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ENGAGEMENT REPORTED

In Which the Boers were Again Repulsed

THE LATEST FROM THE FRONT

Says That There Will Probably be a Battle in a Day or Two—General Symond's Condition Improved—England Preparing in Case of Emergency.

LONDON, Oct. 25—(Special)—News is received today of an engagement a Ladysmith in which the Boers were repulsed.

The British lost four killed and seven wounded troopers. Two troopers who got astray while following the Boers at the battle of Glencoe have returned.

Kimberly is still all right and some engagements have taken place in which the Boers were repulsed.

The Boers are sending five big guns from Pretoria to assist their attack on Mafeking.

General Symonds improving since the extraction of the bullet.

The Boers have captured Kirpdam, a village north of Kimberly, making several prisoners, including Manager Farmsworth and a clerk.

The public are anxious for more detailed news and demand that Lord Wolseley give them fuller despatches.

A big battle is expected in a day or two and the Boers are apparently not disheartened by their repeated repulses.

QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 25—(Special)—A big squadron of five cruisers and eight battleships will leave for Gibraltar today.

Their ultimate destination is unknown.

Lord Charles Beresford will be put in command of the Mediterranean squadron.

Tremendous activity prevails at the docks and navy yards.

The naval reserves have been ordered to be ready at twenty-four hours' notice and work on the unfinished war vessels is being rushed day and night.

The belief is that England is preparing for the emergencies of hostilities from France and Russia.

SIR REDVERS BULLER

AFTERNOON DESPATCHES.

The following despatch from General Sir George Stewart White, to the Sec'y of State for War, was received last evening at eleven and posted at the War Office soon after midnight.

LADYSMITH, Oct. 24, 9 p. m.—"Information received yesterday showed that the Boers had established themselves in considerable numbers in an exceedingly strong position west of the main road leading from Ladysmith to Dundee.

I had also information that the Dundee force, formerly commanded by General Symond, and since his wounding commanded by General Yule, was falling back on Ladysmith, by way of Helpmakaar Road, Beith and the valleys of the Waschbark and Sunday Rivers, and was expected to reach Sunday River Valley today. I therefore moved out with a strong force to cover the movement of Yule's column.

"The enemy was discovered about seven miles out of Ladysmith in a position of exceptional strength west of the road. When he saw that preparations were made against him he opened fire with one gun, with great accuracy. Our artillery soon got into position and the gun was silenced. Our troops were ordered to occupy a strong ridge, parallel to enemy's position, but nearer the road.

"I confined my efforts to occupying him and hitting him hard enough to prevent his taking action against Yule's column. Numbers of the enemy fled to the west and firing practically ceased at 2 o'clock.

BRITISH FORCES IN NATAL

At this stage of the campaign it will be well to recapitulate the entire forces the British have at Glencoe and Ladysmith, under the command of Sir George Stewart White, V. C., to oppose the Boers:

CALVARY.

	Men.
5th dragoon guards	600
5th royal Irish lancers	600
18th hussars	600
19th hussars	600
Total	2.400

ARTILLERY.

	Guns.	Men.
13th field battery	6	174
21st field battery	6	174
42nd field battery	6	174
53rd field battery	6	174
67th field battery	6	174
69th field battery	6	174
10th mountain battery	4	174
Total	40	1,218

ENGINEERS.

7th field company	150
8th field company	150
23rd field company	150
29th fortress company	150
Total	600

INFANTRY.

1st Northumberland fusiliers (5th)	900
1st Liverpool regiment (8th)	900
1st Devonshire (11th)	900
1st Leicestershire regiment (17th)	900
1st Gloucestership regiment (28th)	900
1st border regiment (34th)	900
1st King's royal rifles (60th)	900
2nd King's royal rifles (60th)	909
1st Manchester regiment (63rd)	900
1st Royal Irish fusiliers [87th]	900
2nd Gordon Highlanders [92nd]	900
2nd Royal Dublin fusiliers [105rd]	900
2nd rifle brigade	900
Total	11,700

DEPARTMENTAL CEPS.

Army service corps, army medical corps, army ordnance corps	700

NATAL VOLUNTEERS.

Natal volunteers	700
Natal caroineers	120
Imperial light horse	500
Durbin volunteers	750

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TROOPS FAREWELL

Many Citys Demonstrate Patriotic Interest

CO'Y OF ARTILLERY

Will Shortly be Sent From Kingston to the Transvaal.

ST. JOHN, Oct. 25.—(Special].—The Volunteer troops were given a wildly enthusiatic farewell today.

The citizens, men woman and children turned out by thousands and cheered the boys as, headed by the Artillery and Fusiliers band, they marched to the railway station.

The citizens presented each officer, Major Weeks included, with a silver match box inscribed:

"Presented to Major Weeks by the citizens of St. John, Oct. 25, 1899. Transvaal."

Each man was given a sovereign in hand as spanding money.

HALIFAX, Oct. 25.—(Special].—The volunteers for the Transvaal were given a most enthusiastic send-off.

They marched to the Armory at 1.30 o'clock and thence at 3 o'clock to the railway station headed by the Leinster Regimental and Militia bands.

There was a large and demonstrative crowd along the streets and at the station, cheering wildly as the train moved off.

TORONTO Oct. 25 -(Special)—The Transvaal volunteers were given a most enthusiastic farewell, crowds cheering, ladies waving handkerchiefs and general evidences of patriotic interest.

MONTREAL Oct. 25—(Special)—The farewell to the English Contingent was dreary in the extreme.

Not a band attended and no citizens cheered them on the way, nor was a flag raised for their honor.

It was the most niggardly send off that could be imagined.

OTTAWA Oct. 25.—[Special].—It is reported that a battery of Artillery from Kingston will shortly be sent to the Transvaal.

The following cable was received last night by the Secretary of State:

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Her Majesty the Queen desires to thank the people of the Dominion of Canada for their striking manifestation of loyalty and patriotism in volunteeringly offering to send troops to co-operate with her Majesty's Imperial forces in maintaining her possessions and the rights of British subjects in South Africa. She wishes the troops God speed and a safe return.

(Sgd) CHAMBERLAIN.

GRANT ALLAN DEAD

LONDON, Oct. 25—(Special)—Grant Allan, the well-known Canadian Author is dead.

He was born in Kingston, Ontario, in 1846.

LYNCH DEFEATS VAIL

HALIFAX, Oct. 25—(Special)—In the sculling race here today Lynch defeated Vail by six lengths.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

HAMILTON, Oct. 25—[Special]—The National Woman's Council meets next year in Victoria, B. C.

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