## CASUALTIES AT SPION

Upwards of 1000 Men Killed in the Engagement == Many Officers Slain==British Troops Retired in Order==Buller's Sanguine Talk==Canadians Again in Action == News From Ladysmith == 145,700 to the Front-Boers' Supplies Short.

A despatch from London says:-A Buller read the following from the special from Frere camp, says:

"I have just ridden in here, having left Gen. Buller's forces in the new pothey retired in consequence of the re- your arduous march."

verse at Spion kop.

The fighting both before and after the occupation of the mountain was of a desperate character. Spion kop is a precipitous mountain, overtopping the the key of the road to Ladysmith, in whole line of kopjes along the Upper Tugela. On the eastern side the moun- Queen, and they were given enthustain faces Mount Alice, and Potgieter's lastically. drift, standing at right angles to the Boer central position and Lyttleton's advanced position. The southern point descends in abrupt steps to the lower line of kopjes on the western side, opposite the right outposts of Warren's force. It is inaccessibly steep until the point where the nek joins the point to the main range. Then there is a to the summit.

The nek was strongly held by the Boers, who also occupied a heavy spur parallel with the kop, where the enemy was concealed in no fewer than 35 rifle-pits, and was thus enabled to Natal. bring to bear upon our men a damaging cross-fire, the only possible point for a British attack being the south side, with virtually sheer precipices on the left and right.

A narrow foot path admitting men in single file only to the summit opens into a perfectly flat table land, probably of 300 square yards area, upon which the Boers had hastily commenced to make a transverse trench. Our men were able to occupy the further end of the table land, where the ridge descends to another flat, which was again succeeded by a round stony the whole of which has reached Cape eminence held by the Boers in great Town, and as there is no word of any strength.

The ridge held by our men was faced by a number of strong little kops at all angles, whence the Boers sent a concentrated fire from their rifles, supported by a Maxim-Nordenfeldt, and a big long-range gun.

What with the rifles and the machine guns, the summit was converted into a perfect hell. The shells exploded continually in our ranks, and the rifle fire, from an absolutely unseen enemy, was perfectly appalling. Reinforcements were hurried -up

by Gen. Warren, but they had to cross a stretch of flat ground, which was literally torn up by the flying lead of the enemy. The unfinished trench on the summit gave very questionable shelter, as the enemy's machine guns were so accurately ranged upon the place that often 10 shells fell in the trench in a single minute.

Mortal man could not permanently hold such a position. Our gallant fellows held it tenaciously for twenty darkness, abandoned it to the enemy. that the Boers are shelling the hospi- or on the way to South, Africa was any line by which the seat of war can TWENTY-TWO OFFICERS KILLED. tal or sanitarium, if true, can perhaps given in the House of Commons by be reached."

War Office has posted a list of casualties among the officers of the fifth division and mounted brigade at Spion kop on January 24, totalling:-Killed, 22; wounded, 19; missing, 4. They are as follows:-

KILLED.

Staff Captain M. H. Virtue. Captain S. M. Stewart, Lieuts. F. R. Mallock and E. Fraser, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.

and H. A. Wilson, Second Middlesex. Major A. J. Ross Capt. M. W. Kirk, ashire Regiment. Lieut.-Piper Wolferstan Second

King's Scottish Borderers. Capt. C. G. Birch and Lieut. F. M. Rachael, First South Lancashires.

Lieut. H. W. Garvey, First Borderers.

Captains the Hon. W. H. Petre and C. S. N .Knox-Gore and Lieuts. C. G. Grenfell ,P. F. Newtan, P. S. McCorquodale, and Hill-Trevor, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.

Lieuts. Randall and Knockschand, Imperial Light Infantry. WOUNDED.

Wilson -and L. E. Charton, Second district. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Major E. W. Scott-Monctrieff and smart work. Captains G. W. Saville, R. DeH. Burton, G. W. Bently, Second Middlesex. Capt W. Sanbach and Lieuts. A. Dykes, J. A. Nixon, and G. R. Stephens, Second Lancashires.

General Woodgate, dangerously. Capt. F. M. Carlton and Lieuts. A. staff.

Howard, of Thorneycroft's Mounted ency. Infantry. Capt Coleman, Imperial Light In-

fantry.

MISSING.

Captains W. F. Elmslie, Hicks, and G. B. French, Second Lancashire Fu-Major G. A. Carton, Second Royal

Lancashires. Lieut. Power-Ellis, Thorneycroft's

Mounted Infantry.

The announcement of General Woodgate's death in the press despatches was apparently erroneous.

