

BRITISH OFFICERS IN ACTION.

The Large Number Killed in the Transvaal

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The large number of British officers killed in the battles which have already taken place in Natal has brought out strenuous protests in many quarters against the ancient custom of British officers in refusing to take cover when under fire. From figures at Glencoe it is apparent that one out of every four men killed was an officer, whereas the organization exists upon the principle that to our twenty-five men there is one officer. It is evident that if the same ratio of mortality is kept up the British forces will become seriously under-officered. Among the enlisted men at Glencoe the proportion killed to wounded was 30 to 133, while 10 officers were killed to 22 officers wounded. The difference in the percentage leads to the conclusion that many of the officers were hit more than once and kept on leading their men after the first wounds. Emperor William's recent criticism of British officers' refusal to take cover is now frequently quoted. The feeling in the army itself is that though the regulations do not say that the officers must not lie down, it is such an old established principle that it would take a brave man to inaugurate a change, and the adage of a British soldier "Follow wherever an officer leads," is held up to be intensely true, for though the officers believe the personnel of the army is as good as ever, it has been the history of Great Britain that they at the same time maintain that "Tommy Atkins" needs more leading than any man in the world, so the spilling of Great Britain's best blood is likely to continue for the present. The proportion of the casualties as a whole has caused a thrill of horror and sympathy through Great Britain, for the people now begin to realize what a fight with a civilized enemy means. Old soldiers point out that at Alma, one of the bloodiest battles in Great Britain's annals, the casualties totalled only six per cent, whereas in the recent Boer engagements they considerably exceed that figure.

Regarding the European intervention, Great Britain's plans to meet such an emergency continue. Journal de Geneve publishes a despatch from Constantinople which says, that Russia intends handing the porte a note at an early date, demanding the opening of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles. Unless Great Britain is a party to such a demand Russia's action will undoubtedly stir up a hornet's nest, compared with which the Transvaal question will be quite insignificant.

General White's strategy and the execution of his movements are warmly praised, and it is said at the clubs that Gen Sir Redvers Buller will have to hurry up or General White will get a peerage first. General White represents the Indian element in the British army, and those who have served in India have always maintained that the commander there had a more important post than the commander-in-chief himself. General Lord Roberts was assigned to another campaign, Generals White, Symons and Hunter were sent as a sop to the Indian faction, for General Buller has always been more or less antagonistic to General Roberts and his partisans.

Such reports as the probable intervention of the powers in the Transvaal is having a depressing effect upon consols, and in spite of the boom in South Africa securities there is considerable uneasiness on the Stock Exchange regarding the future action of Russia and France. South Africa mines shares are no longer referred to as "Kaffirs." They are now called "British," while South Africa is optimistically described as a mineralized Egypt.

Russia is reported to be endeavouring to raise a loan of £20,000,000 in Paris, but so far has been unsuccessful.

The internal conditions of labor in England have not been improved by the war. About 2,000,000 Welsh miners are likely to be thrown out of work November 1st by a threatened strike of the surface engineers and other mechanics, who are claiming shorter hours. The negotiations on the subject have failed and the surface men announce that the strike will begin on the date mentioned. It will then be practically impossible for the miners to continue underground.

Cash paid for all old gold and silver at Jewetts the jewelers.

At the citizens' meeting in the town hall last Thursday evening to consider the fund for assisting the New Brunswick Volunteers to the Transvaal contingent, there was a somewhat limited but quite enthusiastic attendance. The chair was taken by Mayor Murphy, and Jas. Watts was appointed secretary. Brief addresses were made by them and by Col. Vince, Capt. Carvell, J. T. A. Dibblee, J. N. W. Winslow, D. McCarten, A. Henderson, George Baimain, C. L. Smith, D. Hipwell and Geo. L. Holyoke. A subscription list was opened and headed by the mayor with \$5.00 and followed by F. B. Carvell, A. Henderson, J. N. W. Winslow, and J. T. A. Dibblee with similar sums, and by Col. Vince with \$25.00. Collectors were appointed for the several wards as follows: Queens, A. Henderson and J. S. Leighton; Wellington, J. T. A. Dibblee, and J. N. W. Winslow; Kings, D. Hipwell, and Geo. L. Holyoke. Among sums afterwards subscribed were F. H. Hale \$10, H. Paxton Baird \$5, Milton Dayton \$10, and J. S. Eagles \$5.

PERSONAL.

John Feron, Montreal, is at the Aberdeen. E. J. Clark and Ed Clark went to Boston last week.

Mr. A. F. Garden arrived home Tuesday from Montreal.

Mr. H. F. Grosvenor, Medactic, was in town last week.

H. Paxton Baird spent last week in Boston on business.

Mr and Mrs Duncan Jonsson took a trip to Boston last week.

Mrs. B. DeVol, New York, registered at the Carlisle on Friday.

