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# THE TUGELA CROSSED AT LAST.

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE MOVEMENT.

### A Report that Ladysmith Has Been Relieved.

The siege of Mafeking—Boers firing on Women's Laager—The Kaffirs eating Mules—Boers caught napping at the Tugela—Gatacre and Methuen keeping the enemy busy.

#### SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends this despatch:

"SHERMAN FARM, Natal, Wednesday 7 20 p. m.—I am permitted to wire that General Lyttleton yesterday afternoon forced and forded Potgieter's drift and seized, with little opposition, a line of low ridges one mile therefrom.

During the night the howitzer battery was carried across, and today, from Mount Alice, near Swartz kopje, the naval guns and howitzers shelled effectively the Boer position which is a strong one.

General Warren also today crossed the Tugela six miles further to the west, near Wagon drift, with a force of all arms, in the face of a hot and heavy fire from the Boers' cannon and rifles. He has effected a most satisfactory lodgement two miles inland toward Sproonkop.

SHERMAN'S FARM, Jan. 18.—After four days' rest on the south side of the Tugela, the advance northward began yesterday.

Lyttleton's brigade crossed Potgieter's drift last evening and took the kopjes on the right of Warren's division today. It made an attack on the enemy's left flank crossing the river last Thursday.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Dunonald, with his mounted brigade, seized Springfield bridge by a quick march and occupied a strong position on a hill commanding the drift. The Boers were caught napping and unprepared for the British advance. Some of them were bathing in the river.

The ferry boat at Potgieter's drift was on the further bank of the Tugela.

Lieut. Carlyle and some men of the

South African Light Horse, swam across and brought it back.

General Lyttleton's brigade was then sent to hold a position on the hill commanding the drift.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The following despatch has been received from Mafeking, under date, Jan. 18: "The enemy began a renewed and vigorous bombardment on Jan. 1st and deliberately fired six nine pounder shells into the women's laager, killing a little girl and wounding two children.

The strategical position is unchanged. Col. Baden-Powell sent a strong protest to the command at Snymen against shelling the women's laager.

Two mules were killed by a shell and were eaten by the Kaffirs.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The war office announced at midnight that no further news had been received.

A large crowd of ecuriers left disappointed.

THE SITUATION ALL AROUND.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The news from General Buller tends greatly to restore public confidence.

The supposition that he had divided up his forces into three columns had given cause for anxiety. It is now seen that such a view was erroneous as the forces are concentrated.

In Cape Colony Lord Methuen has made a demonstration in force shelling the Boer works.

General Gatacre is skirmishing around Molteno.

General French has been throwing a few shells at the Boers at Rensburg. Colonel Plummer is moving to the relief of Mafeking from Bechuanaland.

Mafeking is in a bad way, the siege being pressed with determination. COLONEL HUGHES WILL BE IN IT.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—It is likely that Colonel Sam Hughes will be given command of Lord Strathcona's mounted troops.

LATER.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A Cape Town special despatch dated today says: It is persistently reported there that Ladysmith has been relieved.

KINSBURG, Cape Colony, Jan. 17.—A patrol composed of sixteen men of the New South Wales Lancers and South Australians was ambushed yesterday by Boers and overwhelmed after a severe fight. Two of the detachment escaped and have arrived in camp.

This morning a patrol visited the scene of the fight and found five dead Australians and one wounded man.

A number of dead Boers and horses were also found, showing that the Australians made a gallant fight before surrendering.

#### ANNANDALE SCHOOL.

On the Thursday preceding the New Year a goodly number of rate-payers of this district met in our school-room, which was fittingly decorated, to witness and take part in the semi-annual examination of their school. The examination began about one o'clock, p. m., and continued without intermission until three, during which time the Annandale boys and girls acquitted themselves in a manner that was creditable to their parents and painstaking and worthy teacher. A pleasing programme was given by the pupils, and in turn, an ample Christmas tree, laden with the season's greetings which were distributed among them to the delight of all, especially the smaller ones.

Many encouraging remarks were made regarding the teacher and pupils, by the parents and visitors, everyone expressing satisfaction at the progress made since last meeting, and the pleasing results of Arbor day in the work of adorning and improving the school grounds.

Among the speakers was Mr. H. Smith, teacher of an neighboring district, who very efficiently aided in the examination.

The teacher, Caius O. Howlett, in behalf of the school, made a terse though brief response to the addresses, thanking the speakers for the aid and favors of the last year. To dismiss the meeting the pupils formed a heart-shaped column, and sang very acceptably the National Anthem.

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