

## GEN. WARREN HOLDS HIS POSITION

### The Enemy's Position Being Shelled.

#### Howitzers and Field Artillery Used

A Canadian wounded.—Pessimistic view.—Viljeon and two Burghers knocked senseless with Lyddite.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

#### ANOTHER CANADIAN.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Lieut. Campbell, of the 2nd Lancashires, reported by General Buller as wounded, is Lieut. E. Campbell of Simcoe, Norfolk County, Ontario. He was an officer in the Tenth Royal Grenadiers, of this city, until he got his commission in the Lancashire regiment about two years ago.

#### THE VOICE OF THE PESSIMIST.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—General Buller's great turning movement, of which so much has been expected, has come to a stand-still.

His carefully worded message to the War Office telling this, after a silence of two days, reads like an apology and an explanation.

The Morning Post and Standard touch lightly upon the unpleasant contents of the despatch and take hope from the projected night attack.

But, all things considered, the despatch looks like preparations for worse news.

Parliament will meet in five days. The Cabinet had been hoping for one rattling British success to cheer the country and to command the generous support for fresh revenue measures.

Among these will be, probably, an increase of the income tax to a shilling on the pound. But this would only provide the cost of five weeks' hostilities. Duties on tobacco, alcohol, tea and coffee are likely to be raised.

#### A BOER REPORT.

BOER CAMP, Upper Tugela River, Jan. 21.—After commandant Botha had checked the British advance yesterday morning it was expected that there would be no further action until to-morrow.

This p. m., however, signs were discovered of an intended movement in the British northern camp. When the heat which was more frightful than any yet experienced had worn off the British cannon started in full force and their infantry advanced in extended order.

General's Botha and Cronje held the high hills over which the road to Ladysmith passed.

When the Mauseur fire opened, a pandemonium of sound filled the air. The

vindictive crashes of lyddite shells, sharp volleys of Lee-Metford's and the whiplike crack of the Mauseurs were interspersed with the boom of the Boer Maxims.

The battle ended with darkness, but not without evidences of execution among the British that were manifest at sunrise.

Field Cornet Ernst Emilwa was killed. Nor did the generals escape unscathed.

At the central position of Swartz Kop where the other road to Ladysmith crossed the hills, the British advanced from the low kopjes on the bank of the Tugela unmolested. They had entered enciente of the Mauseur fire and although their naval guns kept up the usual terrible racket, the advance was stopped and the British had to count out their dead and wounded.

#### GENERAL BULLER'S REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 24, 2 11, a. m.—The following despatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's Camp, Jan. 23, 6 20 p. m., has just been posted:

General Warren holds the position he gained two days ago in front of him, about 1,400 yards is the enemy's position west of Spion' Kop. It is on higher ground than Warren's position, so it's impossible to see it properly.

It can only be approached over a bare open slope, and the ridges held by Warren are so steep that the guns cannot be placed upon them.

But we are shelling the enemy's position with howitzers and field artillery placed on the lower ground behind the infantry. The enemy is replying with artillery. In this duel the advantage rests with us. We appear to be searching his trenches and his artillery fire is not causing much loss. An attempt will be made tonight to seize Spion' Kop, salient of which forms the left of the enemy's position facing Friedwards Drift, and which divides it from the position facing Polgieters Drift.

It has considerable command over all the enemy's entrenchments.

Commandant Viljeon and two burghers were knocked senseless by an explosion of a lyddite. But Commandant Viljeon has recovered. Field Cornet Hielboon was wounded on refusing to surrender was shot.

The British loss was probably insignificant.

They complain that sporting mauseurs were found on the hill and softened bullets with Ler Metford.

Boers admit that sporting Mauseurs were occasionally found, but they deny the charge respecting expensive bullets.

Not a shot was fired by the Boers with cannon or rifle.

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#### CONSERVATIVES IN CONVENTION.

Costigan's Successor Nominated.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

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J. Fletcher Tweedal, a former supporter of Mr. Costigan, presided.

The unanimous choice of the convention fell on C. M. Richards of Edmundston, also an old supporter of the ex-Minister, who signified his acceptance, speaking well in both English and French.

Another speaker was Fred Laforest, M. P. P., who was Mr. Costigan's Liberal opponent in the election of 1896. Mr. Laforest charged Sir Wilfrid Laurier with various breaches of faith and announced his intention of supporting Mr. Richard.

#### Hockey Last Night.

Two hockey matches by junior hockeyists composed the programme at the rink last night, and the poor ice which has usually greeted hockey men this season was again in evidence. But notwithstanding this a fair audience witnessed the games which were well contested throughout.

The first game called was between the B. & A. and Diamonds, and the play throughout was fairly fast considering the ice. In the first half the Diamonds scored 9 goals to their opponents 1, and in the second half both teams scored a goal each, making the score—Diamonds, 6, B. & A., 2.

No very brilliant work was done by either sides. Poor defence work on the part of the B. & A. was principally responsible for their losing so heavily.

The game between the Jr. Abegweits and West Kent school team was by far the faster game, the Abegweits winning by a score of 4-3.

Mr. Harry Brehaut refereed both games.

The match at Souris between the Anchors, of Charlottetown, and the Souris team resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 8-6. Mr. McMillan, of Charlottetown, was referee.

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