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Dispatches From the Generals—  
White Flag Incidents.

London, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from  
Starkstrom, says that a connection  
has been effected between the forces  
of Gens. French and Gatacre.

The position of the British armies in  
Cape Colony is practically unchanged.  
Lord Methuen forwards by mail the  
first official recognition of Boer valor  
and military art. He calls their tac-  
tics and their courage "indisputable."

## FRONTAL ATTACKS.

In defending frontal attacks Lord  
Methuen says: "The mobility of the  
Boers is such that they can change  
front in fifteen minutes, so flanking  
operations, when striking home, simply  
means a new front." The Daily Mail,  
referring to the Boer resistance and  
what may be necessary to overcome  
it, alludes to a saying of Napoleon that  
no position could resist 300,000 men.

The Gazette publishes a number of  
dispatches from Gen. Buller to the war  
office, inclosing reports from Gens.  
White, Hildyard, Methuen and other  
generals, regarding the various opera-  
tions, but containing nothing later  
than the records of occurrences to the  
middle of December.

## A SENSE OF FAILURE.

Seven days of fighting have left the  
main Boer positions intact and Gen.  
Buller's army 100 men weaker, accord-  
ing to the official casualty lists, which  
seemingly do not include the Spion Kop  
losses, as those last forwarded do not  
mention Gen. Woodgate's  
wounding. England is possessed by a  
depressing sense of failure, although  
not a word in criticism of her generals  
and soldiers is uttered. Not much ef-  
fort is made to place a happy con-  
struction upon Gen. Buller's bare 18  
words telling of the retirement from  
Spion Kop, and there is an uneasy im-  
pression abroad regarding the news to  
come. But facts from the neighbor-  
hood of the Tugela are scantier than  
ever. The censorship now is simply  
prohibitive, and something is wrong  
with the cables. The break on the  
east coast lines have been repaired,  
but the cable between San Tome and  
Loanda on the west coast is now in-  
terrupted. "More troops" is the only  
suggestion here as to the way to break  
the Boer resistance.

## BOERS' POSITION.

The Times has the following from  
Frere Camp, dated Wednesday morn-  
ing, and evidently written before the  
capture of Spion Kop was known. Af-  
ter describing the position of the  
Boers, actively entrenching and bring-  
ing fresh guns forward, the correspon-  
dent says: "Their front extends ten  
miles, and we will have to try and  
break it in the middle. Every pris-  
oner says the enemy will never let us  
reach Ladysmith. This is their last  
chance of preventing us, for behind  
this hill lies open country, without a

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they will strain every nerve to throw  
us back here."

## FIRING ON LADYSMITH.

London, Jan. 26.—The Morning Post,  
in its second edition today, prints a  
dispatch from its correspondent at  
Spiesma's Camp, dated Jan. 25,  
which says: "There was heavy firing  
at Ladysmith yesterday. General  
White is attacking and making a di-  
version."

After the Boer assault, Gen. White  
sent to Commandant Gen. Joubert, for  
interment, 79 dead Boers, collected in  
the British trenches.

## BRITISH PLUCK.

The same correspondent describes the  
operations from Jan. 17 to Jan. 23, and  
greatly praises the pluck, devotion  
and cheerfulness of the soldiers. He  
says that Gen. Warren's guns fired  
3,000 shells on Jan. 20. His left on  
Jan. 21 moved up Bastion Hill, which  
opens a clear in the enemy's lines. The  
object is no longer to turn the enemy's  
right, but by introducing a wedge of  
infantry into the cleft, to split the  
right from the center. The gap was  
widened during the day, and Gen. War-  
ren's right completed the capture of  
the whole edge of the plateau and oc-  
cupied the first line of the Boer  
trenches, where he found about 200  
who had been killed by the shell fire.

## HOW LONDON RECEIVED THE NEWS.

London, Jan. 25.—Evening.—As far as  
the general public is concerned, now  
that the first flush of disappointment is  
over, it takes the news slowly. When  
the newspapers bearing big placards  
containing the words "Spion Kop aban-  
doned" appeared in the streets, and  
people rushed to buy the papers, and  
from cabmen on top of hansoms to  
business men hurrying citywards, all  
could be seen scanning the news with  
dazed expressions. The signs of plea-  
sure which had been visible every-  
where yesterday now gave place to a  
wave of depression, but there were  
no outward demonstrations or scenes.  
In the west end and the rapidly  
which the bad news traveled was re-  
markable. A few minutes before 11  
o'clock this morning the dingy war  
office had a deserted appearance, only  
a few reporters being visible about  
the buildings. A few minutes later  
however, and almost simultaneously  
with the posting of Gen. Buller's dis-  
patch, carriages and cabs came roll-  
ing up, people with anxious faces  
hastened to the notice boards, and  
the lobbies soon became congested.  
"Forced back; shelled out, I suppose,"  
"Great heaven, he's had to go back!"  
These were the expressions heard on  
all sides, and with downcast counten-  
ances the long stream of callers made  
their way back to the streets, while  
their places were occupied by new-  
comers.

