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Births, Marriages, Death

DIED.

FARMER—On Nov. 20, 1899, Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of William and the late Mary Ann Farmer, aged 22 years 1 month.

Funeral Wednesday, 22nd, at 3 o'clock, service at 2:30. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

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WEDNESDAY,

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Only Desultory Cannonading

Reports of Heavy Fighting at Ladysmith Unconfirmed.

The Plans of Both Sides Slowly Unfolding.

Joubert Moving South to Check the Advancing British Relief Column.

Debarkation at the Cape Proceeding Satisfactorily.

Boers Said To Be Doing More Looting Than Fighting.

London, Nov. 21.—The war office semi-officially asserts that all news received from Africa has been published, with the exception of demands for the renewal of stores, war material, and the like.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that more troops have been ordered from India to the Cape.

The reports of heavy firing at Ladysmith last Wednesday have not been confirmed. On the contrary, the most reliable advices from Escourt indicate that there was nothing more than a desultory cannonade. Probably the rumor of the serious engagement grew out of the fact that the Boers threw a few harmless shells late Tuesday night, leading to the supposition that an attack was imminent. Nothing, however, happened Wednesday. Beyond the fact that the Boers are not daily receiving fresh reinforcements and supplies, there is practically nothing new from the front.

The plan of operations on both sides is slowly unfolding itself. Gen Joubert is evidently moving south to prevent, if possible, the junction of the British relieving force with the forces at Escourt and Ladysmith, while on the Orange River border the Boers are believed to be concentrating at Donkerpoort, to oppose Gen. Buller's advance. It is said that 6,000 Boers have already taagered at Donkerpoort.

The English scheme continues to be a three-fold advance from Durban to Ladysmith, from Orange River to Kimberley, and from East London by way of Queenstown to Burgersdorp.

Gen. Buller has wired the commanding officer at Queenstown, announcing the dispatch of Gen. Gateacre, with the 1st Battalion of the Seventh Brigade, to East London This was the place from which it was originally intended that Gen. Gateacre's column should start. Thus it is possible that Gen. Buller's first plans have suffered less modification than some have supposed. Gen. Gateacre will be able to keep the Boers on the Orange Free State border sufficiently occupied to preserve Gen. Methuen from undue molestation, especially if rumors from various sources are well founded, that describe the Free State burghers in no way enthusiastic for fighting. It has been reported that Gen. Buller will take up his quarters at De Aar. This seems doubtful. De Aar, where a vast amount of stores has been collected, is the base of Gen. Methuen's advance, and Gen. Buller may have been there for a day or so. It is believed, however, that he still has his headquarters at Cape Town

GEN. METHUEN'S ADVANCE.

Although Kimberley is supposed to be the objective of Gen. Methuen, many military critics are of the opinion that his advance will not be toward Kimberley, but across the Orange Free State, in order to secure complete command of the Orange River.

DEBARKATION OF THE TROOPS.

The debarkation of troops at Cape Town is proceeding in the most satisfactory manner. One thousand eight hundred and fifty railway carriages have been collected there for the conveyance of troops northward, and there is talk of suspending the suburban traffic so as to accelerate military work.

The British admiralty reports the arrival of the following transports at Cape Town Monday:

Glengyle, with a battery of horse artillery, an ammunition column, a cavalry brigade and a hospital corps.

The Briton, with the 2nd Somerset Light Infantry.

The Siberian, with the Inniskilling Dragoons.

The German, with the First Rifle Brigade, a field hospital and a detachment of the Royal Engineers.

The transports Cephalonia and Pavonia have been ordered to proceed to Durban.

KIMBERLEY.

The popular anticipations here regarding the relief of Kimberley appear too sanguine. The British force is not yet ready, and when it starts it will have a dangerous road to follow, every foot of which will probably be contested if the British attempt a direct advance. So it is possible that instead of rushing directly for Kimberley, the British will advance across the frontier in the direction of Bloemfontein, which may thus be threatened. This would probably draw off Gen. Cronje's forces and enable the railroad to be restored. From the presence of Gen. Buller near Gen. Methuen at Orange River, it is believed the main advance will be made on the west side. But unless Gen. Gateacre is able to advance simultaneously and push back the Boers who are occupying so many points of the South Orange River, the British line of communication will be seriously threatened.

