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HORRIBLE TALES OF THE BOER WAR

Surgeon's Description of the Battle of Spionkop.

PILES OF DEAD AND WOUNDED

Sufferers Lay in the Blazing Sun All Day Without Relief—Bullet Wounds Clean, Shell Wounds Horrible.

London, March 3.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—For real ghastliness, for a glimpse into the gory realities of war and the horrors of the battlefield, the private letter of a young medical officer at Spion Kop, printed in the Daily Graphic, can scarcely be beaten.

"I selected a pass," he writes, "overhung by steep clay banks, on the top of which I got up a Red Cross flag. Cases now began to pour down from Spion Kop on stretchers. The Boers opened fire on us, and three bullets went into the fire, knocking the sticks about. The reason for this fire was not the Red Cross flag, but owing to some Tommies who were strolling over to it. I promptly ordered them away. A few minutes after the Boers let fly five shells in quick succession in my direction, but they fell short and did no harm.

"From this time to 1 o'clock next morning the wounded came through my dressing station, as the pass was the only exit from the hill. I saw every case, and some of them were mutilated beyond description. Fully 330 wounded and dead, who had died on the way, passed through my hands. Many a poor chap shot in the morning in the front trenches who could not be reached lay in the blazing sun all day.

"One old Colonel in Thorneycroft's walked down leaning on his rifle, his chin, neck and chest also shot through by others, and his back and legs torn by shells, he came in and said he just dropped in to let me take his finger off as it was so shattered he could not pull the trigger of his rifle, as it got in the way of the next finger, which he could use, for he wanted to get back up the hill to pay the Dutchmen back. Of course I would not let him go back. The bullet wounds are beautifully clean, just a round hole, and as a rule do not do much damage, as they often go through the bone without shattering it, and they do not bleed much. The shell wounds are hideous.

"It was now frightfully dark, and I put one of the lanterns on a stick as a directing light to my pass; one of a group of soldiers returning to the hill tried to run away with it. Shortly after this both lanterns went out, and I had a pretty hard time of it, as the pass often got blocked with wounded. Finally I could send no more wounded across the drift, and had to stack them with the dead in rows on the grass. I collected all the wounded officers on stretchers around me and gave them brandy and a hypodermic of morphine.

"Commandants Batha and Burgess, who were the Boer generals, came up at daybreak. The former, who was the chief general, was a small, thin man, with yellow beard and hair, and had a magnificent rifle, beautifully carved with his name and a text from the Bible. He had a couple of Kaffirs, carrying his ammunition and water bottle, and an interpreter. He seemed, however, to understand English, though he refused to speak it. There were quite a number of German officers. I heard one of them had been killed. They let our men search the dead for their identification cards, letters and money. Several of the Boers handed in little things they found."

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Boer Sympathizers.

New York, March 12.—The New York committee to aid the United Republics of South Africa, with former Judge Geo. M. Van Hoesen chairman, will hold a mass meeting on Thursday night in Cooper Union. Resolutions will be adopted calling upon President McKinley to offer his services toward mediation. Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri; United States Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky; Former Secretary of the Navy McAdoo, and Montague White, former minister of the Transvaal at London, will be among the speakers.

The initiative will be taken at this meeting to get up a big petition, expressing sympathy for the fighting Boers.

An Honest Medicine for La Grippe.

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WAR SCARE HAS SUBSIDED

But it is Said That Warrants Are Out For Arrest of Republican Legislators, and Leaders Express Grave Fears as to Outcome.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 12.—The war scare has again apparently flattened, although leaders on both sides still express grave fears as to the ultimate outcome. The belief, among Republicans, that attempts will be made to arrest Republican Legislators in connection with the assassination of Goebel, has resulted in several members leaving town. The Democratic officials refuse either to confirm or deny the accusation, and the reports that such warrants have been issued, although it is admitted more arrests will take place within a few days.

It is asserted that Taylor is being urged to move the executive offices to London, where he will be safe from possible arrest, but that so far he has refused to entertain the idea. Both houses of the legislature met in the Statehouse this morning. In anticipation of a possible attempt by the state troops to prevent the meeting, quite a crowd gathered around the Statehouse square, at the hour of the meeting, but members of the Legislature were allowed to meet without molestation. The squad of militia, under Lieutenant Peack, who were started for London Saturday as an escort for Secretary of State Powers and Captain Davis, returned to Frankfort this morning. Outside of this, however, no reinforcements arrived, and it is stated now that no more are expected.

WILL SOON OCCUPY THE TOWN

Gatacre is at Bethulia Bridge, Only 100 Miles South of Robert's Forces.

ARE NEARING BLOEMFONTEIN

Roberts Forces Only Twenty-Five Miles From the Free State Capital.

LONDON, March 12.—At the present rate of progress, Lord Roberts should be in Bloemfontein March 14, though all calculations may be upset by the development of more strenuous resistance than the Boers have so far attempted. The distance between Roberts and the Free State capital is now so small—only about twenty-five miles—that it is apparent the Boers either contemplate making a determined stand on the outskirts of the town, or for strategic reasons best known to themselves are allowing Lord Roberts to occupy, after merely harrassing his advance. The numerical superiority of the British troops leaves no doubt in the minds of the critics here that Lord Roberts will accomplish his immediate objective, the occupation of Bloemfontein.

The Commander-in-Chief's latest dispatch announcing that General Gatacre is at Bethulia Bridge and the specials saying that Gatacre commands the bridge approach, puts the Boers in that vicinity between two British forces, Asvoeg Kop, whence Lord Roberts sent his last cable message being 100 miles almost due north of Bethulia. However, there is a large plain between them and the main body of the Boers now confronting Lord Roberts, with its ceaseless activity, may be quite able to cover the retreat of the burghers confronting General Gatacre. Once the British are in control of the railroad from Bethulia to Bloemfontein the junction at the Free State capital of General Gatacre and Roberts would be a matter of a very few days.

Commenting on the fact that Lord Roberts found the Boers holding a position in a part of the country supposed to have been left open, the St. James' Gazette says: "No more damaging indictments were ever preferred against any cavalry."

Rumors of the relief of Mafeking continue to circulate, but fail of any confirmation. From Natal, which General Buller so erroneously declared was free of Boers and from Cape Colony, where General Kitchener's stern hand is upon the rebellion, there is no news of any importance.

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