## LITTLE COMMENT.

The afternoon papers only briefly  
comment on the situation, preferring  
to wait fuller particulars. The St.  
James' Gazette says: "We only are at  
the beginning." The Westminster  
Gazette suggests the abandonment of  
Spion Kop may not mean more than  
a miscalculation which was made re-  
garding the value of the position.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that  
the advance will "again commence as  
it began, with a series of rushes, a  
knap taken here, half a mile gain  
there; that we shall, in short, have to  
fight our way to the rescue of the  
women deities. Ladysmith, nevertheless,  
will be saved." The Globe says it is  
assured that "the country will face  
the situation calmly and bravely, with  
a firm determination to press forward  
unflinchingly in spite of all obstacles."

## DETERMINED AS EVER.

Although England's nerves are se-  
verely tried, her nerve is absolutely  
unshaken, and probably nothing that  
can happen in South Africa will change  
in the slightest degree her intentions.  
She will continue to press forward  
with dignity, and will main-  
tain her determination to win at last.

A Berlin dispatch says: The latest  
news from South Africa is interpreted  
as a signal for the British. The  
Tagblatt Zeitung calls the British  
position there "another step into the  
mouse trap." The last German direct  
mail to the Transvaal are now being  
returned from Cape Town without any  
explanation on the part of the British  
authorities. The German press com-  
ments upon the fact with considerable  
heat.

## MORE TROOPS.

The transport Assaye arrived at Cape  
Town last Friday with 2,127 officers and  
men. The first portion of the seventh  
division is afloat. Hence, with the 10-  
000 men of this division and about 9,000  
others now at sea, it lies in the power  
of Lord Roberts to reinforce Gen.  
Buller heavily. This course is advised  
by several military writers.

## A CANADIAN KILLED.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—J. K. Osborne, of  
the Massey-Harris Company, receiving  
a cable from the war office saying  
his son, Lieut. J. W. Osborne, of the  
Borderers' Regiment, had been killed  
in action on Jan. 24, while fighting with  
Buller's force in Natal. The telegram  
received by Mr. Osborne read: "Re-  
gret to inform you that your son, J.  
W. Osborne, Scottish Rifles, is reported  
by telegram from Natal as killed in

action on 24th January." It was signed  
by the chief of the Intelligence  
staff of the war office, Lieut. Osborne  
was attached to Gen. Warren's forces.  
Lieut. Osborne was the eldest son of  
Mr. J. Kerr Osborne; was born in  
Bramford in 1872, and educated there,  
at Trinity College school, Port Hope,  
and at the Military College, Kingston.  
His regiment was in the fourth bri-  
gade of the second division, command-  
ed by Lieut. Lyttleton, which was fac-  
ing the Boer entrenchments opposite  
Pogiet's Drift.

## PRESIDENT STEYN'S MOVEMENTS.

A Durban dispatch says: One hun-  
dred and sixty Boers captured during  
Gen. Buller's recent operations  
have arrived here. One Free Stater,  
who is among the recent arrivals,  
says that President Steyn has been  
removing his furniture to Pretoria,  
where several other officials have tak-  
en houses. It is also said that no big  
guns are now left in the Pretoria forts,  
and that the Boers have exhausted  
their stock of good Mauser cartridges,  
and are now issuing cartridges for-  
merly condemned by Gen. Joubert.  
They are said to be manufacturing  
12,000 cartridges and 200 shells daily  
at the dynamite factory.

## From the Generals.

### WHITE FLAG INCIDENTS.

A dispatch from Gen. White, dated  
Nov. 2, says: "I was so greatly im-  
pressed with the exposed position of  
the garrison of Glencoe that I deter-  
mined to withdraw from there, and  
concentrate all the troops at Ladys-  
mith. But the governor represented  
that this step would involve such grave  
political results that I determined to  
accept the military risk of holding  
Dundee as the lesser of two evils."

