

BATTLE OF TUGELA RIVER

Two Unsuccessful Attempts To Cross the Fords.

VERY HEAVY BRITISH LOSSES

Including Over a Thousand Men and Eleven Guns—Alarm and Grief in England—Cabinet Council Held—More Troops and Guns to be Sent—Second Australian Contingent Accepted.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—12.47 a. m.—The War Office has received a despatch announcing that General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing eleven guns. General Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river.

Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. We lost eleven guns behind.

LONDON, Dec. 16, 1 a. m.—The following is the text of General Buller's despatch, announcing his reverse:

"Buller to Lansdowne, Chieveley Camp, Dec. 15, 6.29 p. m.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp, near Chieveley, at 4 o'clock this morning.

There are two fordable places in the Tugela River and it was my intention to force a passage through at one of them.

They are about two miles apart. My intention was to force one or other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade.

General Hart was to attack left drift, General Hildyard the right road and General Lytton was to take the centre,—all to support either.

Early in the day I saw that General Hart would not be able to force the pass-

age and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry and his leading battalion, Connaught Rangers have suffered a great deal.

Colonel J. G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

I then ordered General Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso Station and houses near the bridge.

At that moment I heard that the whole of the artillery I had sent to support the attack, 14th and 66th field batteries and six Naval 12 pounder quick firers, under Colonel Long, had advanced close to the river.

In Colonel Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns.

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HASZARD & MOORE.

Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a donga, and desperate efforts were made to bring up the field guns.

The fire, however, was too severe and only two were saved by Captain Schofield and some by drivers whose names I will furnish.

Another most gallant attempt, with three teams, was made by an officer whose name I will obtain.

Of the 13 horses 13 were killed and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark sacrificing life to the gallant attempt to force the passage unsupported by artillery.

I directed the troops to withdraw which they did in good order.

Throughout the day, a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by the mounted horsemen, Lord Dundonald and part of General Barton's brigade.

The day was intensely hot and most trying to the troops whose conduct was excellent.

We have abandoned ten guns and lost one by shell fire.

The losses in General Hart's brigade, I fear are heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded is not large.

The 13th and 66th field batteries also suffered severe losses.

LATER, SATURDAY NIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—(Special)—General Montgomery Moore has been put in charge of mobilization work at Aldershot.

The cold weather has struck in and staving has begun.

Many prominent personages are laid up with colds.

ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT.

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Government's offer of a second Australian Contingent has been accepted and the suggestion made that the men be good shots and mounted.

OUR TROOPS ARE AT BELMONT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no word regarding a second Contingent but preparations are being made to be ready if the offer is accepted.

Col. Otter's Contingent is still at Belmont, all well.

All prominent Upper Canadian papers urge that a second Contingent be sent.

THE FEELING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(Special)—No words can describe the feeling of sadness that exists over Buller's reverse and everywhere the demand is that more men and guns be hurried to the front.

The British Empire is on trial and must show itself equal to the emergency.

BULLER'S SILENCE—MARTIAL LAW.

Not a single word of additional news has come from Gen. Buller.

Sir Alfred Milner, owing to Dutch disaffection, wants martial law declared

in Cape Colony, but Lord Salisbury declines.

POWERS MAKING TROUBLE.

Evidences multiply that some European powers are endeavoring to stir up troubles abroad and in Abyssinia.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD RESIGNS.

Lord Charles Beresford has resigned his seat in Parliament and will immediately join the Mediterranean fleet.

BRITISH LOSSES AT MODDER RIVER.

The revised list of British casualties at Modder River shows 693 of whom 70 were officers.

The Boers secured considerable loot, including 200 rifles, cases of cartridges and hundreds of bayonets.

AN ARTILLERY BATTLE.

Lord Methuen has had another artillery fight with the Boers who are strongly entrenching themselves to hold possession of the railroad.

Boer women are also preparing to fight.

