

GREAT BOER VICTORY

Defeat of Gatacre the Most Severe Repulse British Have Sustained.

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY CAPTURED

General's Force of Two Thousand Greatly Reduced by Dutch Strategy.

ASSERTS HE WAS MISLED BY GUIDES

British Commander Says He Will Wire Further Casualties Later.

MANY OFFICERS AMONG THE WOUNDED

Northumberland and Suffolk Regiments Report the Greatest Number of Missing—Details of the Disastrous Encounter.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Forester-Walker at Capetown. Gatacre reports: "Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides and found impracticable ground. Casualties, so far as known at present, are: "Second battalion, Irish Royal Rifles—Wounded: Lieutenant Colonel Eager, Major Enton, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieutenant Stevens, Lieutenant Harwardson. "Suffolk regiment—Wounded: Second Lieutenant Maynard and twelve men. Missing: Captain Weir, Lieutenant Christie, Second Lieutenant Rodney, two hundred and ninety men. "Fourth Field battery—Severely wounded: Lieutenant Lewis and three men. Slightly wounded: Two men. "Seventy-seventh Field battery—Killed: One gunner. Wounded: Major Percival. "Northumberland Fusiliers—Missing: Major Stevens, Captain Fletcher, Captain Morely, Second Lieutenant Walker, Second Lieutenant Coulson, Lieutenant Rediffe, three hundred and sixty-five officers and men. "Royal Berkshire regiment—Killed: One private. "The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained."

BOERS WIN GREAT VICTORY

Drive Back Gatacre's Force of Superior Numbers After Inflicting Heavy Defeat.

The good news which comes today from Ladysmith is more than counterbalanced by the very serious reverse encountered at Stormberg by Gatacre. The Boers in the latter movement offered no opposition till our men reached the impregnable position which they were defending, when they opened a hot and unexpected fire. The engagement began at 4:15 a. m. Sunday and lasted till 7 when, after an artillery duel, our men withdrew and marched back to Molteno.

ALL LONDON STANDS AGHAST

News of Gatacre's Defeat Causes the Most Intense Excitement at the Capital.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The news of Gatacre's disaster at Stormberg struck London agape with dismay. Newspaper writers and "specials" were busy all day today in London in writing up their reports on the disaster. The Daily Mail says: "Quite apart from the loss of 600 fighting men the unexpected Boer success will probably cause a far more general and serious movement among the Cape Dutch. The government must promptly face this by the immediate dispatch of further troops."

MACRUM HAS INFORMATION

Report that War May Yet Be Brought to a Close on Honorable Terms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A special to the Chronicle from East Liverpool, O., says: "Friends in this city of Charles E. Macrum, until recently United States consul at Pretoria, Transvaal republic, say he is returning to this country with important information for the State department which he is unwilling to risk cabling. His letters conclusively prove that not only was Macrum persona grata to the government of the Transvaal, but he was on the best possible terms with President Kruger. Cabling could only be done over a line controlled in part by England. It is believed the information brought by Macrum is from President Kruger and the purpose is to initiate measures to bring the war to a close on honorable terms to the Dutch republic."

BARON EMLY LOSES BOTH HIS JOBS.

Ousted from Deputy Lieutenantcy of Limerick for Anti-War Talk.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The earl of Emswold, Lord Emswold, acting under instructions from Dublin castle, has removed from the office of deputy lieutenant of the county of Limerick, which he has held since 1897, because of his anti-British comments on the war in South Africa.

CHURCHILL HELD AS COMBATANT.

Correspondent Applies to General Buller to Get Him Exchanged.

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FOR THE LABOR CONVENTION

Delegates to the American Federation Gathering Are Nearly All at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 10.—Nearly all the 180 delegates to the Federation of Labor convention had tonight presented their credentials at headquarters. Many unofficial visitors have arrived, among them representatives of the Bartenders' union and others who desire to obtain full membership. The bartenders have established headquarters at Omaha after the fashion of the local committee of arrangements. The convention was to have been formally convened by Governor Pingree and Mayor Moberly, as well as by Michigan members of the convention, but it was considered imprudent tonight that any outsider will address the convention. A note of order covering this question says: "None other than members of a bona fide trade union shall be permitted to address the convention, or read a paper therein, except by a vote of two-thirds of the convention."

THIRTY-TWO DEAD MINERS

Total Casualties of the Washington Mine Explosion Now Known.

GOVERNOR ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION

To Examine Into Question of Insufficient Ventilation—Miraculous Rescue of Two Miners Early Sunday Morning.

CARBONADO, Wash., Dec. 10.—Stunned by the suddenness of the mine horror the people here seem too dazed for any expression of grief of a demonstrative nature. Thirty-two is the number of dead. As by a miracle two men were rescued at 5 o'clock this morning after suffering an awful night entombed in the dark, cavernous chamber of horrors.

GERMANS TALK OF FINANCE

Chief Concern of the German Business World is the Money Market Situation.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The money market situation continues to be the chief concern of the German business world. London exchange continued to rise all last week. Gold exports are now possible and there is an increase in the bank rate is considered virtually certain. The officials of the Reichsbank were in consultation yesterday on the subject and the result was a general sentiment in favor of an advance to 7 per cent. A definite decision is likely to be taken Tuesday.

ALL-WATER ROUTE FOR GRAIN

Western Grain to Be Carried from Great Lakes Through to Montreal by Canal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The Tribune says: William J. Connors of Buffalo has been in consultation here with some of the largest grain shippers of Chicago, regarding an all-water route for grain to the seaboard. Montreal is to be the seaboard terminal of the route and a Chicago architect is now working on plans for the erection at Montreal of three elevators with an aggregate capacity of 9,000,000 bushels.

MAY BE A FRENCH-CHINA ROW

France Demands Degradation of a Viceroys Who Would Not Execute a Magistrate.

PEKIN, Dec. 10.—The French government has formally demanded the degradation of the viceroys of Canton because the order to execute the Chinese magistrate, who was responsible for the murder of two French officers at Montau, has not been carried out. The taung li yamen will probably refuse.

SIXTEEN PERSONS DROWNED

Certain that the Canadian Steamer Niagara Founders with All Hands on Board.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 10.—It is now certain that the Canadian steamer Niagara, Captain Henry McCleary, foundered on Tuesday evening last about eight miles east of Long Point, Lake Erie, with all hands, numbering sixteen persons. Tugs sent out from Port Colborne and Buffalo to search for the missing steamer have returned, bringing with them great quantities of wreckage picked up near where the steamer probably went down. The wreckage includes a part of the Niagara's deck, portions of the cabin, deck beams, other material and a quantity of shingles marked "Perry Sound" from which port the Niagara sailed for Buffalo.

WOODMEN OF WORLD CLASH

Sovereign Commander Root Does Not Approve the Action of Provisional Head Council East.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 10.—Many circulars have been sent throughout the southern jurisdiction, Woodmen of the World, which comprises seventeen southern states, with applications for admission at the rate of \$2 each, with an additional fee for the camp physician they would be sticking up.

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