Mr. H. C. White, of Boston, registered at the Carlisle on Monday.

Mr. R. D. Mitten and wife, St. John, were at the Carlisle on Friday.

Miss Nellie McGivern, St. John, is a guest at the Carlisle this week.

Mrs. George S. Grimmer of St. Andrews is visiting friends in Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Denison arrived home Friday from a visit to Vermont.

A. Thompson and A. W. Lennant, St. John, registered at the Aberdeen last week.

George Murray, Benton, who has been very ill for three weeks, is recovering.

Williamson Fisher, of the Small & Fisher Co., made a business trip up river last week.

Miss Nellie McGivern, of the Ladies Art Needle Work Store, St. John, is at the Carlisle.

Miss Dolly Griffith Boston, who has been visiting friends in Woodstock left for home on Friday.

J. A. Pelletur and W. J. Townsend, Montreal, were here over Sunday, guests of the Aberdeen.

Mr. W. B. Jewett, was in Fort Fairfield Thursday, 24th attending the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. S. E. Jewett.

Alexander F. McLean, of Butte City, Mont., spent part of last week with his brother Allen J. McLean, Bristol. The brothers have not met for over 20 years. Mr. McLean has lived in Butte for 16 years and has been spending the summer with his parents in Cape Breton.

At the Carlisle:—Mrs M. Philbrick, Miss Maggie Fitzgerald, Houlton, Me; Jack Martin, C F Crutchlow, W F Martin, D B MacDonald, H E Palmer, R J E Scott, Geo D Thomson, J Laughton, W W Whittark, Montreal; Dr. and Mrs M A Morris, Nathan F Tufts, Charlottown; Hugh Murray, Yarmouth; E R Teed, Walter V Moore, R D Ross, St Stephen; J J Dickson, Fred M Tennant, M Atkinson, R M Belyes, R A E Mitchell, F M Humphry, St John.

At the Aberdeen:—Geo Renyolds, H Garrison, Bangor; A C Sheek, Hartland; Roy C Gunter, Bear Island, Mrs W E Wied, Littleton; Miss A Wynn, Presque Isle; H Atkin, A W Tennant, H Lynch, H McMinun, Arthur Thompson, D B Green, Fred A Estey, W A Burden, Fredericton; J W Cheney, J Campbell, Bloomfield; J Steves, Elgin, Albert Co.; F B Rogers, Bristol; W H Carvill, Lakeville; Jas Bohan, Bath; J A Pelletur, W J Townsend, M K Auerback, John Feron, Montreal; H L Kearny, Seattle Wash; R M Morrison, W McLeod, G W Smith, R J Logan, J S McLean Geo D Frost, St John; J Irvine and wife, Glassville; Thos Burns, R Larkey, E Parent, Houlton.

BERLIN, Oct. 26.—Three thousand members of the Pan-German and Anti-Semite League met in Hamburg yesterday to protest against the Transvaal war. A despatch was sent to Emperor William, full of solemn, patriotic effusions, urging him to intercede in behalf of the Boers, and postpone his journey to England.

The Vossische Zeitung, commenting on this, says: "Vigorous protests should be made against passionate and malevolent treatment of the war, which gives color to the idea that the Germans cannot do enough to show their enmity for Great Britain. The majority in this country have nothing in common with the Anglophobia in which the Hamburg meeting waded." The paper then quotes Prince Bismarck's dictum that Great Britain's friendship is more useful to Germany than the whole valley of the Nile and the Pyramids, adding: "Had Prince Bismarck been an English leader, he would have acted towards the Boers as the English government has done." The Berliner Neuest Nachrichten describes President Steyn's proclamation as "a false step that may have serious results." The Vossische Zeitung pays a tribute to the gallantry of the British officers, pointing out that of the German loss in the battle of Spichenen only 4½ per cent. were officers, while at Glencoe and Elands-laagte the English officers killed and wounded formed 14½ per cent. of the total loss.

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Tobique River Case.

The case of the Attorney-General, for the province of New Brunswick, vs. the Tobique Manufacturing Co., of which Messrs. Fred H. Hale and George A. Murchie are managers, was before Judge Barker in Equity this morning. In this case an injunction is being sought for on the ground that the charter given to the company by the Dominion government was ultra vires and an infraction of the rights of the provincial government. It appears that the company obtained its charter from the Dominion government for the purpose of erecting dams, putting booms, and building a mill twenty-six miles from the mouth of the Tobique River. The land upon which this is to be done is, the Attorney General claims, on crown lands, and the right to confer power of expropriation does not lie in the Dominion government. Attorney General White opened the case this morning and an adjournment was made until Monday at 2 p. m. Mr. Wm. Pugsley, Q. C., is associated with the Attorney General, and Messrs. George Gregory, Q. C., L. A. Curry, Q. C., and A. B. Connell, Q. C., represent the defendants.—Globe, Oct. 27th.

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