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### RAILWAY COLLISION.

A fatal railway accident occurred on October 12th, at Three Sisters, a small station just outside Beaufort West. The passenger train for the North was running in duplicate and the second portion ran into the first, which was standing at the station. Eight passengers were killed and seven wounded. No Mafeking names appear on the list.

### TELEGRAMS FROM CAPETOWN.

**Infantry turn the Boers out of their holes with the bayonet and Cavalry charge the "Sprinters."**

Our Troops, 5th Lancers, 1st Squad 4th Dragoon Guards, Imperial Light Horse, 2 Field Batteries, Devonshire Regiment, half Gordons and half Manchester, attacked small force of enemy in a naturally strong position which was also strongly entrenched, at Elands-laagte. As it was late in the afternoon the infantry attacked without waiting for the position to be properly shelled. The advance was made with great dash and in spite of the resistance made by the enemy, our men carried it at the point of the bayonet, capturing guns, wagons, stores, and camp equipments. The ground traversed by our men was rough and broken and eminently suited to the tactics of the enemy. The capture of it was a fine feat of arms. As soon as the position had been carried the Cavalry, who had lapped well round the position, got well home at the fugitives, charging right through them three times and effecting severe loss. The Boer loss was very heavy and a number of prisoners were taken, among them General Kock, Commandant Schiel and Piet Joubert, nephew of the Commandant General. The wounded of both sides were taken to Ladysmith—thus in two days small British forces have twice attacked the Boers in their chosen position and have utterly defeated them.

October 20th, Battle of Glencoe.—British losses, killed: 1 officer, 31 men; wounded: 124 officers, 151 men. Boer losses: 300 killed, 300 wounded.

### A SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY.

#### BOERS DRIVEN OFF.

#### BOTHA KILLED.

The following has been issued from the office of the C.S.O.:—

Despatches have been received from Capetown to-day. They confirm in full the reports previously received of brilliant and decisive victories gained by our troops in Natal. The forces were acting in two columns at Glencoe and Elands-laagte respectively. The fighting was hard and our losses heavy but the enemy were thoroughly broken and their Artillery captured.

Her Majesty the Queen telegraphed her admiration of the work done and her sympathies for the wounded. Troops have been rapidly arriving from England at Capetown; Sir Redvers Buller arriving on the 29th October.

At Kimberley the garrison went out and attacked the enemy on the 24th. A successful battle resulted in which the Boers were routed with considerable loss. Their leader, Commandant Botha, of Boshoff, was killed. Our casualties were 4 killed and 18 wounded. The Boers then retired from the neighbourhood. Kimberley is well supplied with provisions and water.

Enthusiasm for the war in England is unbounded. Fourteen Batalions, including the Guards, have left as well as contingents from all the Colonies. The Boers had false telegrams sent to Europe regarding their success at Mafeking. Since the truth became known there has been much elation at our holding out alright.

### DO HOLD THESE DESPERATE PEOPLE BACK.

In a wire from Vryburg, dated 13th October, we learn that

*"Several townspeople expressed their willingness to take up arms, if invited."*

### NOTICE.

Telegrams on hand for the following persons may be had on application to Mr. Campbell at Dixon's Hotel. All other telegrams have been duly delivered:—

W. Arnold; Cole; Cohen (Fish Merchant); Davie; Johnson, Mrs. (two); A. Keen; Melesi (Saul); McLaughlin; Nettle; Pillay; Pasha (Mahomet); Proctor; Max; Squir, Ordnance Department.



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