Gen. White describes the subsequent  
attack by 4,000 Boers, of whom about  
500 were killed or wounded, three of  
his guns being left dismantled at  
Talaman Hill, but, he adds, there was  
no opportunity for bringing them off. He  
also describes how the Boers were  
seen streaming away in bodies of 50  
to 100, on which the British artillery  
could have inflicted great loss. But  
the

## BOERS DISPLAYED A WHITE FLAG.

Gen. Buller refrained from firing.  
After describing the desperate fight-  
ing at Elandsdagg, culminating in  
the bitter protracted fighting before  
the capture of the Boer final posi-  
tion, he continues: "At length the  
guns reached us, and one end of the  
ridge was gained, from which the  
whole of the enemy's camp, full of  
tents and horsemen, were fully ex-  
posed to view at a fixed range. When  
the white flag was shown in the center  
of the camp, Col. Hamilton ordered  
"Cease fire," and some of the British  
moved in the direction of the camp.  
For a few moments there was a com-  
plete lull. Then a shot was heard,  
followed by a deadly volley from a  
momentarily fell back, but charged and  
captured the position."

Gen. Methuen reports similar white  
flag incidents.  
Gen. Buller, commenting on the ac-  
tion at Zoutpans Drift, Dec. 13, says:  
"I suppose the British officers will  
learn the value of scouting in time;  
but in spite of all one can say our men  
blunder into the middle of the  
enemy."

## COLENSO.

Describing the battle of Colenso, Gen.  
Buller, under date of 17, says: "When  
I heard of the disaster to Long's arti-  
llery, the six naval guns had  
shared the same fate, and I decided  
immediately that it was impossible to  
force the passage without guns. Long  
was dangerously wounded, and I was  
personally instructed where to go  
into action, and with the naval guns  
only, but Long advanced so fast that  
he left the infantry escort and naval  
battery exposed, and I decided  
that the failure of the artillery would  
have carried the crossing."

Gen. Buller recommended the Vic-  
toria Cross for Capt. Congree and Reid,  
Lieut. Roberts and Corp. Nurse, all in  
connection with the attempts to save  
the guns.

## MODDER RIVER FIGHT.

Gen. Methuen, in a dispatch dated  
Dec. 1, with reference to the battle of  
Modder River, confesses that he be-  
lieved the force in his front was  
only fighting a rearguard action. He  
had no idea that 8,000 Boers had been  
brought from Spionkop to oppose  
his advance. Commenting upon the  
difficulty of conveying orders, Gen.  
Methuen says: "The truth is that no  
one can be on horseback with any safety  
within 2,000 yards of the enemy," and  
he admits that he himself, most of the  
day, was in positions where he had no  
right to be, because, unless he went to  
the front, he could not see how the fight  
was going. Gen. Methuen draws spe-  
cial attention to the services of Col.  
Fagot, of the Scots Guards, in this ac-  
tion. He says that he was in the  
middle of a punishing fire, during which  
his horse was killed after being hit five  
times."

## The Situation.

### PHILOSOPHICALLY AND CRITI- CALLY VIEWED.

London, Jan. 26.—The Westminster  
Gazette this afternoon points out that  
it is not unpatriotic to "decline to  
gloss over facts." As a matter of fact,  
Great Britain assumed that the point  
gained was more conclusive than it  
really was, hence the revulsion of feel-  
ing caused by the report of Gen. Bul-  
ler's announcement of the abandon-  
ment of Spion Kop. Considering that  
the Boers who held the position fled,  
that the British casualties in holding  
it during subsequent attacks were  
heavy, and that the strategical value  
of the point has still to be demon-  
strated, until further particulars arrive it  
is impossible to estimate to what ex-  
tent the public disappointment is jus-  
tifiable. impossible at present to say  
whether the British suffered a reverse,  
or whether the movement was dictated  
by strategic reasons. Obviously the  
position was useless unless guns could  
be planted on it, and discovering this  
fact, Gen. Buller may have decided it  
was unsafe to attempt to hold the  
position any longer, or perhaps he  
is seeking a more profitable  
ascendancy elsewhere. The abandonment  
of Spion Kop, however, is a serious  
blow to the British position, and has  
been so unexpected at the war office  
that Gen. Buller's dispatch caused  
something in the nature of consterna-  
tion. The lobbies were soon crowded,  
and there was evidence on all sides  
that the news was keenly felt. The  
only official comment was "Apparently  
Gen. Warren found the position too hot  
to hold."

