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The plan of the Boer leaders was skillfully devised. A simultaneous attack upon Glencoe was contemplated by their different columns, aggregating 9,000 burghers. The first column, under Gen. Erasmus, left the Boer camp on the Inzagay river, and halted at Hattingspruit, on the main road between Dannhausa and Glencoe, on Thursday. The second column, which was the largest and most powerful, was commanded by General Lucas Meyer. This column made a long detour, and took up a position on Smith's Hill, commanding the Glencoe camp. The third column, consisting chiefly of Free State burghers, under commandant Viljoen, marched from Wasohbank, on the railway, south of Glencoe. The last column destroyed railway and telegraphic communication between Glencoe and Lylsmit. General Joubert's instructions were that General Erasmus should lure the whole British force on the northern road towards Hattingspruit. While the British were engaged in the apparently easy task of destroying General Erasmus' forces, Viljoen and Meyer would attack their flank and rear and annihilate them. General Symons foresaw what was intended and took measures accordingly. The plan of the Boers failed, however. They lost telegraphic touch between the three columns, which proceeded, regardless of time, with the result that General Meyer precipitated the battle before the column from Hattingspruit was even in striking distance, while Commandant Viljoen was a long way south. Thus, Meyer's 4,000 men, with six guns, bore the chief brunt of the battle. With the other Boer columns in view only half of General Symons' 4,000 men attacked the hill, the remainder being in position behind the camp watching events. After two and a half hours fighting advanced detachments of the Hattingspruit column were seen lining the hill west of the camp. A battery behind the camp opened fire, and made good practice scattering the Boers. Thus the Hattingspruit column really did not get into the action except as it was fired upon by the artillery, and later when it came in contact with the Hussars and mounted infantry, who were pursuing General Meyer's column as the Boers fled from the hill.

Military men in London say that Natal, by reason of the Boer superiority in numbers and disposition on the ground, was the weak spot in the British defence, and that in Natal General Symons' small and separate command was the weakest point. This being true, the lesson of the battle of Glencoe is that the Boers are prudently led and that General Symons' victory is particularly significant.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

—Referring to Mr. Bourassa's recent resignation the Mail and Empire says: He is evidently working under instructions from Sir Wilfrid or Tarte, who has ordered him to march up the hill and down again with a view to strengthening the racial campaign in Quebec.

**New Zealand Contingent.**

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Oct. 24.—The New Zealand contingent, numbering 213 men, with 230 horses, sailed for South Africa amid scenes of unbounded enthusiasm. An enormous crowd said good-bye to the troops, including members of the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, mayors and judges.

The Governor of New Zealand, the Earl of Ranfurly; the Premier, the Right Hon. B. P. Seddon, and the leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, addressed the troops on the quay.

**The Old Signal.**

LONDON, Oct. 23.—On the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, Lord Nelson's column on Trafalgar square was richly garlanded, while the Victory, lying in Portsmouth harbor, for the first time since the battle, flew Nelson's famous signal, "England expects that every man will do his duty."

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His Excellency the Governor General will go to Quebec to see the troops off, and at least one excursion train, and perhaps two, will run from Ottawa, of many of the friends of the men wishing to give them a good send off.

Miss Mary Layton, daughter of Rev. Jacob Layton, Marshfield, P. E. Island, leaves for Trinidad on 30th Nov., where she will teach in Princetown Mission School. Miss Layton is a grand-daughter of Rev. James Smith, D. D., who was sent out by the Presbyterian church of Scotland to this country in 1827. He landed in the western part of the Island, near Summerside, and rode, from there a distance of about forty miles, to Charlottetown. Shortly after he sailed to Picton in a packet, subsequently settling in Upper Stewiacke, N. S., and remaining there for upwards of forty years. Miss Layton will likely be absent five years. She is a very clever young lady and very popular with her large circle of friends.—*Truro Sun.*

**WHAT SIR LOUIS SAYS.**

Sir Louis Davies said before he left England that Canada does not gain territory by the provisional arrangement that have been made in the Alaskan boundary. "I regret," said Sir Louis, "that my visit to England has resulted in nothing more than a temporary arrangement, but the experts who accompanied me have thoroughly explained Canada's contention to the Colonial Office; and if Messrs. Choate and Chamberlain or Messrs. Tower and Hay between them can fix up a permanent solution of the dispute, they will find Canada very willing to consider it. I must confess that the prospect is not bright. While in England I have met with every courtesy, and my health, which was by no means good when I arrived, is now much improved. The modus vivendi seems to be fair to both sides and so far as it will prevent local friction, satisfactory. Some such arrangement had to be made, for the condition of the residents in the disputed territory was intolerable. Nevertheless, although the prospects of a permanent settlement being arrived at are no brighter, I believe that the American and British diplomats will continue their efforts to retain it."

