

TRAPPED BY BOERS.

British Force Surrounded
by Superior Numbers.FOUGHT WITH DESPERATION
BUT HAD TO RETREAT.

Casualty List Quite Heavy.

Pretoria, Feb. 17.—One hundred and fifty mounted infantry, while patrolling the Klip River South of Johannesburg, Feb. 12, surrounded a farm house where they suspected Boers were in hiding. A single Boer broke away from the house and the British started to pursue him. The Boer climbed a kopje, the British following. Immediately a heavy fire was opened upon them from three sides. The British found themselves in a trap and in a position where they were unable to make any defence. Eight of the British officers made a gallant effort and defended the ridge with carbines and revolvers until they were overpowered. The British had two officers and ten men killed and several officers and forty men wounded before the force was able to fall back under cover of a blockhouse.

London, Feb. 17.—Lord Kitchener, in addition to reporting the Klip River affair, says:

"A party from the South African constabulary line on the Waterval River, encountered Feb. 10, a superior force of the enemy near Vantondersbek, and were driven back with loss."

London, Feb. 17.—According to special despatches from Pretoria, the mounted infantrymen who were trapped at Klip River were all fresh from home and unused to Boer tactics. The bulk of the casualties occurred during the retreat of the British. The killed included Major Dowell, the commander of the forces.

Durban, Feb. 17.—Mrs. DeWet, in an interview held at Maritzburg concentration camp, said that two of her sons were still fighting with their father. She regretted that the government had not permitted her to communicate with her husband, and said she was certain he would never surrender. Mrs. DeWet declared she would rather see her husband die than submit.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Pretty New York Girl Believed to Have Slain her Lover.

New York, Feb. 16.—Walter S. Brooks, a young commission merchant of this city, was found dying in a room in the Glenn Island Hotel, West and Cortlandt streets, last midnight. After his death several hours later, in a hospital, the police were notified, placed Florence Burns, a handsome Brooklyn girl, with whom Brooks had been keeping company for some time, in custody. She will probably be arraigned in court tomorrow morning.

Miss Burns declares that she met Brooks at his place of business early Friday evening, leaving him at 6.30 o'clock to go to her home in Brooklyn. Certain it is, however, that Brooks and some young woman went to the Glenn Island Hotel early Friday evening registering as "J. Wilson and wife." It was midnight when a negro bell boy smelled gas in one of the hallways. Brooks' room was

broken into and he was found lying on the bed unconscious, with gas pouring from the burners. Dr. Sweeney was summoned and he noticed what he thought was simply a cut on the back of the head. Later he decided that it was a bullet wound and Brooks' removal to the hospital followed. The girl was arrested at her Brooklyn home. At the police station she did not flinch at the examination, maintaining she did not spend the night with Brooks. The bell boy, however, picked her out of three women lined up before him as the one who was at the hotel.

Dr. Sweeney put aside the theory of self-murder because there were no powder marks around the spot where the bullet entered the head of Brooks. Counsel has been engaged by the girl's father, who is Fred Burns, well known in sporting circles as the announcer of big sporting events. Brooks' father is a compositor. Friends of his family say he was infatuated with the Burns girl and that the family was using every endeavor to have the intimacy cease and believed they would soon see the end of it.

Brooks was 20 years old and an athlete.

New York, Feb. 16.—Florence Burns, the young woman who was arrested and locked up on suspicion that she knew something of the death of Walter S. Brooks, was arraigned in the Centre street court today and remanded to the Tombs to allow of a further investigation. This was at the request of the district attorney's office.

The affidavit on which Miss Burns was held was made by Detective Colby, and alleges that he arrested her on suspicion of having committed homicide, as he believed from the facts that Brooks was found with a gunshot wound in his head and "as the defendant was in the hotel with Brooks, deponent asks that she be held a reasonable time to enable him to produce further evidence connecting the defendant with the cause of this crime."

The young woman, who is 19 years of age, has maintained a remarkably cool demeanor and refuses to talk of the case.

IN THE MINING CAMPS.

Lives of Missionaries of British Columbia Are Not Easy or Pleasant.

At the prayer meeting of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, recently, Rev. Hector Mackay gave an interesting account of his life as a missionary among British Columbia mining camps. A first experience occurred when as a student on an Easter day he broke up a whisky party on a steamboat by inviting the men to prayer to the huge disgust of the bartender. He had to perform all his own household work in a miserable little shack. The work of preparing a sermon was not all, for a congregation usually had to be hunted up to deliver it to. He once entered a store, placed his back to the door and forced the twelve men assembled to "hear him out or fire him out." Studied indifference and contempt was a matter of course among his audiences. The population was largely a floating one, and the missionary had to follow it up. The nervous strain of such work was very great, and the loneliness of the life hard to bear. They had none to sympathize with them or help them in their work, and this solitude in one's native land was almost unendurable. Letters from the East would be most welcome. He concluded by telling of the West's great need and the necessity of action if the land is to be kept Christian in deed as in name.

Premier Tweedie left this afternoon for his home in Chatham.

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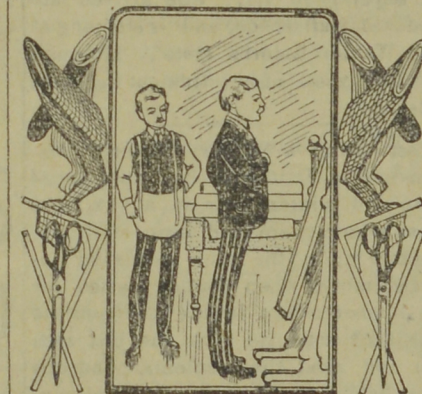
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