

ROBERTS TURNED BOER FLANK.

Forced Them to Leave a Strong Position.

THEY LEFT THEIR TENTS AND FORAGE BEHIND.

A Boer Commando of 3,000 Offered to Surrender

But on Impossible Terms—Burghersdorp Occupied by the British—The Boers being kept Constantly on the move—The Queen to visit Ireland

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

A "SUCCESSFUL DAY."

LONDON, March 7, (midnight)—The War Office has posted the following advices from Lord Roberts:

"POPULAR GROVE, March 7, (evening)—We had a very successful day and have completely routed the enemy who are in full retreat. The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged with a second line of entrenchments which would have caused us heavy losses had a direct attack been made.

"The turning movement was necessarily wide owing to the nature of the ground; and the cavalry and horse artillery horses are much done up.

"The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division which, as usual, did exceedingly well; and General French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy.

"Our casualties were about fifty. "I regret to say that General Keswick was killed and Lieut. Bailey severely wounded, both of the Twelfth Lancers. Lieut. De Orespigny, of the Second Life Guards is also severely wounded. The remaining casualties will be telegraphed tomorrow.

"Generals Dewett and Delansy commanded the Boer force.

CRONJE'S LOSSES.

LONDON, March 8.—A despatch to the Times from O.fontein, dated March 6th, says:

"A commando of 3000 Boers has offered to surrender, but to, impossible terms. General Cronje's losses were greater than admitted. Sixty bodies of Boers have been found in one grave.

QUEEN WILL VISIT IRELAND.

LONDON, March 8.—It has been decided that Queen Victoria will visit Ireland next month, staying at the Vice Regal Lodge in Dublin, which has been placed at her disposal by the Vice Roy, Earl Cadogan.

DUBLIN, March 8.—Earl Cadogan announced the Queen's intended visit last evening at a drawing room. The news had previously been telegraphed by various news agencies and was already known throughout the city, causing much good feeling. Her Majesty's visit will be of a private character such as she is in the habit of making periodically to the south of France. It will probably extend more than a fortnight. Her last visit to Ireland was in 1861.

MORE CANADIANS.

CAPETOWN, March 8.—The remainder of the Canadian Artillery has gone to the front.

HEALEY'S MOTION.

LONDON, March 8.—In the House of

Commons on the passing of the first reading of the loan bill, Timothy Healey, the Nationalist member for North Louth, gave notice that he would move an amendment at the second reading of the bill extending the measure so that all the self-governing colonies who were so keen in contributing men would also bear the burden of the war loan.

ANOTHER REPORT.

OSFONTEIN, March 7.—General Lord Roberts' force advanced early this morning. French turned the southern part of the position of the Boers, who fled, leaving a gun and immense quantities of forage, and their tents. General French is now in pursuit.

The Boers on the North bank of the Modder are also evacuating their position.

GENERAL WHITE'S REPLY.

OTTAWA, March 8.—General White telegraphs to the Governor-General: "LADYSMITH, March 6.—I thank Your Excellency and through you Canada for congratulations. In name of self and Ladysmith garrison."

(Signed) WHITE.

ANOTHER ADVANCE.

LONDON, March 8.—A special from Moltano says: "The British occupied Burghersdorp unopposed last night."

THEY NEED RELIEF.

LONDON, March 8.—A despatch from Mafeking reports that "horse meat now composes a considerable part of our rations. Typhoid and malaria have broken out."

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Interesting Letter From Mr. Fred B. McRae.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. A. M. McRae, of Powaal, from her son, Private Fred B. McRae. The letter is dated Belmont, January 27:—

We have not seen much fighting yet simply because we are infantry; if we were mounted we would have been into lots of scraps by this time. The Boers are escaping from Magersfontein, and are spreading all over the country in small bodies. Two companies of the Canadians are out towards Douglas and are likely to get into a fight as there is a large number of the enemy quite near them.

An attack will be made by our forces when a sufficient number of reinforcements arrive from Orange River. The transport waggons come in here almost every day for supplies. When the troops are out as they are now they take no tents with them and get only hard tack and canned meat, besides tea and coffee,—the hard tack is made thin and square, and is ten times as hard as anything you can get at home.

When in camp on the line of communication we get the very best of fresh meat and bread, besides tea, coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, etc. No. 2 Maxim gun is out now with C Company; our gun would have gone, too, but for the feed block being out of order. It is all right now and we may be sent for at any minute. We are having a great time here. We haven't done a thing for a whole week except move the camp about 600 yards; when the ground gets worn and sandy in one place we move to another.

Joe O'Reilly is in the same tent with me, also a Halliday from Pictou; a Baugh, from Quebec; a Dalglish, from London, Ont.; a Mullins, of London; a brother of Lord Lee, of Edinburgh; and two Scotchmen and an Englishman, who belong to very aristocratic families,—one of them, a Currie, was in Klondyke and is very wealthy. I am sending a lot of relics to THE EXAMINER, to be put on exhibition before being sent home; the most valuable thing in the Boer flag of truce used at Belmont, when they shot Colonel Falconer, of the Northumberland Fusiliers. There is also a Boer jackknife and some empty shells found in their trenches. I am pretty sure some of the Canadians out here will get into trouble for the complaints they are writing home. The truth of the matter is that they haven't seen half enough hardship yet. I would willingly suffer myself to see these grumblers get a real good taste of "hard times."

Yesterday the Queen's chocolate was issued; I am going to send my box home. Some fellows were selling their boxes for 10 shillings; today there is no trouble in getting two pounds for the box, which is about 6x4x1 inches, and is very pretty.

With the exception of some cases of enteric fever in the R. C. R., at present the health of our fellows is good. For all the Boers have not appeared to do much of late, I think the end is in sight. Methuen will not be allowed to advance until Gatacre and French get further in, when a general advance will be made all along the line, and the Boers will be driven out of their positions.

HOCKEY.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MONTREAL, March 8.—The Shamrocks defeated the Crescents of Halifax at hockey last night 11 to 0.

THE PROBS.—Fresh northwest winds; fine, Friday—moderate wind; fair, not much change in temperature.

LECTURE.—Rev Mr Goldsmith, of Alberton, will give a lecture in the Freeer-ton hall on Monday evening next, 12th inst. Subject—"Chinese Gordon, Britain's Hero." The small sum of 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children will be charged, admission. Everyone should make it a point to hear this grand lecture. Some excellent views will be thrown on the canvass.

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