

and Scottish Horse, under Captains Rattray, Dick-Cunyngham and Mackenzie, joined in the general advance and, as they came on, the enemy whose fire had been slackening for some time and whose flank was being threatened by this movement, broke and fled. They picked up their horses which had been held for them in the river bed and retired at a gallop north and north-west, coming for a short period only under the fire of our guns.

13. I had early in the day ordered Colonel Duff to get two squadrons ready, so as to pursue the enemy on the attack being repulsed, but the casualties were so heavy, especially among the horses, that it was found impossible to do this.

14. By 6.15 a.m. the last shot was fired.

15. While the enemy's main attack from the north-west was developing, progressing, being checked, and finally repulsed, other minor attacks were made from the east, west, and south, but were not pushed home, the enemy who had made them retiring in various directions at about 6 a.m.

16. The enemy are reported to have been 1,200 strong, under Delarey, Kemp, Van Heerden, Van Tonder, Steenicamp, Oosthuizen, and Boshof. They expended an enormous quantity of ammunition, which they can ill spare, and, so far as I know, gained no advantage by this very large and rapid concentration.

They are so quick at removing their dead and wounded, that it is impossible at present to estimate their losses with any accuracy.

17. I much regret the heavy losses incurred by our troops.

I cannot speak too highly of the gallant conduct of all ranks, and especially of the 1st Bn. Derbyshire Regiment, in repelling this carefully planned and most determined attack by a large force of the enemy, which was probably made with a view to capturing our guns, ammunition, and supplies, of which, doubtless, they were in great want.

18. The severity of the attack may be realised from the fact that, at its commencement, three picquets were practically annihilated, and the casualties in some of the others were very heavy; also that a large number of the wounded were hit in several places.

19. Of course, there must be many unrecorded acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in a night attack such as this, but any special acts and good work that have been brought to my notice are embodied in the attached reports.

20. I am in hospital, having handed over the command of the column to Lieut.-Colonel Wylly, Derbyshire Regiment, but, as I was commanding it at the time the attack took place, I forward this report and my recommendations.

R. G. KEKEWICH, Colonel.

Moedwill,

2nd October, 1901.

*Marlborough House, December 2, 1901.*

THIS day had Audience of the King:—

His Excellency Count Paul Wolff Metternich, to present his Credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the German Emperor, King of Prussia.

Señor Don Homero Morla and Monsieur Louis Joseph Janvier, to present their Credentials as Ministers Resident from the Republics of Ecuador and Hayti, respectively.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
December 2, 1901.*

THE King has been pleased to appoint Colonel Reginald Hennell, D.S.O., to be Lieutenant of the King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, in the room of Colonel Sir Horatio Page Vance, deceased.

*Downing Street, November 30, 1901.*

THE King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of William Henry Jackson, Esq. (Principal Collector of Customs), to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Ceylon.

*Whitehall, December 3, 1901.*

THE King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Andrew Richard Scoble, K.C.S.I., K.C., and the Right Honourable Sir John Winfield Bonser, to be Members of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, under the provisions of the Act 3 and 4 William IV, cap. 41.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall, December 2, 1901.*

THE King has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 29th ultimo, to appoint Edward Theodore Salvesen, Esq., Advocate, K.C., to be Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Roxburgh, Berwick, and Selkirk, in the room of Sheriff Vary Campbell, deceased.

*York House, December 3, 1901.*

THE Princess of Wales has been pleased to make the following Appointments to Her Royal Highness's Household:—

Chamberlain:—

The Earl of Shaftesbury.

Ladies of the Bedchamber:—

The Countess of Airlie.

The Countess of Bradford.

Women of the Bedchamber:—

The Lady Eva Dugdale.

The Lady Mary Lygon.

Extra Woman of the Bedchamber:—

The Lady Katharine Coke.

Private Secretary:—

The Honourable Alexander N. Hood.

Equerry in Waiting:—

Frank Dugdale, Esq.

*Board of Education, Whitehall,*

*December 2, 1901.*

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS,  
1870-1900.

THE Board of Education have issued an order this day for the dissolution, under Section 41 of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

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*Crown Office, November 30, 1901.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present  
PARLIAMENT.

*Borough of Galway.*

Arthur Lynch, Esq., in the place of the Honourable Martin Henry Fitzpatrick Morris, called up to the House of Peers.