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GEN. BULLER BEATS THE BOERS

And takes Ten Thousand Prisoners

GEN. METHUEN STRONGLY ENTRENCHED

And His Position is Perfectly Safe

No news as to whether the Canadians were engaged at Magersdorp—Preparations going on quietly for a second Contingent if needed—Lord Roberts summoned to London by the War Office.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A special despatch from Pietermaritzburg says General Buller and Cleary have entered Ladysmith and have captured ten thousand Boers.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Drummond, last night, received a cablegram from Major Drummond, dated Modder River, Dec. 13, stating that he is safe.

This is taken to mean that the Canadian contingent has arrived there and that Methuen is holding his own.

This may mean that the regiment was in the reserve of Monday's engagement.

Up to a late hour last night no word had been received from Colonel Otter respecting the movements of the Canadians.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—General Forester-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town on the 13th, sends the following despatch from Lord Methuen, dated Modder River, Tuesday 7.30 p. m.:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly, this morning, I retired in perfect order here where I am in security.

"I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men ambulances who talked with the Boers that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out.

"The Boers have been most kind to my wounded."

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A despatch from Pretoria by way of Lorenzo Marques says that while the battle of Magersfontein was proceeding the Free State artillery engaged an armored train along the railway line toward Belmont, and that 41 prisoners belonging to the 1st battalion of the Gordon Highlanders have just traversed Jacobsdale.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—The news of Methuen's reverse has caused great excitement in this city, as coupled with it were rumors of misfortunes to members of the Ottawa company.

Many inquiries reached the Militia De-

partment, and it fortunately turned out that no bad news was received.

Your correspondent saw the Minister of Militia, and asked him if any further steps had been taken in regard to furnishing a second Canadian Contingent.

"The Home authorities have our offer" replied Mr. Borden, "and you know the answer we received. We are quietly preparing so that, in the event of the British Government deciding to accept the services of a second contingent, we could promptly send the men."

"Don't you think acceptance of a second contingent by the Imperial Government, at this juncture, would be regarded as an evidence of weakness," your correspondent asked.

"It might," replied Mr. Borden, adding, "but one cannot afford to be very fastidious in a critical period like the present."

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Times says at least 30,000 additional men must be sent out.

The only available reserve must be called up and the militia and volunteers turned to account.

Efforts must be made to increase the local Colonial forces and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A correspondent of the Telegraph at Modder River, says that the Marquis of Chichester of the Coldstream Guards, who succeeded Lt.-Col. Stopford after the latter was killed in the first Modder River battle, was killed in the last engagement.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Julian Ralph describing the battle of Margersfontein, in a special despatch to the Daily Mail, says: "The Boers were entrenched at Margersfontein, four miles north of Modder River. At dawn on Monday the Highlanders advancing across the veldt were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front.

"The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered. In a single minute, startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quick, but soon rallied and retained their position. This was on the left.

On the right the guards brigade advanced across the veldt against other trenches and fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours. At 11 in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches, and then enfiladed them. We raked the Boer trenches with artillery throughout the day. The fighting only ceased with night fall.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The official report gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing, of all arms, in the engagement of Sunday and Monday last, north of Modder river, as 817. Of the casualties 650 were among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland Brigade.

The Brigade also lost ten officers killed, 38 wounded, 4 missing.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Lord Roberts has been hastily summoned to London for a conference on the Transvaal war.

ZION CHURCH

For the last three months Zion Church has been undergoing extensive repairs and alterations under the direction of the trustees and under the management of Mr. Charles McGregor.

This work is almost completed now. New floors have been placed in the basement, which along with the main floor has been strengthened by the introduction of new timbers. Eight heavy stone masonry and cement piers have been placed under the spire and gallery front. New material has been put into the spire making it much stronger, and under the gallery front iron supports have been placed. In the ceiling of the church several improved ventilators were put. The pulpit has been extended to give more space to the choir where twenty new choirs have been put by the trustees. The former windows have been replaced by very fine cathedral-colored glass, which adds much to the attractiveness of the church. These windows were obtained in Toronto from Messrs. Booth & McKay. The main entrance has been replaced by an entirely new structure having a porch and two stairways. This will conduce very much to the warmth of the church. It is intended to make a door in the front on the ground which will lead to the basement. All of the exterior and interior of the church has been newly painted. The interior by Mr. Chas. Matheson, who has this time done work of the first quality, and the exterior by Mr. A. Howatt. The basement has been painted by Mr. Dan Howlett.

The system of lighting has undergone a vast improvement. Three chandeliers have been suspended, the main one of which is said to be the handsomest in the province.

Great credit is due to the chairman and Board of Trustees for their energy and assistance during the time of repair. Everything connected with the renovation of the church has been done in the most capable manner, and is most creditable to all concerned.

SHIP NEWS.

Port of Charlottetown

ENTERED.

Dec 13.—Torriden, Lord, Sydney; Tarquin, Davis, Pictou; Bessie S Keefe, Horton, Sydney; S S William Aitken, Batt, Pictou.

CLEARED.

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" per bbl.....	\$2.45

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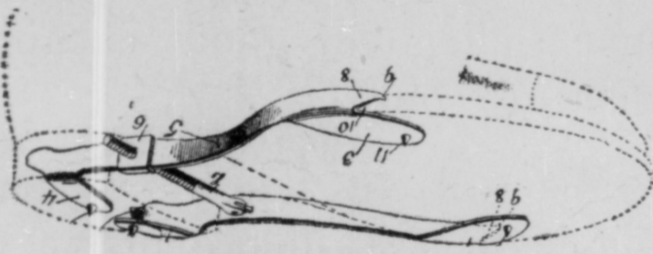
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