Gen. Buller's orders to his officers on the subject of their equipment are taken to mean that the officers are to carry rifles like the troops.

COLONISTS VOLUNTEER.

The war office and the colonial office are being besieged with applications from colonists, including Canadians, some of whom have come specially to England from Canada, asking for opportunities to serve in South Africa. The invariable official reply is that recognizing the importance of officers of the colonial forces acquiring experience in the field, the imperial government has given permission for two additional officers to accompany each colonial unit of 25 for instructional purposes. This gives Canada sixteen extra officers.

THE CAPE COLONY DUTCH.

The governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner, has issued a proclamation announcing that proclamations annexing the territory, impressing men, or seizing goods, are null and void, and should not be obeyed. He promises full recognition of and full compensation for loyalty to the British administration. Premier Schreiner has caused all municipalities to make known that there is no intention to call out the burgher forces in the colony, as the colonial government considers the military forces of the colony sufficient to keep order and repel invasion. "Ordinary citizens," the premier declares, "are only required to remain loyal and not give countenance to the enemy."

Judging from present indications, so far from there being a prospect of Dutch rising, the fact is many of the Cape Dutch are so incensed by the loss of their property and the destruction of railroads and bridges that they are beginning to favor the annexation of the two republics. One prominent politician goes so far as to say that it may possibly happen that the Outlanders may be the chief opponents of annexation.

FROM BOER SOURCES.

The Cologne Gazette publishes the following dispatch from Cape Town: Everything is prepared for a general rising of the natives throughout Cape Colony. They are ready at any moment to make common cause with the Boers.

It is asserted that all the Boer artillery officers were born in the Transvaal, although two were trained in Europe.

Bateman, a British private, captured outside of Ladysmith, and taken to Pretoria, has since become insane.

The Irish Transvaal committee has appealed for funds to enable it to send an ambulance to the Irish brigade in the Boer service. The appeal says: The Irishmen now fighting side by side with the Boers have lessened the disgrace brought on Ireland by the Irishmen who were so unfortunate as to be forced by necessities to fight by the side of the English. The appeal is signed by Miss Maude Gonne, Messrs. W. Redmond, M. D. Sullivan and others.

The Boer invasion of Cape Colony continues steadily and rapidly. There are 1,300 Boers at Colesburg, and news has reached London that Ladygrey, near Aliwal North, has been deserted by the British, and is now in the hands of the enemy.

Yesterday the Boers occupied Campbell, in West Griqualand.

A Pretoria dispatch announces the arrival there among the British prisoners of Major Haldane, Lieut. Brockie and Lieut. Halaway. It also declares that the British on Sunday made two unsuccessful attempts to oust the Rustenburg commando from a position near Mafeking, and that severe fighting took place.

MARTIAL LAW.

The presence of the Boers in so many of the towns in Cape Colony has caused Sir Alfred Milner, the governor, to proclaim martial law in those places.

The British forces have retreated from these points, and are being concentrated on the Orange River.

AMMUNITION WASTED.

It is reported that the Boers have attacked Kuruman and sustained heavy loss, but it is hard to conjecture why the Boers should waste ammunition on a village far out on the plains, defended by 200 police. It is further asserted that the Boers have no serious intentions of invading Cape Colony, but intend to concentrate their scattered forces with the view of opposing the British advance across the southern border of the Orange Free State.

ENEMY'S PLANS MODIFIED.

London, Tuesday, Nov. 21.—The Standard publishes the following from Ladysmith, dated Sunday, Nov. 19: The arrival of the relief column at Estcourt has completely modified the plans of the enemy, and Gen. Joubert has moved to the south in an effort to prevent the junction of the two British forces.

PLENTY OF POWDER AT LADYSMITH.