BULLER'S SANGUINE TALK.

Queen to Gen. Warren's force:-"I must express my admiration of my troops during the past trying week, especially the regiments you sitions south of the Tugela to which specify, and the accomplishment of

> ing they ought not to think because they had retired that all their work was of no avail.

They, in his opinion, had gained Gen. Buller called for cheers for the

JOIN FOR AN ADVANCE.

acre against the Boers, at Stormberg. perform the work. Such a decision would seem to imply that the campaign in Natal is to be

left to care for itself, for if the sixth division is at Thebus. there is no other force available to turn the scale in

In addition to Gen. Kelly-Kenny's movements, Gen. Brabant, chief of the Cape colonials, has arrived at Sterk-Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, reviewing

the military situation in the Morning Post, says:-"The column under Gen. Kelly-Kenny has occupied Thebus, about ninety miles by railway from Colesburg, where Gen. French is operating, and about 45 miles from Stormberg Junction, where the Boers opposed to Gem. Gatacre are believed to be. The strength of Gen. Kelly-Kenny's column is not told, but as that part of it having gone to Natal, the good condition. probability is that the column is identical with the division.

RETIRED IN ORDER.

says:-The British troops took the heights of Spion kop, but the position was considered untenable, and the darkness. There was much surprise in the morning when it was discovered that there were no troops on the hill. The various rumors of defeat are quite untrue. The withdrawal was conducted in an orderly manner, the troops being withdrawn to Spearman's camp, the flank movement being abortive. The British loss was heavy. The actual numbers are not known. The greatest loss was owing to a crossfire of shrapnel and lyddite.

SHELLING THE HOSPITALS. Kimperley is receiving severe treatment from the enemy, who, according to heliograms from the garrison, are A despatch from London says:-The be explained by the fact that Cecil Mr. George Wyndham, Parliamentary The correspondent advises the au-Rhodes was recently residing there.

> CANADIANS AGAIN IN ACTION. A despatch from Belmont, Cape Colony, says:-The colonial troops are now being given an important share in the operations which Lord Roberts is inaugurating for the invasion of the Orange Free State.

Both the Canadians and the Australians, who have been employed upon the lines of communication, are being Capt. C. Muriel, Lieuts. W. Lawley used to aid the Imperial authorities in clearing the northern part of Cape Colony; of the rebels who are so imand Lieuts. A. H. Wade ,Second Lanc- peding the progress of the British troops.

A strong party of the Australians and Canadians left Belmont a week ago, 500 strong, for a reconnaissance in the Tredear district. The enemy were found in force at Badenborst, on

the Riet river. After a smart fight in which none A despatch from Sterkstroom, Cape of Belmont.

mounted force, will be left to garrison the burghers, it is added, has been Colonel Blomfield (taken prisoner), the post, from which an advance will moved back of Stormberg heights, Major W. F. Waller, and Lieuts R. S. be made to clear out the rebels of the which are still held.

It may be that we are in for some

All are well.

GOOD NEWS FROM LADYSMITH A despatch from Ladysmith says "We little dreamed when we received :a message on January 25 that 'all is Buller has failed. There is a natural

We can hold on here. with fortitude. The privations of the siege will fall more heavily on the

weeded out.

The health of the garrison was less robust during the first pinch than returning to Gaberones.

still working.

After our men evacuated Spion kop the enemy quickly brought up guns and fortified the position.

The Boer laagers on the plains beyond Ladysmith are again full of men, who returned after the retreat of the

"A new laager was formed this morning on the heights near Colenso. The Boers have a great force on the plains thereabouts. Reinforcements are apparently coming from the Transvaal. "The British guns are still on Mount

There is a strong rumour in camp that Gen. Buller is advancing along another line."

BOER TREACHERY.

A despatch from London says:-"Col. Thorneycroft had a narrow escape last week. He went to meet a Boer flag of truce, which asked a par-Gen. Buller addressed the men, say- ley, but having become suspicious, he told the Boer commander that he would not parley. Both retired, and the Boers fired a volley; the colonel only escaping in consequence of their bad shooting."

WILL TRY TO FLOOD LADYSMITH. A despatch from Lorenzo Marquez says:-Information has been received from the Transvaal that the Boers are convinced of the uselessness of again A despatch from London says:-The attempting to storm Ladysmith, and only important new feature of the of continuing their ineffective bom- camp. operations in South Africa is Gen. bardment. They have resolved to Kelly-Kenny's occupation of Thebus dam the Klip river some miles below station. The announcement, however, the town, hoping to flood the place, is unofficial. The strength; of the and drive the soldiers and inhabitants column is not stated, but it is assum- out of the bomb-proof caves, so as to ed here that the whole strength of the expose them to the shell fire. Hund- ler used one of these. sixth division was employed. The reds of Kaffirs and huge quantities of presumption is that the column is de- timber and sand-bags have been sent gentle slope, which allows easy access signed to co-operate with Gen. Gat- from Johannesburg and Pretoria to

BADEN-POWELL AT WORK.

