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## A BRITISH VICTORY

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### THE RAID MADE FROM BELMONT.

Col. Pitcher Flanks the Boers and Took Their Lager With a Loss of Two Men Killed.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from the Associated Press at Dover farm, January 1, says:

A mounted force, consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto company and 200 Queenslanders, commanded by Col. Rickards; two guns and a horse battery under Major De Rougemont; 40 mounted infantry under Lieutenant Ryan, and 200 of the Cornwell light infantry, the whole commanded by Colonel Pitcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering 20 miles before sunset. The force encamped at Cook's farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusiastically. At 6 o'clock this morning the forces approached the spot where the laager of the Boers was reported. Colonel Pitcher, on approaching the position, which was a line of strong kopjes, detached Major Rougemont, with the guns and the Toronto mounted infantry, to work towards the right, making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders toward the south position. The maneuver was a complete success. British shells were the first indication of the presence of the troops. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders, completing the movement, the laager was captured, with 40 prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and one missing. The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed belonged to the Queenslanders.

### Particulars of the Raid.

BELMONT, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Dover Farm, dated January 1, says:

"The colonial troops, who have been longing to be allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportunity to do so and scored a brilliant success. The raid conducted by Colonel Pitcher was very difficult, owing to the fact that the movements of the troops were immediately communicated to the Boers by the natives. In order to prevent this, Colonel Pitcher, in making his forced march from Belmont, left a British trooper at every farmhouse, with instructions not to allow the natives to leave their homes, the patrols calling the names of the natives hourly in order to prevent their escape.

"In the maneuver at Cooks, Pitcher sent patrols east. One of these, consisting of four men, commanded by Lieutenant Adie, suddenly encountered 14 Boers, who opened fire. The lieutenant was severely wounded, and Private Butler gave up his horse in order to carry the lieutenant out of range. Another private whose horse had bolted, pluckily returned to render assistance. He was wounded in the leg, and his horse was killed.

"Meanwhile, Lieutenant Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported that the veldt on the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major de Rougemont ordered the guns to start. They arrived within 1500 yards of the laager, unlimbered and planted five shells in as many minutes within the laager. Immediately the enemy could be seen streaming over the kopje. They were completely surprised, but quickly opened a well-directed fire.

"A representative of the Associated Press had the privilege of carrying an order to the Toronto company to double-quick into action. The order was received with great satisfaction. The company rushed forward until within 1000 yards of the enemy's position, when it opened a hot fire on the kopje and completely subdued the Boer fire. The British artillery shelled the position with wonderful accuracy, while Lieutenant Ryan with mounted infantry, worked round and completely uncovered the fire of the Boers, who had been ensconced in the bushes.

"Meanwhile, Colonel Pitcher, with the Queenslanders, taking advantage of every cover, made a direct attack, the Australians moving slowly, but surely, and only shouting when they saw the enemy retreating, under their steady fire. The Queenslanders behaved with great coolness, laughing and chaffing even at the moment of greatest peril."

During the advance the Boer fire suddenly ceased. Thirty-five Boers hoisted a white flag and surrendered. A portion of the Torontos moved across the front of the guns and entered the laager. The Boers had fled. Fourteen tents, three wagons, a great store of rifles, ammunition, forage, saddles and camp equipment and numerous incriminating papers were captured. The Boers lost six killed and 12 wounded. The Torontos stood the galling fire with admirable patience, never wasting a shot.

## "OPEN DOOR" QUESTION SETTLED.

Secretary Hay Finds the Way to Gain Admission to China's Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—It is the general understanding that when Secretary Hay first undertook to secure an amicable settlement with the foreign powers with regard to the "open door" in China he intended merely to learn the inclination of the several nations in the matter and to take up the real negotiations later. It is doubted that either he or the president intended, at first, to take any such definite stride as really has been made. In fact, if the replies of the several governments had been adverse, the secretary would have been left in grave doubt as how to proceed. Friends of the secretary have been congratulating him on the successful result of the negotiations and on accomplishing, in a comparatively short time and easy manner, what it was thought would necessitate prolonged diplomatic negotiations.

A cabinet officer says that the United States has been saved the necessity of seizing Chinese territory that our commercial relations with that country might not suffer. President McKinley, with his eye to commercial development, he says, would not have permitted Europe to divide China and do as it saw fit without assurance that the open door would be permanently maintained. No step in the way of the seizure of territory is now necessary. Each of the countries has declared that her policy is to maintain free trade relations and to place no restrictions anywhere. The United States is too big and too powerful a country to have faith broken with her without the penalty being paid.

The precedent of seizing foreign territory was one which the president would have been loath to set, yet he might have been compelled to take that step had not the present negotiations rendered it out of the question. When the negotiations began, the president did not have any set purpose in view and knew only that in a general way the trade relations of the United States in the far East must be unimpaired. Whether or not Secretary Hay is to be congratulated on the clean manner in which he wound up the "open door" is a question.

### River and Harbor Bill.

Representative Ball of Texas, member of the river and harbor committee, says that it is pretty safe to say that a river and harbor bill will pass this session. In support of his claim he points out that in the 13th congress Reed held up the river and harbor bill at the first session and thereby caused the defeat of many republicans. He points out that the republican majority is now small, and that in the face of that fact, Speaker Henderson will not dare hold up the bill. Mr. Ball does not regard Burton's declaration as dangerous to the river and harbor bill.

## "Open Door" and "Spheres of Influence" in China.

In explanation of all the recent newspaper discussion about the "open door," "spheres of influence," and the efforts of our government through the department of State, under the wise guidance of Secretary Hay, to obtain written assurances from foreign powers that the door of trade would not be closed and that spheres of influence should not be constructed in any way to permit discriminations against American imports, it can be said that the United States is safeguarding the future, and through whatever conditions may develop in the exigencies of political relations of nations, the plain, simple rights and privileges outlined in the Chinese American treaties. The "open door" means nothing more or less than that no one or more nations shall enjoy any special or privileged rights of trade over others. It does not mean, as often believed by those unfamiliar with the question, "free trade" or absence of customs duties, but merely freedom of trade without favoritism. "Spheres of influence" are sections where one country exercises that paramount influence which practically forbids any other country from operating, either materially or politically, within its limits, without permission or acquiescence of the paramount power. Technically the phrase casts no reflection on the sovereignty of China, but unless a firm stand is taken by China, supported by the United States and other powers most concerned, these spheres will eventually evolve into "area of actual sovereignty."—From "Our Interests in China—A Question of the Hour," by John Barrett, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

### Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at Geo. A. Harding's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

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