

HIGHLANDERS ATTACK WITH THE BAYONET

Two Actions Fought by White's Troops.

Withdrawing Garrisons in Cape Colony—Dynamite Magazine blown up at Kimberley—Other Details of the Operations.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—There is no news from the scene of military operations in South Africa later than Friday.

The dominant feature of the situation then was the withdrawal of the British garrison southward in the face of the threatened advance of the enemy.

Colenso, Colesburg and Stormberg Junction had been evacuated by the British troops in time, and it was stated that the abandonment of Rosemead and Naunhort Junction was imminent.

To attempt to hold these places with the present available forces was evidently regarded as courting annihilation.

It has been understood all along that Stormberg had been selected as a depot for accumulating guns, ammunition and commissary stores for the third division of the Army Corps under the command of Major General Gatacre.

Such stores as had been gathered have been removed sixty miles southward.

Whatever the necessities for these strategical concentrations to the rear may be they will inevitably create a bad impression locally.

Meanwhile the War Office is severely mute. Inquiries from early morning to midnight meet with the same response "There is nothing to communicate."

Sr. Garnet Wolseley who was the guest of the Authors Club, last evening said that the short service system in the British army had at last been acknowledged as the right one even by its most strenuous opponents.

Discussing the situation in South Africa the Field Marshal remarked:—"In my various commands I have learned much of Boer character, and I can say truthfully that the Boers, as a people, are the most ignorant with which I have ever been brought into contact. Their aspiration is to rule the whole of South Africa. This is a point the English people must keep before them. There are ups and downs in warfare, and the disappointments we have suffered are having the good effect of bringing the English people closer together."

LONDON, Nov. 7.—All sorts of reports are flying about, among others one that General White is mortally wounded. For all these there is absolutely no foundation.

The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, by way of Hops Town, Saturday, Nov. 4: "This morning Boers fired the veldt near Dronfield, seven miles from Kimberley, and this afternoon the flames set on fire the smaller of two magazines, exploding the dynamite with a terrific report. Fortunately no one was injured. The veldt is still burning, and it is feared that the larger magazine where there are twenty-one hundred cases of dynamite stored will be ignited."

LONDON, Nov. 7.—A despatch to the Post from East London, Cape Colony, says that the views expressed at Cape Town and the indications of race feeling which unfortunately are forthcoming on all hands foreshadow a fierce and bloody struggle. Diverse opinions all agree that the Boers will fight to the bitter end.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Nov. 7.—The British forces at Ladysmith were engaged twice successfully on Thursday and Friday. It is reported that the cavalry scored

heavily, and that the infantry did great execution with their bayonets.

The Gordon Highlanders carried the principal Boer position at the point of the bayonet.

The Boers lost heavily in killed and wounded, and a number surrendered.

SECOND EDITION.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—A powerful double battery of twelve mortars, will leave Portsmouth to-morrow for South Africa. They will be used in the field to reduce the strong Boer positions.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 7.—Troops are continually arriving here and departing. Their destinations are kept secret.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—Such scanty intelligence as is filtering from the front is generally accepted here as reassuring, although later reports agree that fighting outside of Ladysmith on Thursday and Friday was more severe than is indicated by official accounts.

There is no longer such a disposition to jump at conclusions that a crushing blow has been inflicted on the Boers as was shown before. The best informed are inclined to discount the stories of the cutting up of the Boers until further confirmation is received; but the mere fact that General White was enabled to undertake a series of successful reconnaissances is taken as an indication of his strength.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—A special from Cape Town says that in the last engagement at Ladysmith the Boers lost heavily, including 2,000 prisoners.

New York Commercial Advertiser: There is a manly self-forgetfulness that adds glory to victory and draws honor out of defeat. General White has commanded two severe actions, the first successful in its immediate object of delaying the evacuation of Dundee, the second apparently a costly failure, since two regiments have been captured without inflicting much loss on the enemy. His despatches give the credit of the first to Gen. French and take the responsibility for the last on himself. There is more true national glory in temporary defeat under such a general than in victory under a self-seeking intriguer.

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British Bye Election.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The parliamentary bye-election for Exeter yesterday resulted in the election of the Conservative candidate by 659 majority.

Boer Reinforcements.

DURBAN, Nov. 6.—A letter from Eshowe, Zululand, reports that there are from 2,000 to 3,000 Boers, with several guns, to the northward of Zululand and that they are ready to march.

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