

AFGHANISTAN.

A BRITISH BRIGADE ANNIHILATED—GEN. BURROWS' COMMAND SURPRISED BY AYOOB KHAN.

LONDON, July 28.

Lord Hartington startled the House this a. m. by announcing that the Government had received news from Candahar stating that an engagement had taken place between the Afghans and General Burrows' brigade, in which the latter had been completely annihilated. Lord Hartington further remarked that the Government was not yet in possession of full details of the disastrous engagement; but from what is known of the relative position of the British and Afghan troops, it is inferred that the Afghans who are reported to have destroyed General Burrows' brigade, were under the command of Ayoob Khan, who is supposed to have been reinforced by the mutineers, consisting of the old Cabul regiments, who deserted from Walli Shere Ali's command at Candahar on the 14th inst. At that date Ayoob Khan was at Sars, two marches distant from Candahar, with his whole regular force of ten regiments of infantry, exclusive of the mutineers who are believed to have joined him subsequently. The regiments of cavalry numbered about 400 bayonets and 900 sabres and 30 guns. In addition to these troops he had the irregular cavalry, variously estimated from 1,500 to 3,500 men. Of these, 1,000 under Shahagassi Khasdil Khan, the late Governor of Turkestan, formed the advance guard. This force left Herat about the 19th, and marched directly towards Candahar, with the evident purpose of trying conclusions with the British Garrison at that place as soon as a favorable opportunity offered. Ayoob Khan is known to have plenty of ammunition. If this morning's news is confirmed by later despatches, it will explain the reticence of the Sirdars at the late Durbar, when implored by Gen. Douglass Stewart to sink their differences and unite with Abdurrahman, the new Ameer, to pacify and retain their country under the new administration. Ayoob Khan is merely the tool of Cabul chiefs who are friendly to Russia and against English rule. Notwithstanding the apparent friendliness to them, these Cabul chiefs have been suspected for some time of stimulating Ayoob Khan to the desperate enterprise of attacking Candahar; and to get up enthusiasm among his soldiers he made them profuse promises of plunder at Candahar in case of success.

The doubtful state of affairs in southern Afghanistan also explains why the British representative at the late Durbar at Cabul declined to go farther than to recognize Abdurrahman as Ameer of Cabul and not of Afghanistan, which had been the title of his predecessor.

It is believed that in some way General Burrows was enticed beyond the walls of the Candahar fortifications and entrapped into a fatal ambush. If Ayoob's victory is as sweeping as reported, it is conceded that the war in southern Afghanistan is reopened in all its horror, the evacuation of the country by the British indefinitely postponed, and possibly the new Ameer's seat made more than doubtful through a probable early revolt in his own capital.

A LATER DESPATCH states that Ayoob Khan crossed the Helmand River on the 23rd inst. and surprised Gen. Burrows, whose force was encamped on the left bank of that stream opposite Grishes. Since the battle, Gen. Primrose has retired with a portion of Gen. Burrows' force, which succeeded in escaping, to the citadel of Candahar and will try to hold the place until the arrival of reinforcements. In the meantime Ayoob Khan, who has marched in front of Candahar, threatens an assault, and fears are entertained that he may take the citadel before assistance can arrive. A relief force under Gen. Phayre is said to be concentrating for a march on Candahar. Owing to the recent dry weather the Helmand is everywhere fordable and this fact probably facilitated the surprise against which it would appear Gen. Burrows had taken insufficient precautions.

LATER DESPATCHES TO THE INDIA OFFICE by way of Bombay says that General Burrows, when attacked by Ayoob Khan, was leading his brigade to the assistance of Walli Shere Ali, whose troops had mutinied—as already described in these despatches. Shere Ali, who was holding an outpost on a branch of the Helmand in the direction of Girishk, was threatened with an attack by Ayoob Khan, who with a greatly superior force was approaching from Farah. Shere Ali's troops were on the left bank of the Helmand and Ayoob is supposed to have crossed the almost dry bed of the river from the west, in the night, and struck General Burrows' force some few hours before he could have made a junction with Shere Ali. The battle soon became almost a rout on the part of the British, the slaughter being terrible, and there were few who could save themselves by flight, in the darkness, towards Candahar. Earl Granville visited the House to-day to confer with the Marquis of Hartington, Secretary of State for India, upon this disastrous intelligence.

