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BOERS FIRE UPON AN ARMOURD TRAIN

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Train Wrecked and its Crew is Missing. Reported Fight at Ladysmith on the 10th Nov. in which the Boers Lost Heavily. No Confirmation of Joubert's Death.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

ESTCOURT, Nov. 15.—An armored train having on board a half company of the Durban Volunteers and a half company of the Dublin Fusiliers steamed to Chieveley, a station about five miles south of Colenso early yesterday morning.

On its return it was shelled by the Boer artillery, placed in four positions.

Two trucks in front of the engine left the rail, toppling over. While the train was thus helpless the Durban and Dublin's faced the Boers in skirmishing order, and the Boers poured shot and shell into the crippled train.

The derailed wagons were with great difficulty removed, and the line was cleared, when the engine and tenders steamed back.

During this juncture Lieutenant Winston Spencer Churchill, of the 4th Hussars, the correspondent of the London Morning Post, displayed much courage, as also did the driver and fireman.

The Red Cross party has just gone out to Estcourt.

LATER.—Seven of the Durban's have just come in, making twenty-three missing. Only fifteen of the Dublin's have returned.

A naval seven pounder, which was in front of the truck had fired three shots when it was shattered by the Boer artillery. The armored engine had many bullet marks and its dome cover was smashed, as also was its automatic exhaust pipe and a twenty-five ton screw-jack. The tender is also pitted with bullet marks.

It is rumored that Lieutenant Churchill is a prisoner.

A later despatch from Estcourt says that the Red Cross train went out to bring in those who were killed and wounded in the armored train affair already reported as having occurred near Colenso.

The Boers stopped the train and declined to act without orders from General Joubert. They refused to give any information as to the result of an engagement, but it is believed that no officers were killed.

Winston Churchill acted heroically, and everyone praised him. He called for volunteers to remove the broken truck, and worked under the fire of three guns.

The engine driver, who had been wounded in the head, began to retire, and

Churchill called to him to come back, saying, "a man is never hit twice."

The driver brought back the engine and Churchill carried the wounded to the train.

After he had placed all the wounded on the cars he grabbed his rifle and rushed towards the enemy.

Capt. Haldane is reported to be a prisoner. Capt. Wiley arrived here wounded. Col. Long and Major Chichester visited the hospital and found the fifteen wounded men doing well. One of the wounded had to have an arm amputated.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Special despatches from Estcourt estimate the wounded and missing of the armored train contingent at from a hundred to hundred and fifty. It is hoped that some escaped over the veldt, and that they will return to Estcourt in a few days.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques, dated Nov. 13, says the Boers are actively hurrying a new commander to Ladysmith, which, they say, must fall in a few days, so that they will be able to confront General Buller, whom they expect to meet on the western border.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Daily Chronicle announces that its correspondent, E. D. Parslow, was killed at Mafeking on Nov. 1st. Parslow was killed by the discharge of a revolver in the hands of Lieutenant Murchison, and there is some question as to whether the discharge of the weapon was accidental. An enquiry will be held.

ESTCOURT, Nov. 17.—A missionary, a native but a reliable man, who arrived here yesterday from Ladysmith, reports that a big fight took place there on Friday, the 10th Nov. He says that the volunteers went out in the early morning and drew the enemy from their position on to a flat where the regular troops under Sir George White out-manoeuvred them, and, by out-flanking the Boers administered a crushing defeat and inflicted great loss.

More than two hundred Kafirs, the missionary says, were employed by the Boers to bury their dead, and two trains carried away their wounded.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Dominion Line Steamship Canada has been chartered by the British Government for use as a transport.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The War Office has received no confirmation of the reported killing of Joubert.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—A special despatch from Durban, dated Monday, November 13th, says that a member of the Natal Field Force, who succeeded in traversing the Boer lines with the Ladysmith despatches has arrived at Pietermaritzburg and reports that a determined attack was made by the Boers on the British garrison, but the advance was met by such a heavy well-directed fire that the Boers were driven off, leaving many dead.

The Central News asserts that it has been informed that the forward movement for the relief of Kimberley has begun.

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Manitoba Elections.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WINNIPEG, Nov. 17.—The Manitoba Legislature has been dissolved and writs issued. Nomination day will be November 30, and election December 7th.

No Despatches.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Eastern Telegraph Company has formerly announced that, in accordance with the instructions of the Postmaster-General of Cape Colony no foreign Government despatches, either in secret code or cipher, can be transmitted via the Cape, except messages between Portugal and the Governor-General of Lorenzo Marques.

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