Ladysmith, Thursday, Nov. 16 (by runner to Estcourt).—All well here, with nothing important to report. We are amply supplied with ammunition, and confident of our ability to hold out. Information from outside is very scarce; but it is believed here that the Boers now investing the town are only a small force. The heavy weather continues and the rain is hampering the Boer operations severely.

HEAVY BOER LOSSES.

A dispatch from Ladysmith tells of brilliant British victories, with comparatively slight loss on our side, and heavy slaughter of the enemy. Ladysmith is full of wounded and captured Boers. It is reported that in the fighting on Nov. 9 the enemy lost 300 killed and 500 captured. The Boers are trying hard to influence and conciliate the Natal Kaffirs.

KRUGER WORRIED

A dispatch from Pretoria says that President Kruger is terribly worried over the war outlook. He lives like one isolated from the world.

LOOTING.

Escourt, Natal, Nov 20—4:45 p.m.—Major Bethune's patrols have located the enemy on the northwest, about 10 miles off. The Boers would not be drawn. Fighting is reported at the Mooi River. The Boers are doing more looting than fighting, and all their parties south of Ladysmith are foraging on the farms.

Pietermaritzburg, Nov. 20.—A party of British heliographers cut off by the Boers outside Estcourt, contrived to escape to New Hanover, on the Greytown line, and arrived here today. They report that 6,000 Boers, driven by starvation, are foraging toward Greytown. No alarm is felt, but it may require a division of the relieving column to annihilate them.

A MURDEROUS ENEMY.

London, Nov. 20.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, referring to the charges that the Boers are killing the wounded, says he was present when two young officers made the following statement: During the engagement at Elandskaagte a British doctor was attending two wounded men when a burgher came up, stopped before the little party, and without saying anything deliberately drew his pistol and killed both of the wounded men. Two British soldiers appeared before the assassin could escape. The burgher dropped his pistol and fell on his knees, begging for mercy. He got the mercy he deserved for so inhuman an act. Parties sent out to search for the dead and wounded were first fired on under Red Cross flags and then under flags of truce.

"SWEET CHARITY."

The English people, who have been described by Napoleon, as a "nation of shopkeepers," have devoted themselves with characteristic energy towards war charities. The Mansion House relief fund has risen by leaps and bounds, and is now above the $2,000,000 mark, and every undertaking for raising money for soldiers' families prospers. The Daily Mail has already obtained $50,000 from Mr. Kipling's "Absent-Minded Beggar," and the poem is recited nightly at ten music halls, and sung to Sir Arthur Sullivan's music at half a dozen more. The Daily Telegraph's shilling fund has obtained strong public support, and yesterday was soldier's Sunday, with offerings from a thousand or more churches throughout the United Kingdom. The masses and the classes are united for charity in relieving distress among the soldiers' families and providing for the wounded and the refugees. The Queen is bestirring herself to provide a Christmas present for every soldier in the field, and royalties and duchesses are patrons of every entertainment planned for any form of war charity.

The Situation.

REPORTS CONFLICT.

London, Nov. 21.—The latest direct news from Ladysmith dated Thursday, Nov. 16, and Friday, Nov. 17, strangely conflicts with the reiterated reports of "tremendous battles and great British victories" Wednesday and Thursday. Neither of the two messages referred to mention any great engagements or Boer defeats; on the contrary, both distinctly state that beyond a false alarm on Tuesday evening, and a little increased shelling Thursday and Friday, causing little damage, everything was perfectly quiet, and the garrison was chafing under its enforced inactivity. Nevertheless the special dispatches from Estcourt today enlarge on the reported battles, and insist that the Boers received a more terrible lesson Wednesday than in any previous fight. According to these circumstantial accounts the Boers determined to attempt to reach the north end of Ladysmith with a large force, but were unable to make headway against the well-sustained fire of the British riflemen and Maxims. Later a British force worked round the Boer flank, causing the latter to withdraw under a deadly fusillade, with exceedingly heavy losses. Large numbers of dead are said to have been counted on the field, many were wounded and a number of prisoners were captured. The British losses are reported to have been trivial. Of course, reliable dispatches corroborative of the above may have been censored or captured with the native runners. But these tales are so flattering to the British that they have a distinct flavor of being belated accounts from Kaffir sources of affairs previously reported.

