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MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1899.

VIOTORY AT GLENCOE.

The news of an important engagement and British victory at Glencoe, Natal, is intensely gratifying to all loyal newspaper readers. The news is wired from the camp at Glencoe and may be accepted as authentic as the railway and telegraph lines southward from Glencoe to Durban, 231 miles, are entirely intact.

At Glencoe a branch railway runs east of and a half miles to Dundee, the battlefield of Thursday last, and thence on to the Buffalo River. Dundee is the centre of a coal region and had been quite strongly occupied by British troops. Dundee is but about 12 miles from the Transvaal border going east, and about 20 miles further on in the same direction is Vryheid in the Transvaal where a strong Boer force has been posted for some weeks past. Dundee and Vryheid are connected by a wagon road.

Our yesterday morning's despatch stated that the Boer forces engaged numbered 9,000, which would be less than half their total force now invading Natal. Most probably it is that portion of the Transvaal troops which came by the wagon road from Vryheid, above mentioned. They had a number of field guns and having seized a hill commanding Glencoe felt themselves strong enough to attack the British force there under command of General Sir William Symons.

The telegraphic account of the battle though all too brief, show that the British troops well sustained their reputation for courage and dash. Their commander, like a true British soldier, shared the dangers of the fight and is seriously, if not mortally wounded. The enemy occupied an almost impregnable position. They fought stubbornly, as was expected. That the battle lasted eight hours and that so many fell on both sides affords evidence of the severity of the struggle. But every arm of the British service was equal to the occasion. The artillery silenced the Boer batteries. The Royal Rifles and the Dublin Fusiliers stormed the almost inaccessible heights and drove the Boers from their entrenched position.

Their retreat cut off, the Boers rallied for a last desperate struggle. It ended with their utter rout, the capture of their guns, and many prisoners. It was indeed a glorious victory for the gallant soldiers of the Empire, and it will leave a new and wholesome impression upon the Boer mind. When last they met British forces eighteen years ago fortuitous circumstances gave them the victory. In their pride and self conceit the Boers had concluded they were more than a match for the British soldiery, man to man. Some of them had even formed a contemptuous opinion of the fighting qualities of the Queen's troops. They know better now.

But the war is not over by any means. One division of the Boer army of invasion has been soundly whipped. The prestige of the British army has been restored in South Africa, Majuba Hill and Laing-nek have been avenged, and Dutch pride has been rebuked. Yet we may expect stubborn fighting hereafter until the entire forces of the invaders have been driven back to the mountains, and still more stubborn fighting in the mountain passes if in turn our forces are to invade the Transvaal, from Natal.

The death of General Symonds, confirmed in our despatches of yesterday, together with so many brave officers and men must cause general sorrow, but will detract nothing from the zeal

and ardor with which the war will be prosecuted. The end is probably yet in the distance but when it comes there will remain no question as to British sovereignty in South Africa.

The distance from Southampton to Cape Town is 5,973 miles. Thence by water to Durban, the chief port of Natal is 817 miles, making the total distance from Southampton to Durban 6,790 miles.

The Transvaal sent to London last year \$62,000,000 in gold. This important source of gold supply will now be cut off for some months to come, a feature of the situation which the financial journals of the world are discussing.

The Transvaal is not only far to the south in latitude, but is so far east that there is a difference of fully six hours in time between Natal and Prince Edward Island. Thus when it is 6 o'clock a. m. in Charlottetown it is noon in Natal, and 6 o'clock p. m. with us is midnight in Natal.

There are so many persons who will watch with intense interest the departure of our volunteers for South Africa, and who have a warm admiration for their loyal courage, that it is safe to assume that many hundreds would like to possess a group photograph of them. Would it not be well to have a group picture taken today? It would be a popular and highly appreciated souvenir among those who would become possessed of it.

The Transvaal is a larger country than perhaps some persons are aware of. It covers an area of nearly 120,000 square miles. Some idea of this extent will be more readily formed by recalling the fact that the three Maritime Provinces of Canada together have an area a little less than 51,000 square miles. The Orange Free State has 41,000 square miles, or about one third of the area of the Transvaal. Natal with 18,750 square miles is a little smaller than Nova Scotia. Cape Colony proper has 242,000 square miles.

The Island has won gold opinions throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion by the prompt enrolment of our quota of volunteers for the Transvaal. But we may let others speak of this. The Halifax Chronicle says—

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The very strict censorship of the correspondence from the seat of war makes it difficult to even guess at the plan of campaign. No doubt a first object will be drive back the invaders of Natal to their borders, and to clear Cape Colony and Bechuanaland of the Boer raiders. It is intimated that when the entire British force has arrived the invasion of the enemy's country will not be made by way of the difficult passes north and north west of Natal, but along the line of railway leading from Port Elizabeth to Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange State, and thence northward to Johannesburg and Pictoria.

A gratifying feature in connection with the P. E. Island Contingent is the number of officers who have waived their commissions in the Canadian Militia force to serve in the ranks. Among the number is Lieut. Lorne Stewart, of No. 3 Company in the 82nd Battalion, son of Major Stewart, who had also successfully passed the required examination for a Captain's commission. He also gives up a good position in mercantile employ, and was the first officer to enlist as a private. Lieut. A. B. Mellish, of No. 1 Company, 82nd, son of our respected townsman J. T. Mellish; Lieut. Leslie of Souris and 2nd Lieutenant Rodd of No. 1 company, 82nd, are also included in the loyal and gallant list. All honor to them, and to their brave comrades among whom they will serve their Sovereign in the field.

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