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# Gatacre Meets With Serious Reverse.

## Was Caught in a Boer Trap

### AND REPORTS OVER 600 MEN MISSING.

### Good News from Ladysmith.

General White makes a sortie and dismounts the Boers' Big Gun.—His Hussars burn the Boer laagers and cut their telegraph.—Half the Canadian Contingent are at the front, and half working on line of communication.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MOLTENO, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—General Gatacre has been driven back from Stormberg after a three hours' battle with the Boers.

General Gatacre left Putter's Kraal by train for Molteno and then proceeded by a forced march twelve miles towards Stormberg. He had 2000 men, including the Northumberland Fusiliers, the Royal Irish Rifles and two batteries of field artillery.

The British were unmolested until the Boer position was reached when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing column.

The engagement began at 4.15 a. m. At 7 a. m. after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired. They are now marching toward Molteno.

General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The War Office publishes the following despatch from General Forestier-Walker at Cape Town: General Gatacre reports: Deeply regret to inform you that I met with serious reverse in attack of Stormberg. I was misled as to enemy's position by guides and found impracticable ground.

Casualties, so far as known at present:

Second Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, wounded Lieut. Col. Eager, Major Sexton, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieut. Stephens, Lieut. Barnard Stone.

Suffolk Regiment—wounded Second Lieut. Maynard and twelve men. Missing Captain Weir, Lieut. Christie, Second Lieut. Rodney, and two hundred and ninety men.

Seventy-fourth field battery—severely wounded Lieut. Lewis and three men, slightly wounded, two men.

Seventy-seventh field battery—killed, one gunner; wounded, Major Percival.

Northumberland Fusiliers—missing, Major Stevens, Captain Fletches, Captain Morley, Second Lieut. Wake, 2nd Lieut. Coulson, Lieut. Radcliffe.

Dorsetshire Regiment—missing, three

hundred and sixty non-commissioned officers and men.

Royal Berkshire Regiment—killed, one private.

The remainder of the casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 11.—It is rumoured here that the Boers attacked Kimberley a close quarters last night but were repulsed with heavy loss.

ORANGE RIVER, Dec. 11.—Half the men of the Canadian contingent have gone forward. Like the Australian contingent they have been put to stiff work since their arrival, and have been building sidings, erecting platforms and rendering the usual routine service.

They are in excellent condition and very zealous.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The War Office has received the following despatch from General Buller:—

"FRERE, Dec. 9.—The following was received from General White today:—

Last night I sent Hunter with 500 Natal Volunteers and 100 men of the Imperial Light Horse to surprise the gun hill. The enterprise was admirably carried out and entirely successful. The hill was captured and a six inch gun and a 4.7 inch howitzer was destroyed with a quantity of gun cotton. A Maxim gun was captured and brought to Ladysmith.

Our loss was one man killed and Major Henderson wounded.

At the same time Col. Knox seized the hill, a squadron of Hussars rounded the Hepworth hill burning the Kraals and cutting the Boer telegraph lines, without any casualties.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Chronicle's critic remarks that it is curious to see an experienced soldier trusting so implicitly to his guides, and that his scouts and advance guards do not inform him that he was coming in close contact with the enemy, and that the ground in front was impracticable.

The fact seems clear that General Gatacre was led unsuspectingly into an elaborately prepared trap and it is almost wonderful that the disaster was no worse when, as correspondent says the force was not molested by the enemy until it had actually reached the impregnable position occupied by the Boers, when a hot fire was opened unexpectedly, upon it. Everything seemed to have been unexpected, from the location of the enemy to his number and guns, while the country itself was, apparently, absolutely unknown,—though it is the very district. General Gatacre has been preparing to operate in ever since his arrival.

The Times considers that the results of the disaster are more likely to be serious politically than from a military point of view.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Referring to the reverse sustained by General Gatacre the Morning Post says: The most serious feature of the affair is the general considered to be probability that it will give a

impetus to Dutch disloyalty in Cap Colony, where hosts of farmers are wavering, waiting to see which will prove the winning side.

Wonder is expressed as to how the Boers increased their numbers at Stormberg which all along had been General Gatacre's immediate objective, without his knowing of it.

### BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

The P. E. Island Baptist Conference is meeting in the city today and tomorrow. The first session will be a public platform meeting in the Baptist Church at 8 o'clock tonight. The following is the programme of addresses:

Education—Rev. E. J. Grant, of Summerside.

Foreign Missions.—Rev. C. W. Turner, of Montague.

Home Mission.—F. P. Dresser (Lic.) Tyne Valley.

Grande Ligne.—Rev. A. C. Shaw, of Annandale.

North West Mission.—Rev. E. A. McPhee, of East Point.

To-morrow the Conference will meet in the Baptist schoolroom at 2.30 p. m. to hear reports from the churches and to conduct matters of church business.

To-morrow evening at 8 o'clock Rev. D. Price, of Tryon, will preach, and Rev. A. F. Browne, of North River, will conduct an evangelistic service.

The public are cordially invited to attend all these meetings.

### DIED

At Alberton, on Tuesday night, the 5th inst., James Skerry, aged 56 years. R. I. P.

In Charlottetown, on Dec. 9th, Annie A., wife of Philip Doherty, and daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Donovan, Aged 23 years.

[Other papers please copy.]

### THE M'GILL OUTLOOK.

The last number of the Outlook is to hand. Although a college journal is not usually the most attractive to the public and is not very widely read, the Outlook always contains interesting and varied reading. This week it has a very fine criticism of "Henry Esmond," written by an unknown. It may be of interest to know that Mr. Cyrus J. McMillan, of Charlottetown, is editor-in-chief of the Outlook.

BASKET SOCIAL.—A basket social will be held at Kingston, in the Hall, on Wednesday, 20th inst. An excellent programme is being prepared. Admission 10 cents. Ladies 10th baskets free. Mon and Tu

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OUR CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE will be sent on request, or can be had for the asking at the store. It will serve to solve that often troublesome question, "what shall I get him?"—or "get her," as the case may be; and it gives besides a good idea of the endless variety of articles provided by Santa Claus for the children.

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## Telegram from Santa Claus.

DEAR MR. PATON,—

The telegraph line must be tapped to send you this message. You will be sorry to hear about my accident, but when going at full gallop during a terrible snow storm the deer missed the road and went over a high precipice, taking myself, the sleigh and the Toys with them, it was an awful smash up, but as luck would have it we fell into a terrible snow drift, which saved the Toys from being broken and the deer and myself from being killed or much hurt.

It took me about an hour to get myself out of the snow drift and another hour to get the deer and sleigh ready for the road again. My careful management I did not lose any of the toys. If no more accidents happen I shall be a very short distance from Ch'town on Wednesday, but will telegraph again Monday. "Au Revoir." I remain

Your faithful friend,  
SANTA CLAUS

## Prince Edward Island Railway CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS, at one First Class Fare will be issued December 21st, 1899, to January 1st, 1900, inclusive, to and from all stations, good to return until January 4th 1900, and for students during school vacation, December 9th to 31st, 1899, inclusive good to return until January 31st, 1900. Tickets are not good for going journey after date of issue.

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O'Leary	1.15
Summerside	.75
Emerald	.60
Cape Traverse	.75
Hunter River	.45
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St. Peters	.75
Gorges town	.60
Cardigan	.75
Mt. Stewart	.75
Tignish to Summerside	.75
O'Leary	.35
Wellington	.35
Kensington	.35
Cape Traverse	.45
Hunter River	.45
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