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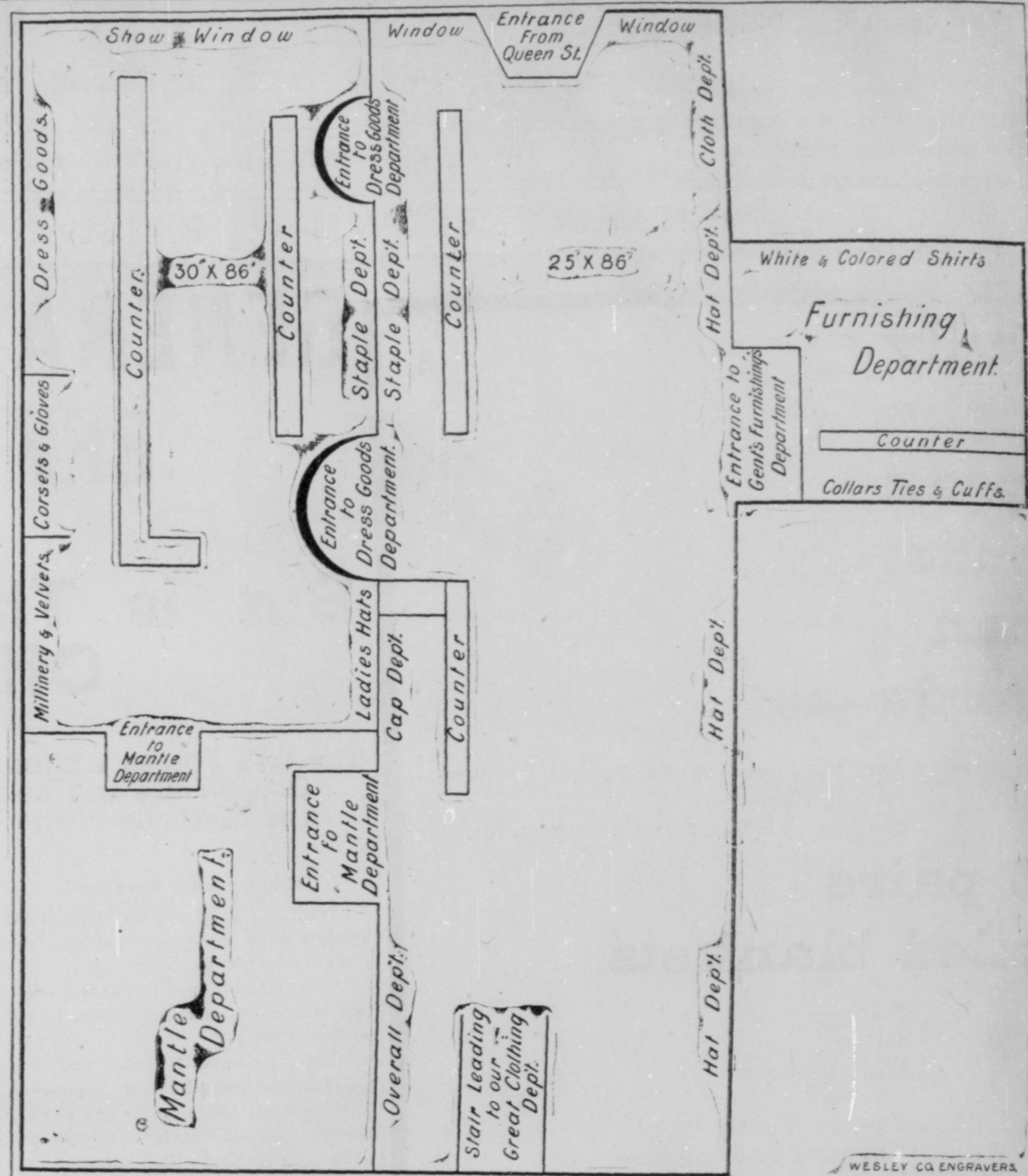
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