## DETERMINED TO WIN.

Business on the stock exchange today  
was very flat. Consols dropped 1/2  
cent, and the market declined. However,  
however, in spite of the depression, there  
was the least sign of abatement in  
the determination to carry the war to  
a successful issue. The cabinet met  
this afternoon under the presidency  
of Lord Salisbury, and doubled the min-  
isters fully canvassed the new situa-

tion, though primarily summoned to  
discuss the terms of the Queen's  
speech.

Under other circumstances, the news  
from Ladysmith, showing greatly im-  
proved sanitary conditions, the plenitu-  
dine of provisions and the strength-  
ening of the fortifications, until the  
place is regarded as impregnable,  
would have inspired the nation; but  
these good tidings to the British are  
overshadowed by anxiety as to the  
situation on the Upper Tugela; and the  
thought that the heavy losses suffered  
during the struggle on Tuesday night  
have counted for naught. Military  
circles made no effort to conceal

## THEIR CHAGRIN.

expressing the gravest fears as to the  
ultimate fate of Ladysmith. Such au-  
thorities as Major-Gen. Frederick  
Carrington, who is under orders for  
South Africa and Lord Gifford, who  
won the Victoria Cross while scouting  
for Lord Wolseley during the Zulu war,  
would not be surprised to hear of the  
capture of Gen. White's force within  
a week.

Lord Gifford, who knows the country  
like a book, could not understand how  
Gen. Warren got to the top of Spion  
Kop without ascertaining what posi-  
tions commanded it. The pooriness of  
the maps, it was pointed out, could  
hardly be an excuse for this, as there  
must be with Gen. Warren several  
scouts, to say nothing of officers who  
at one time or another have served at  
Ladysmith, and whose mere hunting  
expeditions would have given them a  
knowledge of the country. While Gen.  
Warren is not blamed for retiring  
under what is supposed to have been  
heavy shell fire, he is severely criticised  
for occupying a position to which he  
could not bring up his artillery.

## HEAVY BOER LOSSES.

London, Jan. 26.—Special dispatches  
from Durban say the Boer losses on the  
Upper Tugela during the fighting on  
Sunday last, were very great. They  
add that Gen. Warren's men captured  
400 prisoners, and that 130 Boers were  
found dead in one trench.

## DRAPER'S CASE.

Sensation in the Ottawa Valley  
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Clarendon, P. Q., Jan. 26.—Quite a  
sensation was caused in this place and  
throughout the Ottawa Valley, by the  
publication of Reuben Draper's case in  
the newspapers last week. Mr. Draper is  
well known about here and in Kingston  
and has had many inquiries as to his  
cure. There seems to be a universal  
surprise that Dodd's Kidney Pills  
should be able to cure a trouble like  
Gravel, which is situated in the blad-  
der. Therefore the following explana-  
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from the blood. These gritty particles  
pass to the bladder and cling to the  
walls of that cavity, accumulating,  
finally, in little balls or "stones."  
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kidneys to proper health, cut off the  
supply of this sediment and the blad-  
der and urinary organs, recovering  
strength on the removal of the cause  
of irritation, throw off the gravel al-  
ready deposited.

Mr. Draper had only been using the  
pills a week when he was rid of a  
stone which, he says, is as large as a  
bean. In a few days he passed another  
smaller one. He has retained both,  
and many people of the neighborhood  
have seen them. Therefore, hereafter,  
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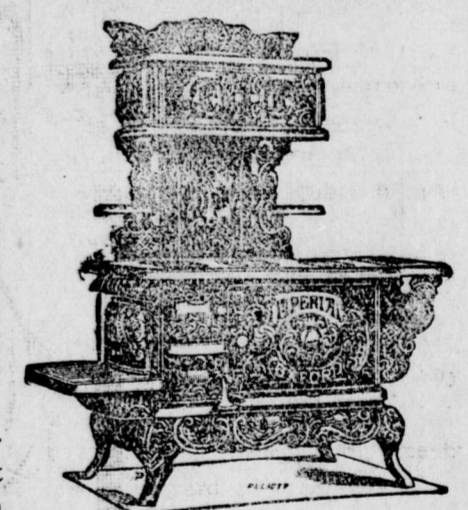
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glance, I suppose, between sulphate of  
magnesia and epsom salts?"  
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