

TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH.

Boer General Says They Fought Bravely in the Last Battle

Heroism of a Fourteen-Year-Old Bugler—The Boer Position on Modder River Has Been Greatly Strengthened—Disloyalty of the Colonists—Gen. Buller's Loss at Tugela River.

A despatch from Pretoria, via London, says—The following advice has been received from Modder river regarding the Magersfontein battle: "Having received large reinforcements, and his army having rested since Nov. 28, Lord Methuen advanced against General Cronje's army, which occupied a position on both sides of the railway for many miles. "The fighting opened with heavy cannonading at 4 o'clock in the morning, under cover of which masses of infantry advanced toward the Boers. They were received with a steady fire, which repulsed the advance before the English came within measurable distance. "A second attack met the same fate, although the English charged bravely against a hail of Mauser bullets. "About this time the men of the South African corps, who had a great reputation for reckless courage, charged, and were met with the British forces, who were deployed in the attack. But no courage could break the Boers' defences, and late in the day the British retreated to Modder river, leaving dead and dying.

"The Boers' losses were insignificant. Excesses of 100 S. Africans, 18 were killed and 43 wounded. "English prisoners say their killed and wounded numbered 2,000. They also say the Black Watch was cut to pieces. "This great news was received here with jubilation. "A BUGLER'S HEROISM. "A despatch from London, Thursday says—Additional reports from Colonel Buller to demonstrate the inferiority in the ranks of the British artillery. The naval guns were able to reach the Boer positions at Chieveley. The Times' correspondent at Chieveley says, "The Boers have damaged the river below Bridle drift, rendering it almost impassable. The Dublin Fusiliers had four men drowned while attempting the passage. People who know the country consider the Boer position to be the strongest possible. "The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Chieveley tells a story of the fourteen-year-old bugler of the Dublin Fusiliers. He received three wounds in the chest and one in the arm. He staggered back to the dressing station unaided. In reply to the chaplain's question if he was suffering pain, he said, "Only a stinging feeling in my hand."

GREATLY STRENGTHENED. "A correspondent of the London Daily News, telegraphing from Modder river, Saturday, says— "The Boer position, already fortified on Dec. 1, has been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point; guns have been got into position, and the Boers have threatened to attack the railroad station, which is on the direct line between Cape Town, and De Aar. The Afrikaner Bundles at a meeting there passed a resolution asserting that the farmers dangerously. The meeting proclaimed its loyalty, but declared the conduct of the troops forced the people to use expressions and commitments which were capable of being interpreted as disloyal."

KILLED NUMBER 137. "An official report from General Buller received at Wellington, places his number of killed in the battle of Tugela River at 137. Buller's first report said he had lost 83 killed. "Wednesday's despatch adds that the Connaught Rangers suffered the heaviest loss in the engagement, having 24 officers and men killed. The Dublin Fusiliers came next with 1 killed. The field batteries, which were subjected to a particularly heavy fire, lost only 10 killed.

BY A FLANK MOVEMENT. "Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement. "75,000 FROM MEXICO. "A despatch from Mexico City, Mexico, says—The subscriptions started in the British colony here in behalf of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in the war in the Transvaal, has already reached the sum of \$7,500.

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Buckwheat—Easy. Car lots, east, 49c, asked, and west, 48c, asked. "Oatmeal—Rolled oats, in bags, track, Toronto, \$3.25; and in wood, \$3.35 per bbl. "Detroit, Dec. 26.—Wheat—Closed. No. 1, white, cash, 70 1/2c, No. 2, red, cash, and December, 70 1/2c; May, 73 1/2c.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A slack demand, and small clearances at the seaboard took the starch out of wheat to-day, May closing 3-4c under yesterday, 1-8 to 1-4c down, and oats 3-8c lower. Provisions closed unchanged. "New York reported only ten boat loads taken for export. "Sourthern clearances, in wheat and flour, were 46,000 bush; primary receipts were 562,200 bush, against 1,169,000 last year. "Minneapolis and Duluth reported 555,000, compared with 349,142 last week, and 715 a year ago. Local receipts were 93 cars, 32 of contract grade.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Flaxseed—Closed. North-West and South-West, \$1.84 1/2; December, \$1.88 bid; May, \$1.94. "Duluth, Dec. 26.—Spring wheat—Very dull; No. 1 hard, spot, 76 1/4c; No. 1 Northern, spot, 74 1/4c; No. 2 Northern, 71 1/4c. "Winter wheat—Quiet; No. 2 red, 71 1/4c mixed, 70c; No. 1, white, 70 1/2c, asked, Corn—Steady; No. 3 yellow, 35 3/4c; No. 4 yellow, 35 1/4c; No. 3 corn, 31 1/2c; No. 2, 31 1/2c; No. 4 corn, 31 1/4c. "Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 28 3/4c; No. 3, 28 1/4c; No. 1 hard, spot, 27 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 26 3/4c to 27c; No. 3 mixed, 26 1/2c. "Rye—No. 1, in store, 58c; No. 2, do, 56c. "Flour—Firm. "Duluth, Dec. 26.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 65 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 61 1/2c; December, 65 1/2c; May, 69 1/2c; July, 69 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 61 5/8c; No. 3 spring, 58 1/2c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 26.—Wheat—No. 2, cash and December, 69c; May, 73c. "Corn—No. 2 mixed, \$1.20. "Oats—No. 2 mixed, 24c. "Rye—No. 2 cash, 55c. "Cloverseed—Prime, cash, old, \$4.95; December, \$5.70; March, 5.80. "Oil—Unchanged.

Milwaukee, Dec. 26.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 65 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 64 to 66c. "Rye—No. 1, 55 1/2c. "Barley—No. 2, 4c; sample, 30 to 43c. "Chicago, Dec. 26.—Spring wheat—Very dull; No. 1 hard, spot, 76 1/4c; No. 1 Northern, spot, 74 1/4c; No. 2 Northern, 71 1/4c. "Winter wheat—Quiet; No. 2 red, 71 1/4c mixed, 70c; No. 1, white, 70 1/2c, asked, Corn—Steady; No. 3 yellow, 35 3/4c; No. 4 yellow, 35 1/4c; No. 3 corn, 31 1/2c; No. 2, 31 1/2c; No. 4 corn, 31 1/4c. "Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 28 3/4c; No. 3, 28 1/4c; No. 1 hard, spot, 27 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 26 3/4c to 27c; No. 3 mixed, 26 1/2c. "Rye—No. 1, in store, 58c; No. 2, do, 56c. "Flour—Firm. "Duluth, Dec. 26.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 65 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 61 1/2c; December, 65 1/2c; May, 69 1/2c; July, 69 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 61 5/8c; No. 3 spring, 58 1/2c.

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