A despatch from Mafeking says: "All well during the past fortnight. Have been pushing out the trenches toward's the enemy's big guns, and on January 16 their 94-pounder and high tions and retired eastwards of the town, whence they are capable of little damage.

"Have thus pushed the enemy on three sides well out of rifle shot.

hope to shift with dynamite."

REFUGES IN METHUEN'S CAMP. A despatch from Modder River says: -Two refugees, Messrs. Norton and officer commands the sixth division, Coulter, with their families, entered the camp here. The party had fourteen horses and twenty mules, all in

Messrs. Norton and Coulter described the conditions in the Transvaal and Free State.

They said that the Republican A despatch from Spearman's Camp forces had put their last ounce of strength in the field.

The party was not stopped by the Boers. Though they had a pass from troops were withdrawn under cover of Barkly West, which permitted them to presumed therefore that the Boers will bags, middle freights, at \$2.65 per bbl. go to Kopjes dam, which is the Mag- not return to that point. ersfontein head laager, they did not report there, because it was certain that, on account of their good condi- spatch to the Times from Cape Town, tion, the horses and mules would be seized.

> that every available man on the west- passing through the Hex river pass ern frontiers of the two Republics, and to-day, killing a soldier. in Bechuanaland and Griqualand has been commandeered and sent to the dent that the anti-British movement Boer positions between here and Kim- in the southwestern part or the colberley.

145,700 MEN AT THE FRONT.

Wyndham read the following list, the colony. mentioning that it was exclusive of the 8th division, now being mobilized, and the fourth cavalry brigade, under orders to proceed to the front :-Foot and artillery . . . 142,000 Cavalry . . . . . . 3,700

Total troops . . . . . 145,700 Naval guns . . ! . . . Horse artillery . . . 

Mr. Wyndham added that in 1898 the combine dforces of the two Republics were estimated at 59,000 men. SHORT OF SUPPLIES.

of our men were injured, the rebels Colony, says :- A runner who has arwere cleared out, and Colonel Boyd, rived here brought a letter from Ali- telegraphs under date of Feb. 1, Boer and in small lots resell at 6 to 61-4c; the commandant at Belmont, ordered wai North, in which it is announced reinforcements, are arriving at Storm- evaporated, 81-2 to 9c, in small lots the establishment of a permanent that the Boers have reopened the line berg. The enemy have repaired the Honey-Dealers quote from 9 to 10c force at Richmond, twelve miles west to Burghersdorp, as their supplies railway between Aliwal North and per lb. for 5, 10, or 60-lb. tins, and in were short at Stormberg.

MRS. JOUBERT AT THE FRONT. A despatch from London says:-

General Joubert's wife accompanies

him everywhere, and insists on personally providing for his table. BOMBARDS BOER POSITION. A despatch from Gaberones, says:-

well,' what the night would bring A Boer scout was captured by Col. W. Forster and J. W. Baldwin, of the forth. We know now that General Plumer's outpost, and a small party was sent out to reconnoitre certain Capt. R. A. Bettington and Lieut. disappointment, but little despond- hills. They ascended the wrong kopje and blundered upon a Boer fortress armed with a Maxim. Fortunately, The garrison received the news they managed to escape without cas-

The garrison has arrived at a Col. Plumer's force around the Boer red and white, 64 to 66c, according to relicus 36 34 to 37; No. 2 wellow the sealthier phase and discount to the learner continued to the sealthier phase and discount to the sealthier phase are the sealthier phase and discount to the sealthier phase are the sealthier phase and discount to the sealthier phase are the sealthier phase and discount to the sealthier phase are the sealthier phase and discount to the sealthier phase are the sealthier phase and discount to the sealthier phase are the sealthier phase and the sealthier phase are the sealth The garrison has arrived at a least southward, says the Rhode-healthier phase and disease has been laager southward, says the Rhode-sians to the mill; goose wheat 69c, 1-2 to 36 3-4; No. 4 yellow, 36 to sians captured two Transvaal flags sians captured two Transvaal flags, middle freights; 68c, north and west; 36 1-4c; No. 2 corn, 36 1-4 to 36 1-2c; and drove off the Boer outpost before

From Observation hill many of the The Crocodile river is flooding, and were firm on export enquiry. Boer movements are visible, also Rhodes' drift is probably unfordable, Flour.-Export demand fair. Outside on track. Flour-Firm; good de-A despatch from London says:-Gen. sometimes the doings of Buller's men. and will remain so until March. It is millers offer straight roller, in buyers' mand.

