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# A STUBBORN FIGHT IS RAGING.

## The British Bravely Continue to Advance.

### WARREN HAS FORCED THE ENEMY BACK

### And has Captured the Key of Their Position.

#### DEATH OF CAPTAIN C. A. HENSLEY.

Some heavy fighting has taken place.—The flanking movement expected to be a success.—Ground difficult but the advance steadily proceeding.—Partial lists of the casualties.—Kopjes carried at the bayonet's point.

#### SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

##### SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.

LONDON Jan. 22.—General Buller cables the War office as follows:—

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 21, 9 p. m.—General Warren has been engaged all day chiefly on his left which he has swung forward a couple of miles.

"The ground is very difficult, and as fighting is all the time up hill, it is difficult to say exactly how much we have gained. But I think we are making substantial progress."

##### THE ENEMY FORCED BACK.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 21, 9 30 a. m. General Warren's engagement continues. He has forced the enemy from three positions. The Lancashire and Irish brigades are advancing steadily.

The fire is very severe occasionally.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The War office has received the following from General Buller dated Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21, 6 55 a. m.:

"In order to relieve the pressure of General Warren and ascertain the strength of the enemy in their position in front of Potgeiters drift, General Lytton made a reconnaissance in force yesterday.

This kept the enemy in their trenches in full strength all day long.

##### THE CASUALTIES.

Our casualties were:—Third Royal Rifles, 2 killed, 12 wounded and 2 missing.

The War Office has posted this despatch from General Buller dated January, 21, 10 a. m.:

The following were wounded in the action near Venter's Spruit yesterday:

Officers staff—Col. B. Hamilton, and Major G. McGregor.

Second Lancashire Fusiliers—Captain R. B. Blunt and 2nd Lieutenant M. G. Crofton and E. J. Bennet.

First Border Rifles—Capt. C. D. Vaughan and 2nd Lieutenant Muriors.

First York and Lancashire—2nd Lieutenant A. H. Kerrey.

Second Dublin Fusiliers—Capt. C. A. Hensley, (since dead) and Major P. English.

Second Gordons—2nd Lieutenant P. D. Stormont and 279 non-commissioned officers and men.

##### FURTHER PARTICULARS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Daily Telegraph's despatch, dated Spearman's Camp, Saturday evening, says that the position of General Buller's force, which is under Commander Warren, has fought a deliberately planned and successful battle.

This important engagement took place to the west of Spion Kop and has practically resulted in our securing the rough table-land which constitutes the key of the Boer position.

Soon after midday, the battle on the hills became furious, and from 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the firing of both cannon and rifles was extremely heavy.

Point after point of the enemy's position was seized by the British troops and eventually the Boer right broke and was forced back toward Spion Kop.

Our force is bivouacking upon the ground they have captured in to day's fighting. Our losses were trifling but the Boers suffered severely.

While General Warren was fighting his engagement an effectual demonstration was proceeding at Potgeiters Drift the enemy's positions near there being shelled vigorously by the British batteries.

At the same time the guns of General Warren's force were heard.

Four more Boer prisoners, who are slightly wounded have been brought into camp making a total so far captured of twenty-three.

HART AND CLERY MOVE.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 21.—After ten hours continuous terrible fighting on Saturday. Generals Hart and Clery advanced a thousand yards.

The Boers maintained an irregular fight during the night. But the British outposts did not reply. This morning at day-break the Boers opened a stiff fire. The British replied vigorously.

A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved reached the British, who sent up ringing cheers as this was taken for an advance. The great kopje was carried at the point of the bayonet and the Boers retreated to next the Kopjes. The British advanced speedily and the Boers relaxed slightly.

The latter did not show such tenacity as previously. Apparently the Boers were short of ammunition.

DISHEARTENED BOERS.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A correspondent of The Times at Lorenzo Marques telegraphs "I learn from an absolutely unbiased and trustworthy informant that the Boers in Natal are disheartened."

CAPTAIN HENSLEY'S DEATH CONFIRMED.

HALIFAX, Jan. 22.—Captain C. A. Hensley, of the Dublin Fusiliers, who was killed in the battle near Venter's Spruit, on Saturday, was a Halifax man. His father received a cable from the War Office this morning announcing his wounding and death.

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.

Will the person who found the shopping bag some time ago please call at THE EXAMINER office.

## LETTERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

### The Examiner's Correspondent at Belmont

#### WRITES OF THE EXPERIENCES OF THE ISLANDEER.

#### The Campaign a Fatiguing One. Interesting Details of Camp Life.

Royal Canadian Regiment, Camp Belmont, South Africa, December 16th, 1899.

Well, here we are we "distinguished Islanders abroad"—right in the thick of the fray, and a hard campaign it is turning out to be. Not that I allude to any actual fighting that we have to do but it is work, work, almost never-ending fatigue from early morning. Notwithstanding this, the Prince Edward Islanders are all well and wonderfully cheerful.

Most of us have been over the battlefield at this place, where the Boers got such a "cleaning-out." We saw many of the dead bodies of our enemies that had only been half-buried—the sight of them was sickening and I shall never forget it. Nearly all of us picked up from the ground souvenirs of the fight, such as guns, watches and everything imaginable.

The regiments we have been attached to—the Seaforth and Black Watch Highland regiments—are composed of fine fellows, brave men all of them, who are ready to follow on the instant where many of their comrades have already gone forward to death. Plenty of them, now in the ranks, have been wounded in previous battles, some men in half a dozen places; it is wonderful how slight the wounds are in the the majority of cases. Nearly all of the men appear to have been hit in the legs or in the arm.

What I have seen on this trip to South Africa has been truly wonderful, and if I could back alive I will be able to tell yarns to no end. It is not possible to write at any length in present circumstances, as everything is upside down here in this bustling camp, and we seem to have no time to do anything. We are on the move continually.

We have captured a number of Boers and a lot of Kaffirs when we have been out on outpost duty. Our company was detailed for this work the other night, and I can tell you it is exciting enough for anything.

We have not as yet received any Canadian mail and we are all, naturally, uneasy at the lack of news from home. If it be possible we are going to telegraph home direct in the event of any of us being killed or wounded. There is no sickness worth mentioning among the Canadians at present.

Since we arrived here we have experienced two of the severest rain storms I ever saw. I never dreamed rain could fall as it did on those occasions—everything was simply flooded. Flies are a terrible pest—their bites are fearful. Clouds of grasshoppers also pay us visits; millions of them, I fancy there must be

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flying together as thick as a snowstorm. On our way up to this place we saw thousands of ostriches as well as wild-goats and other animals traversing the country.

Provisions are awfully dear. To give you an idea of how prohibitive the prices make luxuries for the Canadian Tommies I quote the ruling market prices in camp: Condensed milk, 50c per can, (the Charlottetown factory should make us a donation); lobsters, 50c a can, and think of them selling on the market square for 5c each; sardines, 40 cents a can. Bread you cannot get for love or money, and we cannot call up "telephone 98." Don't I wish we could. Everything else is twice the price that is charged at home. Whiskey can hardly be obtained at all, but any that is procured costs the consumer about four dollars a bottle, and not many of us are breaking the pledge at that price. Ale is about a shilling (25c) a pot, that is three half-pints, no matter how thirsty you may be.

We are going to bring home some Kruger money when we come, even if we do not bring Kruger. We have an idea that we may return in June but there is no telling what is before us.

We had very little time at Cape Town to do anything, and I had to leave my camera behind me there, as I could not take it to the front; anyway the heat here would spoil the films. We brought nothing from the Cape but what we really

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