THE HOSPITAL SHIP ELAG.

Six thousand prominent people at West India Docks witnessed the presentation of the Queen's flag to the hospital ship Mair.

It was an enthusiastic event.

AFFAIRS AT MAFEKING.

The news from Mafeking, Dec. 6th, shows that the British have been pushing back the Boer lines.

The Boers have demolished a small British fort near Mafeking.

POWELL ADVISES THE BOERS.

Col. Baden Powell has sent the Boers a note advising them to lay down their arms and promising them protection after the British occupancy of the country is resumed.

MOBILIZATION OF THE RESERVES.

A Cabinet Council today discussed the situation and orders were issued for the mobilization of the reserves and militia to relieve the regulars in the garrison towns.

SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Cabinet met today to consider matters concerning a second Canadian Contingent.

The Ottawa Field Battery has volunteered to go to South Africa.

LATEST—SUNDAY.

THE LOSSES AT COLENSO.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The latest news gives Gen. Buller's total losses as 1,097, sixty-four of them officers.

Gen. Buller himself reports his casualties at the Tugela River fight as 82 killed, 667 wounded, 348 missing.

His loss in officers was 8 killed, 38 wounded and 18 missing.

Several of the wounded have since died.

ENGLAND'S FIGHTING BLOOD AROUSED.

The fighting blood of the English



THE BATTLE OF COLENSO.—Colenso is about 15 miles south of Ladysmith by rail and about 13 miles by direct air-line. Chieveley, from which the British forces set out at 4 o'clock on Friday morning and to which Buller returned with his army, is about five miles south of Colenso. The Tugela River has a bold and high bank on the northern side along which the Boers are posted. The two fords spoken of are on opposite sides of the railway and about two miles apart. General Hart first attempted to cross the western ford, but

was unable to do so and was retired. Gen. Hildyard's attack was directed toward Colenso and the wagon-bridge to the eastward of the railway line and the destroyed railway bridge. It was here that the British batteries were surprised, the horses shot and the guns abandoned. It seems surprising that in this case skirmishers had not been sent forward before the advance of the guns. Had this usual military precaution been taken the concealed Boer riflemen would have been discovered and the loss of the batteries averted.

people is stirred and there is but one cry, that more men and more guns must be sent to the Cape at once to wipe out the humiliation.

LORD WOLSELEY SENT FOR.

Lord Wolseley was summoned to Windsor by the Queen at dawn and is still there.

AN IMPORTANT CABINET MEETING.

A hurried Cabinet meeting was called yesterday. Chamberlain was not present.

The result of the meeting is not yet made public, but a strong fleet and mobilization were decided upon.

CHASING AGUNALDO.

MANILA, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Americans have kept up their chase of Aguinaldo but apparently with little likelihood of capturing him.

The Filipinos who have surrendered declare the war will not end until he orders it.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

Two Seats go One Liberal and One Conservative.

WINNIPEG DEC. 16.—(Special)—

Great surprise is expressed at election of Burrows, Liberal, by nearly five hundred majority in Dauphin, the second largest constituency in the province.

Greenway and Macdonald personally conducted the campaign.

Gimli went Conservative.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

Closing Prices	Dec. 16th.
American Sugar Refs	130
American Steel & Wire	87 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	87 1/2
Continental Tob.	31 1/2
Federal Steel	51 1/2
Louisville & Nash	78 1/2
Northern Pacific	53
Rock Island	118 1/2
St Paul	118
Southern Rail Pr'd	59 1/2
Southern Pacific	37 1/2
United States Leather	78 1/2
Union Pac Pr'd	72 1/2
Western Union	87 1/2
United States Rub	41 1/2
April Cotton per 100 lbs	7.41

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates:

Dec. wheat, 65 1/2; corn, 30 1/2; oats, 22 1/2; pork, 8.90.

May wheat, —; corn, 31; oats, —; pork, \$10.12 1/2.

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