## BULLER IS AGAIN FIGHTING.

Has Re-crossed the Tugela River and Ladysmith Reports Having Heard His Big Guns-Boer Blunders at Ladysmith-Buller's Flying Column Active—Are Prisoners Only.

A despatch from London says:-General Buller has recrossed the Tugela river, and is marching on Ladysmith. Exactly where he crossed is not known, but it is known that on Friday night he considered the probability of crossing at a spot above Trichard's drift, and then going to Acton Holmes, from which place Ladysmith lies almost due eact. The country between is fairly

er of the Spion kop farm, who has been stopping in Durban, was summoned a few days ago to Spearman's

'He informed General Buller that there were two drifts or fords which had long been unused, further up the river. It is probable that General Bul-

BOERS ADMIT A BLUNDER.

A despatch from London says:-General Buller has undoubtedly se- Boers remain north-east of the camp cured the road to Ladysmith, and The majority are concentrated south should reach his objective this week. and west. It is believed that the object of the Boers in occupying Ngutu, Zululand, is to secure the road from Dunvelocity Krupp evacuated their posi- dee to Vryheid in case of retreat. I learn from a reliable source that patch from Cape Town, which states General Joubert was seriously injured that 40 British soldiers who were re-

to command again on horseback. My ers at Pretoria. "Have opened a new grazing ground informant says that he has, in fact, retired from the ield. "The enemy still have two strong The Boers admit that the attack on | A despatch from London says:positions on the east side , which we Ladysmith was a serious blunder, and A Pietermaritzburg despatch says:would not have occurred if Gen. Jou- "The appearance of the flying column bert had been in command. Gen. of scouts in Zululand has created

> a mistake in not sending Gen. Sir | there is about 1,000 strong, with three Evelyn Wood. I understand that they still have a thousand bags of flour in reserve at Delagoa Bay. MARTYR TO PATROTISM.

A despatch from London, says-The tempt to storm Ladysmith.

FRIE UPON MILITARY TRAIN.

London, Saturday, Feb. 3.-A dedated yesterday, says:

"An unknown individual fired Norton and Coulter state positively shotgun at a military train that was

"It can be inferred from this inciony is serious enough to induce Gen. Roberts to distribute froops in the A despatch from London says: | rura'l districts. Hex river is only The first authentic statement of the about 100 miles north of Cape Town. hours, and then, taking advantage of firing indiscriminately. The report total British troops and guns now in The railway thither is not part of

the debate on the address. Mr. not to enforce martial law throughout

CANADIAN DANGEROUSLY ILL. 49c; and west, 48c. Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Col- Toronto, \$3.25 per bbl; and in wood, ony, cabled the Governor-General to- \$3.35 per bbl. day that Sergt. Joseph Russell, of Eggs-Market rather quiet. Valuer Prince Edward Island, is lying danger- hold steady, though, in all lines. Jobously ill at Orange river. He is not bing lots of new laid sell at 21 to 22c; expected to recover.

He was formerly atta h d to he Royal figures. Canadian Artillery.

General French, who visited Cape 45 to 50c per bag. Out of store choice Town to consult with General Lord stock bring about 50c per bag. uary 31, and resumed reconnoitring, are worth \$1.45 to \$1.50, delivered but nothing of consequence resulted. here, and re-sell at \$1.60. A company of the Canadians with a The plains being bare, the camp of when they first crossed the frontier, tions. and trains are now running over it.

The same correspondent records rumours that Commandant Steyn has bring \$8.75 to \$9, delivered here No. been recalled from the command of the 2, \$8 to \$2.25. Dealers here resell at Free State forces in Natal to defend the south-eastern border.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Marts.

