It is sold for the price of a postal card, and the advertising matter written or printed thereon by the advertiser is carried under seal at one third of the letter rate. At the same time the advertiser obtains the paper, prepared for sealing without additional charge. The government makes a substantial profit by the scheme, although it reduces to some extent the revenue from ordinary letter postage and postal cards.

When the Boers emigrated into the Transvaal that country was terribly infested with lions, and more than 6000 of these ferocious beasts were killed before the country was fairly habitable. In those days Paul Kruger was the most famous lion-hunter in the country and hundreds of the man killers fell before his trusty rifle. The Transvaal and Orange Free State were also the home of the innocent and graceful giraffe, of which it is said 60,000 were slaughtered. These creatures were once almost as numerous as the buffalo were upon our western plains, and like the buffalo are now almost extinct. A good giraffe skin is now worth \$10 to \$20 in South Africa and much more in Europe. In the old hunting days a single hunter would frequently kill forty to fifty giraffes in a day.

Sir George Stewart White, whose headquarters are at Ladysmith, has in all about 12,000 men there under his command. They are strung out over a line 50 miles long, his right wing being at Glencoe. The enemy's forces under General Joubert are now thought to be 16,000 to 25,000 strong, in a number of different columns covering a distance of probably 120 miles. His right is at Acton Home's, south west of Ladysmith, and the next Boer force mentioned is at Bester's station, 20 miles to the northward of Ladysmith on the line of railway leading through Von Reenan's Pass into the Orange State. Fifty miles north-east of Bester's is Dannhauser where another Boer force has been seen. Joubert's left is supposed to be at Hlompakaar, which is at considerable distance east of Dannhauser. The intended routes of these columns converge upon Ladysmith, like the spokes of a wheel upon the hub. But the Boer columns if held in check cannot readily unite as they are separated by steep and difficult hills, water-courses and rivers.

The Toronto World, Conservative, in speaking of the meeting at Bowmanville at which Sir Wilfrid Laurier

opened the Liberal campaign in Ontario says:

A rousing reception was given to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the drill shed of this town to-day, on the occasion of his first visit to the west riding of Durham. The whole countryside turned out, hundreds coming from all the outlying townships and adjacent ridings. South Ontario was well represented. Perhaps never before in the history of the town has there prevailed so much enthusiasm. The schools were closed and the teachers and hundreds of the school children flocked to the drill hall. Fully one-third of the audience was composed of women, whose variegated headgear and bright costumes lent a theatre atmosphere to the gathering. Many old men whose hair had grown grey in the service of the Liberal cause formed a conspicuous portion of the auditors. The audience was well ordered and appreciative. The various points made by the speakers were roundly applauded, and the Premier received an ovation that must have done his heart good.

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