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Porter's Command Worrying the Boers.

THE BOERS STILL SURROUND LADYSMITH.

Depressed Over Their Heavy Losses.

Trenches rendered worthless.—Reports regarding General Warren.—Other items of interest

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

SITUATION AT COLESBURG.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—It is announced from Cape Town that advices have been received there from Colesburg, dated Friday, January 12, saying that Colonel Porter with his mounted New Zealanders and New South Wales Lancers is pluckily worrying the Boers from kopje to kopje by hazardous moves.

The Colonials, it is added, are completely nonplussing the burghers.

A party of Remington's scouts having eluded the Boer pickets entered Norval's point and secured valuable information.

BULLER'S ADVANCE.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Standard gives prominence to the following despatch dated Saturday, January 13th, from Darban: "A man who just arrived from Springfield says that the British columns proceeding to the relief of Ladysmith had crossed the Little Tugela when he left it, and was facing the Boer position on the Big Tugela, and howitzers were shelling their trenches.

He says that 250 wagons, laden with commissariat stores for Ladysmith had left Frere and that it was expected the column would join hands with General White on Monday evening.

The traction engines have been doing excellent work, hauling the heavy wagons out of holes and swamps.

The British patrols have discovered parties of Boers in the direction of Enderst between Frere and Escourt."

BOERS DEPRESSED.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Standard publishes the following from Ladysmith:—"Thursday, January 11, by heliograph via Weenan. The Boers are fortifying positions north-west of Ladysmith; doubtless with a view of securing a safe line of retreat, should their opposition to General Buller's advance fail.

They still surround Ladysmith in large numbers and may be contemplating another attack.

It is known however that they are greatly depressed by their recent heavy losses.

Prior to Saturday they were perfectly confident of their ability to defeat the garrison and take possession of the town.

RUMORS IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The belief that a great battle is progressing at three points on the Tugela has stirred London to a high pitch of excitement.

Rumors that General Buller has already won a victory, and that Ladysmith has been relieved are rife.

But as yet there is no foundation for the reports, which seem to be born of the fervent hopes of the people. Crowds are constantly gathering at the War Office.

But no news is given out yet. Concerning the British formation it is now clear that General Buller with fifteen thousand men is twenty miles west of Colenso at Potgieter's Drift and that General Warren with ten thousand men is twenty miles East of Colenso and has crossed the Tugela beyond Weenan while General Clery with five thousand men now holds the Boer front at Colenso.

This disposition of the forces against the Boers makes practically necessary the same division among the Boers even though the Boer forces are mobile.

The twenty miles of entrenchments from Colenso are rendered worthless by this far-reaching flanking movement of the British.

BOERS DRAWING AWAY.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 16.—A sortie to the south of the town, shows that the Boers have abandoned Grobler's Kloof and other positions in that direction.

Grobler's was a particularly strong position.

GENERAL WARREN'S POSITION.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 11.—A despatch to the Argus of this city, dated Friday last says: The authorities have received the news that General Warren has occupied a strong position north of the Tugela river, but the report is discredited in official circles.

100,000 Boers, 206 Guns.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—An apparently well-informed correspondent of the Morning Post says:—

"The Boer strength, originally 83,000 men, is now heavily augmented by Cape Colonists; and the enemy's fighting forces may be estimated fairly 100,000 men and 206 guns.

Trenches Full of Water.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Daily Telegraph has the following despatch dated January 9th from Frere camp: "A heavy storm has been raging all night and there is every prospect that it will continue. The roads are impassable and the rivers and spruets are full. There has been no fighting at Ladysmith or Colenso. Their trenches must be filled with water. The Boers are holding Mount Plangwano, but they are certainly quite isolated as their bridge over the Tugela must have been carried away."

NOT A CANDIDATE.—Mr. D. Nicholson requests us to state that he will not be a candidate for Ward 4 in the coming civic election.

Suicide.

REGINA, N. W. T., Jan. 15.—Corporal Lindsay, of the North West Mounted Police, came from Battleford to join the Western contingent his father and brother were both killed in the first Boer war, and he was anxious to avenge their deaths. Unfortunately he could not pass the doctor's examination. Despondency came over him, and he placed a pistol in his mouth and shot himself dead.

More Mules.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 15.—The Iona, Corinthian and Kildona, British transports, which took out cargoes of mules to South Africa, have returned for more, which they have begun to load. The Corinthian took out 1,180 mules and lost 80, and the Iona only lost 11. The Kildona had a satisfactory trip.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Moncton Times: New Brunswick is getting in line with Manitoba and P. E. Island.

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