

SMILE NOW TO LAST FREE!

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AT THEIR LONG TOM

Will Cheerful and Able to Hold Out.

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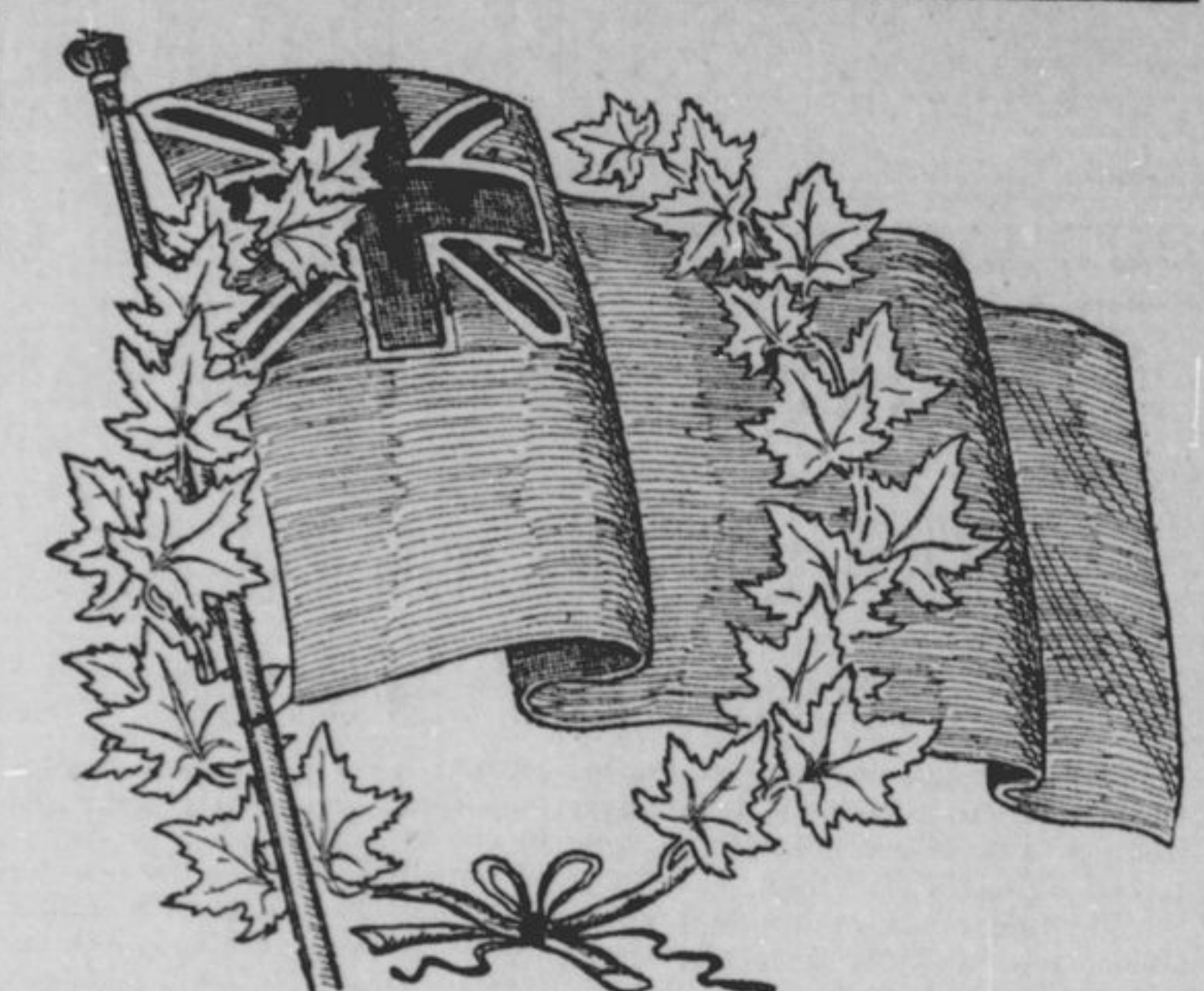
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the generals.

The Daily Telegraph says: "Never

since the delivery of Lucknow has the

empire been so thrilled to its utmost

soul by splendid pride and strange

paths by any advent as by the relief

of Ladysmith. Britain had never

known a more bitter thought than

that the difficulties obstructing its

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under Gen. Dundonald, entered Ladys-

smith at 6 o'clock this evening. Our

hopes of success were so great that

we were surprised when we were left

wholly without news of the movements

of Gen. Buller, and his guns could no

longer be heard. This morning, how-

ever, brought renewed confidence, as

we watched the enemy in full flight to

the northward, driving before them

long lines of cattle and wagons. Still,

we did not dare believe that relief was

immediately at hand.

"But of a sudden, while the Boers

were straining every nerve to dis-

mount their 'Long Tom' on Bulwain

Hill, two squadrons of the Imperial

Light Horse and Natal Carbiners

were seen approaching at full gallop

across the plain from the south. The

news spread like wildfire. Everybody

—officers, soldiers and civilians—

burst out to greet the horsemen.

