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Indications that a Desperate Fight Will Occur

WELL ESTABLISHED TO NORTH OF THE TUGELA.

The Advance of the Forces Described.

There has evidently been some fighting—Wounded are being sent back.—Buller's directions to his troops—The men confident.—The Canadians hard at work.—Advance movements by Gat-acre and other troops.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

MOUNT ALICE, near Potgieter's drift, Natal, Jan. 15.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

for the relief of Ladysmith began on Wednesday, Jan. 10, from Frere and Chieveley. A few miles outside of Frere Lord Dondonald passed targets that had been erected by the Boers to represent a force advancing in skirmish order. Evidently the Boers had been firing at these from the adjacent hill.

Lord Dondonald pushed on and as the main column advanced it was noticed that Springfield was not occupied by the Boers and that the British Fifth Brigade

HAD TAKEN POSSESSION.

The British transport column extended for several miles and comprised some five thousand vehicles. The Mounted Brigade advanced rapidly, not meeting with any opposition. The British scouts had minutely searched all suspicious country, but there was no sign of the enemy.

The column advanced to Mount Alice, facing the enemy's mountain fortress. The Boers had been at Potgieter's drift the previous day, but a body of the South African Horse swam the stream under fire and brought over the pont from the Boer side.

The Boers were evidently surprised at the appearance of the British on the scene. A large camp could be seen on the Tugela heights, facing Mount Alice, but the

ENEMY QUICKLY STRUCK CAMP

and cleared off into the mountains. A buggy was seen leaving for the hills on the right, presumably with General Joubert or some other commander.

General Buller took up his quarters in a pleasantly situated farm house belonging to Martinus Pretorius who had disappeared. On Friday a loud explosion was heard. Subsequently it was found that the Boers had

DESTROYED A BRIDGE

under construction seven miles above Potgieter's drift.

General Buller has issued spirited appeals and instructions to the forces beginning: "We are going to the relief of our comrades at Ladysmith. There will be NO TURNING BACK."

The order proceeds to advise the men, when they charge the enemy, regarding the conditions under which they should receive the surrender of any of the enemy. It also warns them that the Boers are treacherous in the use of the white flag. This order has been received with enthusiasm in every camp.

The march was very trying but the troops are now encamped among very pleasant surroundings. Health is excellent and

ALL ARE CONFIDENT.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The War Office has issued the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, January 18: "Gatacre reports that 300 men of all ranks have been moved from Bushman's Hoek to Hopenburg, and the 74th Field Battery and one company of mounted infantry from Storkstroom to Bushman's Hoek, otherwise there is no change in the situation there."

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The War Office announces the appointment of the Duke of Marlborough as a staff captain in connection with the Imperial yeomanry being organized for service in South Africa.

LONDON, Jan. 19, 12.30 a. m.—At midnight the War Office announced that it had no further news for publication.

When questioned with regard to the rumored British victory and of the

RELIEF OF LADYSMITH

the officials replied that there had been no information to bear out either feature of the rumor and were inclined to think serious fighting must precede the relief of the town.

The London Standard's special correspondent at Modder River says today: "Oyez La; "Depechez vous; "Say there, bring her over," and similar commands and exhortations in English, Canadian and French greeted my ears at Orange river while the train was being boarded by the Gordons who were going to the front.

The Canadians had arrived before from De Aar and in one day had laid and completed a mile and a quarter of railway and built new platforms. Railway making under the South African Sun in December

IS NO PLAY,

and the sight of the sons of the north hauling 'sleepers and rails with greatest despatch and enthusiasm, working as white men seldom do in South Africa, was an object lesson for the thoroughness of the spirits and patriotism animating all ranks and sections of the British force now fighting the Boers.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Rudyard Kipling and his family sail for Cape Town to-morrow. LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Daily Telegraph

special from 'Spearman's Farm, dated January 18, 7.20, says: Our howitzer battery fired upon the Boer lines occasionally during the night. The bombardment was resumed at a quarter to six this morning. All well."

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A special despatch from Durban, dated on Wednesday, says: "Advices from Potgieter's drift, dated yesterday, Tuesday, say that Sir Charles Warren has arrived within seventeen miles of Ladysmith and that the British

WOUNDED ARE ARRIVING

at Mooi River field hospital by every train from the front, indicating that there has already been severe fighting. Neither report has yet been confirmed.

LATER.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—It is rumored on

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

that after eighteen hours fighting Ladysmith had been relieved and that General Warren had been killed.

Nothing is obtainable tending to verify this rumor.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—General Buller telegraphs the War Office from Spearman's Camp, dated last evening, as follows: Lord Dondonald with a body of mounted troops came into action this afternoon with a force of Boers west of Acton Holmes.

After the fight he occupied several kopjes which he still holds. Twenty Boers were killed and fifteen taken prisoners. Two British were killed and two wounded.

Smallpox in Moncton.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MONCTON, Jan. 19.—A well authenticated case of smallpox was discovered here, the patient being Ben Grosse an I. C. R. brakeman, running between Moncton and Campbellton.

THE PROBS.—Fresh winds, south westerly to south southeasterly; cloudy. Local showers.

TO-NIGHT.—Come and see Summerside and Charlottetown battle for the trophy. Both are bound to win if possible.

HOCKEY MATCHES.—Plan of reserved seats at Apothecaries Hall. Seats going fast. Get yours. Good ice and good games.

L. O. B. A.—Regular meeting of Lady Wallace Lodge, No 27, will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock in Boyce Lodge room. All members are requested to be present.

P. E. ISLAND HOSPITAL.—A meeting of the women interested in the P. E. Island Hospital will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlour next Tuesday morning, January 23rd, at half past eleven o'clock. A large attendance is desired. 3in.

SUPREME COURT.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19.

The McFadyen McRae assault case was concluded today, the jury retiring shortly before one o'clock.

Mr. Robert L. Cotton left last evening for Halifax.

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