SECOND DESPATCH. LONDON, July 28.—Gen. Burrows' brigade was detailed from the Candahar garrison to co-operate with Shere Ali, the British appointed ruler of Candahar, against Ayoob Khan, the aspirant to the Ameership. When Shere Ali ordered his forces to retire towards Girishk, his infantry deserted in a body, but were pursued by Burrows, who recovered the guns and wagons they had carried off. Weakened by the desertion of the infantry, Burrows, effected a retrograde movement to Kshk Nakud, thirteen miles, and near Candahar. Ayoob Khan's forces had reached the Helmand River above Girishk, and spies reported he had crossed the river at Hyderabad, and that four

thousand Ghazis had joined him, while parties of his cavalry were foraging near the British camp. It would seem as if the Indian Government felt some misgiving with regard to Burrows' position, for a fortnight ago the reserve division in Scinde was placed under orders for active service. This division comprises a battery of artillery native infantry and one regiment of native cavalry.

LATEST DESPATCHES.

LONDON, July 28.—The following is the despatch announcing the defeat of the British:—

"SIMLA, July 28.—Gen. Burrows has been severely defeated by Ayoob Khan, sustaining great loss. His forces were dispersed and compelled to fly, being pursued 3 miles. They are now straggling back to Candahar in dribblets. Two guns were lost."

It is believed at the War Office that Gen. Burrows' forces consisted of E. Battery of B. Brigade of Royal Horse Artillery, third regiment of Scinde horse, the Poona horse, a detachment of Sixty Sixth Foot, fourteen officers and 470 men; the first Bombay native infantry and 19th Bombay native infantry, making a total of about 2,700 men. The Marquis of Hartington stated in the House of Commons later, that "the Government had received further advices. Gen. Burrows' brigade numbered between 2,000 and 3,000 men. The army under Ayoob Khan was stronger than was expected, consisting of 12,000 men and 36 guns well served. Strong reinforcements had been ordered to the front, and it would perhaps be necessary to send troops from England."

LORD HARTINGTON

confirmed the report that part of Burrows' forces consisted of a battery of British artillery and a battalion of the 69th British infantry. He said he did not know what force General Primrose had at Candahar, independent of Gen. Burrows' brigade. He thought it probably was not over 2,000 strong; but when Burrows' brigade was detached some of Gen. Phayre's troops were ordered to reinforce Candahar. If this reinforcement was effected, Primrose's force would probably exceed 2,000.

Lord Hartington further stated that he had received a despatch from the Viceroy of India, saying, "Burrows had been seriously defeated. Primrose has vacated his cantonments at Candahar and retired to the citadel. Reinforcements are already on the way, and will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Additional forces will be sent from India. It may be necessary to anticipate usual season's reliefs from England."

Another despatch had also arrived from the Governor of Bombay, who says:—

"We can furnish for emergency 3 batteries, one regiment of British cavalry, half a regiment of native cavalry, and two regiments of British and six regiments of native infantry, besides a battery and two battalions in Scinde."

Gen. Phayre telegraphs: "Fragments of Burrows' force arriving at Candahar. No details." Phayre had been conversing by telegraph with Primrose.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, July 30—10 a. m.

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"To sum it up, six long years of bed-ridden sickness and suffering, costing \$200 per year total \$1,200—all which was stopped by three bottles of Hop Bitters taken by my wife, who has done her own household work for a year since, without the loss of a day, and I want everybody to know it for their benefit."

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Ch'town, July 22, 1880.

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MUSIC AND SINGING.

ON and after AUGUST 1st, Mrs. JAMES Burrows will give instruction in Music and Singing at her residence, King Square. Terms on application. Ch'town, July 29, 1880—3m 3law to th a

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Ch'town, July 26, 1880.

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