Even the sick and wounded crawled

out of their tents to join in the cheer-

ing. The troops came on with a

loose rein, for the very horses seemed

to revel in the welcome that was await-

ing them.

"Almost before they reached the

drift over the Klip River they were

met by the comrades whom they had

longed to see. Amid cheers and

handshakings, they made their way

into the camp, where ensued a scene

of uncontrollable enthusiasm and ec-

resolved to abandon the territory

around Rensberg, and the retreat has

been effected under the protection of

mounted burghers.

President Kruger is issuing a stir-

ring address to the burghers in Natal,

who are falling back on Biggarsberg.

The President will return to Pre-

toria Sunday.

Saved by Queen's Gift.

Pietermaritzburg, March 4.—The

Life of Private Humphrey, of the Sec-

ond Lancashire, was saved as Grob-

ler's blood by a bullet imbedding it-

self in the box of his life. We do not

know how long he has been carrying

it in his bosom. The box was one of

those which had been sent to South

Africa by the Queen as a Christmas

gift to the soldiers.

Want Independence.

Cape Town, March 4.—The members

of the Afrikaner Bond are expressing

themselves freely. M. J. Pretorius, a

member of the Legislative Council, has

written a letter to the South African

News, which was published yesterday,

in which he said:

"Now, when it is too late, the Brit-

ish Cabinet is pleased to express an

interest in the independence of the

Republic, to know there is one

thing which is a triumph for them.

On that question, if no other, we will

be heard."

Says Kipling Led a Mob.

Cape Town, March 4.—The Volks-

paper, the official organ of the Trans-

vaal Government at Pretoria, states that

the Boers consume large quantities of

diluted vinegar in order to overcome

the lassitude caused by the fumes from

the lime sheds at the front.

The South African News accuses

Rudyard Kipling of leading a mob of

invaders into the Parliament House at

Cape Town. The paper apparently

does not know that Kipling is a member

of the House of Representatives, and

that Kipling's poetry is consistent

with such conduct.

Mafeking Not Relieved.

London, March 4.—A special

despatch from Brussels announces that

Dr. Leyds authorizes an absolute

denial of the report that he has received

news that Mafeking had been relieved.

Praise for Otter.

London, March 4.—Canada's soldiers

in South Africa are still receiving the

praises of the war correspondents

who were present at the action on

Tuesday morning.

The Times publishes a despatch from

its correspondent at Paardeberg, in

which he says that Lieut.-Col. Otter,

who commands the Canadian Regi-

ment, deserves the highest praise for

his coolness and ability, shown under

the hottest fire. Captains A. H. Mac-

donald and H. B. S. are also

most conspicuous.

The Canadians alone lost six men

killed and ten wounded within 50

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Clements Advancing.

London, March 4.—Lord Roberts

cables the War Office from Osofontein,

Sunday.

"Gen. Clements reports that his

advanced troops hold Achttertang, and

that railway communication would be

opened to Joubert's siding to-day.

"The enemy are still in force at

Norval's pont bridge."

Garrison at Halfax.

Ottawa, Ont., March 4.—Every

province is to furnish its quota to the

regiment which is to garrison Halfax.

One thousand men will be enlisted,

but only active militiamen who

have put in one season's drilling will

be accepted.

The men will be enrolled for one

year, with a possibility of being

called upon to serve six months longer.

It is expected that the recruiting

will be completed in two weeks.

Skirmish Near Bester's.

Colono, March 4.—The Natal police

came in contact with the Boers at

Bester's yesterday. The British losses

were trifling.

White's Stirring Words.

London, March 4.—A despatch from

Ladysmith states that when General

White reached the Post-office after

his arrival at Ladysmith, he said:

"People of Ladysmith, I thank you

all for the heroic, patient manner in

which you have assisted me during

the siege.

"It hurt me terribly to cut down

the rations, but, thank God, we have

kept the flag flying."

General White, who was very much

affected, then led the singing of the

British National Anthem.

The correspondent says in the semi-

darkness the appearance of the grey-

haired general leading hundreds of

the burghers in his singing "God

Save the Queen" made a picture that

can never be forgotten.

Promotion for White.

London, March 4.—Lloyd's Weekly

states that Lieut.-General White, the

commander at Ladysmith, will be pro-

moted to a general, and that the

appointment will be gazetted at the

week. Lord Dundonald will obtain a

junior step on the grade to major-

general.

Boer's Great Victory.

London, March 3, 4 a. m.—The

city brings long narratives of the

final scenes of the siege, and the

arrival of the relievers and their

entry into the town. Gen. Buller's

victory on Majuba day was the direct

cause of the relief of the town.

The Boer's great victory on Feb. 27,

and with Gen. Buller's retreat, led

to the engagement on Feb. 26th was

a notable fight, the Boers resisting

stubbornly. Boer prisoners say they

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