The dispatches from Ladysmith reporting that there is an ample supply of ammunition there have seemingly set at rest a point on which there was much diversity of opinion.

Apparently the British commander at Ladysmith believes Gen. Joubert has gone south, leaving only a force sufficient to prevent the garrison from sallying out, and there is a disposition in some quarters to think Gen. Joubert possibly initated the story with the object of inducing Gen. White to make a serious attack or relax his precautions so as to permit the Boers to seize ground vital to the defence of the town. A report from Durban, however, say there are rumors there that the Boers are preparing to break camp and withdraw from the investment of Ladysmith.

BUGLE NOTES.

At the Marquis of Lansdowne's suggestion the Queen has decided that her Christmas present to the troops in South Africa is to take the form of a tin of chocolate for each man.

The government will send to South Africa several trench-making machines. These are gigantic plows attached to steam sappers of twenty-horse power. They are able to cut a trench four feet in depth for the infantry which will follow in their wake.

BULLER'S FORCE

He Will Have 90,000 Troops Under Him Two Weeks Hence.

The following is an approximate calculation of the number of troops which Sir Redvers Buller now has, and in the course of about a fortnight will have, at his disposal. The result is a figure which is probably higher than was anticipated in England, owing to calculations which have been made elsewhere not having allowed for the large number of efficient local volunteers, armed police, etc., available in Cape Colony and Natal.

In arriving at the number of the local forces a liberal percentage has been deducted to represent volunteers, who, however enthusiastic, might not be fit for hard fighting, also for the police who would be required for ordinary police work in towns. No colored police are included for obvious reasons; nor any of the local forces in Rhodesia, as their number at present cannot be ascertained.

As there is no definite information as to the present whereabouts of certain units, whether they are in Natal or Cape Colony, South Africa has been dealt with as a whole.

Garrison of British forces in South Africa, on Sept. 1, 1899	11,000
Reinforcements landed between Sept. 1 and Nov. 17 from India, England the Mediterranean, etc. (including the Army Service Corps detachments, part of the Army Corps, which have arrived by the Braemar Castle, and the Ammunition Column by the Gaika)	33,500
Seamen and marines landed from cruisers, etc., say	800
Total British force of regulars now in South Africa	35,300
Local forces (excluding Rhodesia) available in South Africa on Sept. 1 (Police Rifles and Volunteers) reported as efficient	12,000
Local force raised between Sept. 1 and Nov. 17, reported as efficient	2,500
	49,800
Deduct casualties to date (including prisoners)	2,117
Total force in South Africa (excluding Rhodesia now at the disposal of Sir Redvers Buller	47,683
Colonial contingent now at sea	2,500
Army corps on the sea	36,000
Additional troops under orders to replace those taken prisoners	3,050
Total force which Sir Redvers Buller will have under his command when the last of the forces detailed above have arrived	89,233
	59,233

ANALYSIS.

British troops (including 2,340 army medical corps)	72,233
Local efficient troops	14,500
Colonial contingent	2,500

An allowance of at least 2 per cent must be made on the above total for sickness, and with regard to the local forces, it must be remembered that a large number of them will be required for ordinary garrison duty to take the place of the regulars.

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SEALED TENDERS INDORSED "TENDERS for Debentures" will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 4 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1899, for the purchase of $12,600 County of Middlesex Consolidated Debenture Debt Debentures, bearing 3½ per cent interest, payable semi-annually on 30th June and 31st December; principal payable in gold in twenty years from the date of issue.

Each tender must state a price in a lump sum payable at par in London, Ont., on or about Dec. 28, 1899.

The Corporation does not bind itself to accept any tender. Further particulars on application.

A. M. McKOY,
Treasurer of Middlesex.

County Treasurer's Office, London, Ont., Nov. 13, 1899. 2c y

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