

THE DAILY EXAMINER

MARCH 1, 1900

RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

We have never seen, in Charlottetown, such evidences of public rejoicing as those which were spontaneously given this morning when, shortly after nine o'clock, THE EXAMINER announced the glad tidings that Ladysmith had been relieved and the good news was confirmed by special despatches to Messrs Hyndman & Son and Stanley Brothers. Bells rang, horns blew, fire crackers resounded, rifles cracked all over the city. The school children were given a holiday and marched in procession through the streets with drums beating and flags flying, while the children of a larger growth indulged in lively and sportive acts of jollity. We have no doubt that as it was in Charlottetown, so it was all over the British Empire, throughout the world. Wherever there was a British heart, and a telegraph office, there was joy and thankfulness that our compatriots in Ladysmith had been relieved from the fear of pestilence, starvation and death, resulting from the Boers' invasion and investment. All the money and the efforts that have been expended, and all the British blood that has been poured out on the barren hillsides beyond the Tugela, have been freely given to achieve this object. In view of the confident predictions of the military experts of Europe that Ladysmith could not be relieved, and the Boer boasts that they would "starve it out" the British triumph is the more worthy of being celebrated by the British people in all parts of the earth. All honor to the gallant commanders and men by whom, under Providence, this great triumph has been achieved. British pluck and Boer pertinacity under Lord Buller, aided by the masterly strategy of Lord Roberts and Kitchener, have added another to the long roll of British military achievements.

— March has come in with the Lion this year.

— The Boer game is up—but perhaps they won't see it.

— Pope Leo XIII will celebrate his sixtieth birthday to-morrow, and is said to be good for ten years more.

— It is hoped that the Boers have, by this time, given up the idea that they can hold the British into the sea.

— Mr. J. A. McLaren received this morning a cable from Mr. James Paton from Bradford, England, saying that Ladysmith had been relieved.

A PROVISION FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

THE loss of the brave Canadians who fell at Paardeberg brings to their families sorrow which can be mitigated by no amount of cash indemnity.

Yet, to their sympathizing fellow-countrymen, it affords some comfort to know that there is now an insurance fund out of which money will be distributed to the wounded and to the heirs of the dead.

Thanks to the noble philanthropy and patriotism of one Canadian, whose good work was done through the agency of Sir Charles Tupper, each member of the first contingent was insured for \$1,000.

Thanks to the liberality of the citizens of Toronto and of other localities, the members of the contingent leaving these respective places were each insured for another thousand.

In the House, one of the Ministers intimated the other day that the Government would provide as well as for the victims of war as if it had had each of them insured, and we trust it will do so.

The large fund which has been accumulated by the Patriotic Association formed by Lord Minto will grow more rapidly after the sad casualties at Paardeberg.

Let us hope that there will be got together a capital sum that will more than earn the equivalent of all that could have been earned by the men who have fallen.

— Mail and Empire.

MARRIED.

At St. Patrick's, Lot 14, on the 26th ult., James Mackinnon to Miss Anne Maude Crossman, both of Lot 14.

At St. Mary's, Indian River, on the 20th ult., by Very Rev. Mgr. Gillie, Peter Connick, to Miss Maggie E. Hughes, daughter of James Hughes, Freetown.

At Sacred Heart Church, Alberton, on Feb. 27th, by the Rev. A. E. Burke, P. P., Thos. Keefe, of Hill River, to Pensey Clark, of Alberton.

DIED.

At the City Hospital, Worcester, Mass., on the 19th ult., Miss Nellie Fogarty, aged 33 years, of Cardigan, where her remains were interred.

At Summerside, on the 14th ult., Winifred Crossman, aged 14 years.

At Bedque, on the 24th ult., William Wright, aged 67 years, leaving a wife, three sons and one daughter.

At Mount Carmel, on the 15th ult., Mrs. Alex. Gallant, aged 59 years, leaving a husband and eight children.

You must behave yourself if you hope to avoid worry. No guilty man can avoid worry over his misdeeds.

ADVANCE ON LADYSMITH.

Winston Churchill's Account

LONDON, February 23.—Mr. Winston Churchill sends the following to the Morning Post:

Buller's Headquarters, Feb. 25, 11 a. m.—General Buller continued his advance on the 14th.

General Hildyard, on the British right made himself master of the whole of Monte Christo ridge and the under features of the northern end; this within long range of Bulwana hill.