Toronto February 6 -- Wheat --Prices of wheat in the West scribing a reconnaissance of some of Local prices were quite firm. Ontario No. 2 red, 72c; No. 1 White, and mix-"Col Plumer used his 12 1-2 pounder 1 hard, sold at 79c, and at 78 1-2c, Oats-Dull and lower; No. 2 white, the rains have given a supply of on the Boer position for the first time North Bay. This afternoon one holder 28 1-4 to 28 1-2c; No. 3 white, 27 3-4c grass. We can hear Buller's guns to-day. The Boers replied speedily was still asking 78 1-2, but others were No. 4 white, 27 1-4c; No. 2 mixed, 25 and accurately, but did no damage." strong at 79c. Spring and goose wheat 3-4c; No. 3 mixed, 25c. Rye-Nomin-

AGAIN CROSSED THE TUGELA. Standard, among its death notices prints the following:-

M'LACHLAN-On Christmas day, shot in market square, Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa, for refusing to fight against his own countrymen, John McLachian, jr., aged 30, eldest son of John McLachlan, of Wandsworth, and grandson of the late John McLachlan, of Lam-

If the statement contained in the notice is true, the whole English-speaking world should ring with denunciations of a crime so despicable. Es-It is learned that Mr. Walton, own- pecually should Americans speak out on such a matter, for they showed the true way in their treatment of technical rebels, and set an example to

mankind." LADYSMITH HEARS BULLER'S

GUNS. A despatch from Ladysmith, says: -Gen. Buller's guns have been heard again. Otherwise it is very quiet. We are awaiting further news of his

progress. There have been no further Very few developments here.

The health of the garrison is improved.

PRISONERS, NOT DEAD. A despatch from London, says:-The War Office has received a desby a shell in the fight at Willow ported to have been killed in the batgrange, and that he will never be able the of Magersfontein are now prison-

BULLER'S FLYING COLUMN

Lucas Meyer played the coward at come uneasiness among the Boers Talana, and sheltered himself in a Red over the border. A number of Boers Cross wagon, shamming sickness. He have been hurriedly withdrawn from has been unable to face the Boers Ladysmith and Dundee to Vryheid to since, and they threaten to shoot him, protect that place and oppose any The Beors say Great Britain made British advance. The Boer force

A despatch from Cape Town cays:-It is now officially admitted that no less that 1,100 Boers were killed and 600 wounded in the unsuccessful at-

and export agents bid \$2.55. Special around \$3. Millfeed-Scarce. Bran is quoted at \$15.50 to \$16, and shorts at \$17 to \$18, at the mill door through Western Ontario. Some Western millers are in the market as buyers of bran and shorts, local production being unequal

to local demand. Corn-Steady. No. 2 American, yellow, quoted at 41c, track, Toronto; and mixed, at 40 1-2c, Canadian corn, 39

1-2c, track, Toronto. Peas-Firm. Car lots, 59c, north and west, and 60c east.

Barley-Firm. Car lots of no 2, middle freights, 40c; and east at 41c. Rye-Firm. Car lots, 50c west, and

Oats-Demand fair. White oats, 26 to 26 1-2c, north and west; 26 1-2 to Secretary to the Foreign Office, in thorities to reconsider their decision 27c, middle freights; and 27 to 27 1-2c,

Buckwheat-Quiet. Car lots, east,

A despatch from Ottawa says:-Sir Oatmeal-Rolled oats, in bags, track,

held fresh, at 16 to 18c; No. 2 at 13 to

Sergt. Russell is a member of "G" 15c; and limed, at 15c. Ten-case Company, of the Canadian contingent, lots will sell at a fraction below these Potatoes-Deliveries are free, and FRENCH CONFERS WITH ROBERTS. local enquiry rather slow. Car lota are sold on track here at 38 to 400 per A despatch from London, says:- bag, and at farmers' wagons at about

Roberts, returned to Renberg on Jan- Beans-Choice hand-picked beans

According to the Daily Chronicle's Dried apples-Dealers pay 51-2 to correspondent at Sterkstroom, who 53-4c for dried stock, delivered here Burghersdorp, which they destroyed comb around \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen sec-

> Baled hay-Not much coming in or wanted here. No. 1 timothy will about \$9 to \$9.25 for choice.

> Baled straw-Featureless. Car lots are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5 on track. Hops-Quiet. Dealers here quote

> choice Canada, '99's, at 16 to 18c. Poultry-More coming in than the demand calls for. Values about steady. Chickens job at 30 to 50c per pair; geese, 7 1-2c to 8 1-2c; ducks, 40 to 65c per pair; and turkeys, 10 to 11c.

Buffalo, Feb. 6 .- Spring wheat-Dull; No. 1 hard, 76c; No. 1 Northern, carloads, 75c; round lots, 74 1-2; improved to-day, and closed firm, Winter wheat-No offerings, strong; and spring, east, 66 1-2c; Manitoba No. No. 8 corn, 36c; No. 4 corn, 35 3-4c; ally 60c for No. 1 and 59c for No. 2