

## GEN. FRENCH'S BRILLIANT FIGHT.

### Gave the Boers a Sound Beating

### Is Master of the Situation at Colesburg.

### Buller Making Reconnaissance in Force.

### REPORTS OF BOER OUTRAGES.

### Anti-British Feeling Growing in Germany.

French reinforced with Infantry, Artillery and Household Cavalry—German newspapers forming an anti-British league.—Irritation over the Seizure of the Bundsrath.—Gallant Sortie from Mafeking.—Boers report heavy British loss.

#### SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

#### ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY UNDER FRENCH.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—General French's position was officially reported as unchanged on Thursday. But there is news of a spirited fight and the defeat of the Dutch allies, yesterday.

General French has chosen his position so well that the Boers considered it necessary to take a leaf from the book of the British tactics, and attack the British left flank at daybreak, after a short night march.

The British infantry was not taken by surprise, but held its ground resolutely. Four guns moved up, and the enemy menaced with a flank attack, was forced to retire upon Kopje.

A heavy rifle and shell fire was maintained until the mounted infantry left their horses and charged the position.

An earlier charge was made by the Inniskillen Dragoons who cut their way through the enemy's line of tents.

The Hussars harassed the retreating enemy.

Major Harvey was killed while leading his troops and Major Alexander was wounded.

Otherwise the casualties were light, while the Boers left 50 killed and 50 prisoners behind.

Eight hundred Boers were engaged in this fight.

General French's tactics were admirable. The victory is complete and achieved at small cost.

The situation is not yet entirely clear, for the Boers are apparently still in force on the hills surrounding Colesburg, blocking French's advance to the railway bridge over the Orange River.

General French has been reinforced by a battalion of infantry, a battery of artillery and the Household Cavalry.

The campaign in this quarter is now full of promise.

General French is holding the Boers at Colesburg. He can cut their retreat to the river, or occupy the bridges behind them.

#### QUIET IN THE TUGELA.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—General Buller continues to shell the Boer entrenchments at Colenso.

There is no important news yet to hand.

A Brussels paper publishes a number of documents to establish Mr. Chamberlain's complicity in the Jameson raid.

#### EUROPE ANTI-BRITISH.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—The seizure of the steamship Bundsrath remains the dominant topic here of the German press.

The influential papers in Germany are forming an anti-British coalition with Russia and France.

The anti-British feeling is already growing.

A series of anti-British demonstrations in the various cities is being organized by the pan-Germanic league.

#### FIGHTING AT COLENZO.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Frere camp, dated Friday, January 5th, says: There has been firing today at Ladysmith and Colenso.

A strong cavalry reconnaissance under Lord Dundonald proceeded westward this morning towards Springfield, where firing is proceeding.

There is a revival of the report that the Boers are short of provisions.

#### POWELL'S LITTLE REVDORSE.

LONDON, Jan'y. 6.—Official despatches from Baden-Powell, announcing the un successful sortie from Mafeking on the 26th of December, have been received.

The British casualties officially are stated at three officers and 18 men killed;

one officer and 24 men wounded, together with three men taken prisoners.

No mention is made of Lord Edward Cecil or Lord Charles Cavendish, Bentwick, wounded, according to the Boer report of the affair.

Baden-Powell mentions six officers hit only—includes four in the list of casualties.

The Times correspondent alleges that the Boers used explosive bullets and plundered the British dead and wounded.

The Post's correspondent states that the Boers had been treacherously forwarded, and had blown up the railway line so that the armoured train was unable to act effectually.

#### French's Losses.

RENSBURG, Jan. 5.—The casualties in General French's force up to the afternoon of January 5, were five men killed and 24 wounded. A detachment of 25 New Zealanders had a narrow escape. While advancing on Colesburg they were directed to occupy a kopje but met with a hot reception from a concealed force of Boers. Another body of British troops seeing their danger doubled to the rescue of the New Zealanders and their retreat was successfully accomplished under the cover of the guns on the hills westward. Coleskop is now the principal scene of the fighting. The destruction of the wrecked train included 22,000 rations and a supply of rum.

#### Startling Evidence.

MONTREAL, January 4.—Sensational evidence was given to-day in the case of James Baxter, banker, accused of assisting Herbert, the defaulting teller of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, to evade justice. Herbert deposed that the greatest portion of his shortage was made up of cheques cashed for Baxter, who had no funds in bank. A few days before the suspension Herbert gave the cheques to Lemieux, the bank's accountant, now serving three years' sentence. When Herbert's cash was counted, as Baxter had the money and Lemieux had the cheques, he was that much short. More startling evidence is promised.

#### Humiliation and Prayer.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The local council of the evangelical alliance in compliance with the request received from Lord Polwarth, president of the Alliance in Great Britain, has issued an appeal to the churches in Canada to observe, Sunday, January 7th, as a day of humiliation and prayer for the speedy restoration of peace on a righteous and permanent basis.

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CAPE TOWN, Jan. 5.—The Duke of Westminster, it is announced, will remain in Cape Colony during the war.

#### Comfort for the Contingent.

TORONTO, January 5.—The Ontario government has granted \$500 to the Red Cross fund to provide comforts for the second contingent.

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