On the left General Barton's brigade occupied Hlangwani hill, which the Boers had evacuated during the night, leaving their camp standing and with every sign of extraordinary haste.

During the day, the Boers maintained a brisk artillery fire from long range and automatic guns, but the British losses were slight.

The five captured Boer camps are very foul, smelling like Omdurman, and littered with half-cooked food, ammunition, rifles, clothing, flour sacks and interesting correspondence showing increasing discouragement.

The operations of Wednesday and Thursday having left the British in possession of the low kopjes beyond the Tugela River. General Buller on Friday resolved to press forward against the second tier of hills forming part of Pieter's position.

Batteries were conveniently distributed along both banks of the river, whose windings enabled the cross and converging fire of the artillery to be decisive. The usual bombardment and rifle fire proceeded during the morning with the inevitable loss. At noon Gen. Buller ordered Hart to advance with the Irish Brigade supported by two battalions from Lyttelton's division to attack the hill by its eastern slopes and carry it by assault.

At one o'clock Hart moved off, the Inniskilling Fusiliers leading, the Connaughts, the Imperial Light Infantry and the Dublin following. The brigades marched along the railway line sheltered from the Boer fire by the low kopjes, captured on the 23rd, for some distance. But where the bends for some distance there was an open space, must be crossed.

The artillery now fired more heavily than previously during this campaign, crowning the hill with circle of bursting shrapnel mingled with huge flaring explosions of greenish black smoke of lyddite, thus the concentrating fire which, though not great, considering the number of guns in action, nevertheless, was very terrible to face.

The Inniskillings then advanced to assault along the main or eastern side. The Boers immediately opened a terrific fire which was heard rattling above the loudest artillery from a stone-sagar on the top of the hill and a cross fire from the surrounding heights.

In spite of the scores of shells bursting about the trenches, hurling rocks, bullets and splinters in the faces of the defenders the Dutch stood the fire, all their heads, slouch-hatted, plainly visible against the sky, maintaining their terrible fire. And when the supreme moment arrived several in their reckless excitement sprang on the top of the walls waving their rifles and firing furiously.

But if the defence was magnificent, the attack was superb. The Inniskillings climbed steadily up the hill to within 500 yards of the summit without much loss. Then the leading companies charged, running swiftly onward across the rocky slopes between a few small trees, while the whole ground was stirred and spurted with bullets striking ground.

The attack was spent. Then away the supports advanced to sustain it, but only to share its fate. In spite of the gallantry and devotion, after repeated attempts, the heroic Irish soldiers, having lost very heavily in officers and men, recognized that they could not prevail. Yet they clung to the ground already won, and finding all further advance impossible, lay down upon the slopes and building shelters of walls of stone, sullenly.

STUBBORNLY REFUSED TO RETIRE.

The Connaughts now advanced to support the attack, and the Dublin Fusiliers, the famous regiment which had already suffered so terribly in this war, marched eagerly forward, the soldiers brandishing their rifles and cheering loudly, inspiring all who saw them with wonder and admiration; but the light was fading every minute and the night closed before the main strength of the attack was developed. Sharp fighting took place in the afternoon and the musketry grew very heavy. As darkness fell, the Boers made a vigorous daring counter attack, evidently with the intention of driving the British across the river.

Confused, close fighting of a fierce, sanguinary nature continued throughout the night. The British losses were severe, but it is certain the Boers suffered proportionately. The British troops closed with the Boers several times.

Sixteen men of Wortley's composite battalion of rifles, all reservists, showed blood on their bayonets.

Kruger's grandson was among the killed.

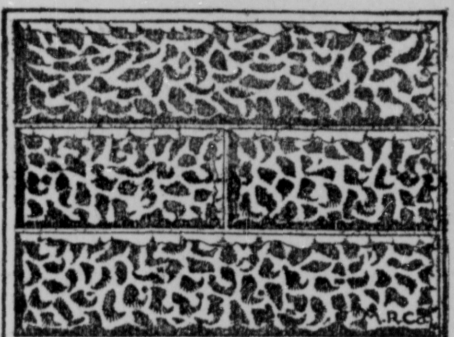
Prisoners were taken and lost by both sides.

Many officers and men were killed or wounded, but the morning showed the British to be in full possession of all their ground.

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