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DETAILS OF THE LOSSES AT TUGELA RIVER

Connolly arrested at a Pro-Boer Meeting in Dublin—Lord Roberts' son dies of his wounds—The Colonial offers of troops will be accepted as far as possible—Mobilizing of troops and other preparations actively going on.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford, commander of the forces in Ireland, has been appointed to the chief command in South Africa with General Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, as his Chief of Staff.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Lieut. Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, son of Baron Roberts, of Kandahar and Waterford, who was wounded in the engagement at the Tugela River, is dead.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 17.—Secret meetings of Boer sympathizers continue to be held in various parts of Cape Colony and the attitude of the Dutch farmers is truculent.

STERKSTROOM, CAPE COLONY, Dec. 18. As a result of the British reverses, the whole country to the northward is virtually in a state of rebellion.

The natives there as well as those in Basutoland are sure to be much disturbed, and to be losing heart regarding the strength of the British.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The War Office today made the following announcement: Acting upon the advice of the military authorities, Her Majesty's Government has approved the following message: "All the remaining portions of the army reserve, including section D, are called out.

The 7th division which is being mobilized, will proceed to South Africa without delay.

Nine battalions of militia, in addition to two battalions which have already volunteered for service at Malta and one for service in the Channel Islands, will be allowed to volunteer for service outside the United Kingdom.

An equivalent number of military battalions will be embodied for service at home. A strong force of volunteers, selected from the yeomanry regiments will be formed for service in South Africa.

Arrangements are being made and will shortly be announced for the employment in South Africa of a strong contingent of carefully selected volunteers.

The patriotic offers which are being re-

ceived from the Colonies will, so far as possible be accepted, preference being given to the offers of mounted contingents.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Dr. Borden has received the following telegram, dated New York, Dec. 18: "I beg to place myself at your disposal for service in South Africa with the Canadian forces, signed, C. G. D. Roberts."

Mr Roberts is the well known Canadian poet formerly a professor at King's College, Windsor.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 17.—It is reported that Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent who recently escaped from Pretoria whither he was taken after his capture near Colenso, has been recaptured near Waterfalhouven.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—An undated despatch from Mafeking to the Pall Mall Gazette says that the siege will probably be raised in a few days, when the townspeople will tender their thanks to Col. Baden-Powell.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—General Buller's losses as officially announced, after midnight, proved much heavier than the war office had feared. The aggregate being 1,097, including 82 killed, 348 missing and 667 wounded.

The artillery losses were most severe, and included a large proportion of missing, showing that the Boers have captured the bulk of the men connected with the factories.

The casualties also proved that Barton's fusilier brigade was heavily engaged in repulsing the enemy's flank attack.

An unusually large proportion of the wounded men were seriously injured. The battle was evidently the hottest engagement of the campaign, the losses exceeding those of Modder river.

MODDER RIVER, Dec 18.—General Pole-Carew, with the Ninth Brigade of the Grenadiers squadron of Lancers, 75th battery with howitzers and four naval 12-pounders, made a reconnaissance this morning.

The naval guns opened fire at 5.20 a. m., while the brigade deployed on the plain. The howitzers and naval guns searched the Boer trenches and forced the enemy to unmask two guns.

The naval contingent dismounted one of these; but it was impossible to touch the other which seemed to disappear as soon as it was discharged.

The British returned without sustaining any casualties.

General Lord Methuen directed the operations from horse back. His wound is almost well.

DUBLIN, Dec 18.—The announcement that a pro Boer meeting would be convened as a protest against the proposal of Trinity College to confer a degree upon Joseph Chamberlain led to exciting scenes. A large force of the police was called out and the troops were held in readiness.

Maud Gonnee the so-called Irish Jean of Arc and James Connolly, Irish Republican, drove in a wagonette to the place appointed for the meeting which was attended by a large crowd.

Connolly tried to speak, but was

prevented by the police. The wagonette then made a tour of the street, the crowd rapidly increasing and cheering for the Boers, and singing "God Save Ireland" and "We'll hang Joe Chamberlain on a sour apple tree," and using disgusting expressions against the Queen, the empire and army.

While passing Dublin Castle the wagonette waved the Transvaal flag defiantly, whereupon the police stopped the vehicle and flag. The wagonette attended by a large body of police then drove to the rooms of the Irish Transvaal committee, where speeches were made by Davitt Redmond and others. Connolly was subsequently arrested.

HALIFAX PRICES.

(Herald.)

With the exception of the Antigonish factories, where some 150 cheese are still held, the cheese output of Nova Scotia and indeed of the maritime provinces, is in the hands of dealers. Jobbers are asking 12½ cents, and as already stated the chances are that soon it will be higher.

Butter prices, too, are considerably higher than at this time last year; and there has been some stiffening within the past few days. Nova Scotia dairy tubs are scarce and the price ranges from 16½ to 18c.

The soft weather and large imports of pork from Prince Edward Island have a tendency to keep down prices of that commodity and the figures stand at 4½ to 5½ for light and heavy. Beef is unchanged. Fowls sell at 30c to 40c, but next week the price may advance, though what the immediate future will bring cannot be predicted. There is sure to be a heavy demand and while enlarged supply may prevent an advance there will be no decline.

Canadian oats, in bags, are quoted at 37 to 38 cts., while P. E. Island oats in bulk sell at 35c. to 37c. It is the competition from Prince Edward Island that keeps down the price of the Ontario article. Potatoes from P. E. Island are selling at 26 to 28 cents. Nova Scotia potatoes are only nominally on the market, the cheaper Island goods controlling the situation.

Turnips sell ex vessel at 26 cents, carrots at 50 and 55 cents, and parsnips at the same figures. Cabbage are scarce, selling at 60c. per dozen. Quotations of the chief commodities are as follows: Potatoes, P. E. I., per bushel... 26c to 28c Do., do., N. S. 32c to 35c Turnips, per bushel..... 25c to 28c Carrots, per bushel..... 50c to 55c Parsnips, per bushel..... 50c to 55c Beets, per bushel..... 40c to 45c Cabbages, per doz..... 60c to 65c Eggs, per case per doz 18c to 20c Cheese..... 12½c to 14c Butter, Nova Scotia dairy, tubs. 16c to 18c Pork, light..... 4½c to 5½c Do., heavy..... 4½c to 5½c Fowls, per pair..... 30c to 40c Chickens..... 40c to 50c Oats, bagged..... 37c to 38c Do., P. E. I., in bulk..... 35c to 37c Hay, pressed, per ton..... 9 50 to 10 50 Apples..... 2 00 to 3 50

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