

tiny. Their commandants have-shown themselves able to give our generals use ful but expensive leasons in modern tar-tics." The Times says: "Since the days of the Indian muting the nation is an on-dong and despite efforts were smalle to the stadt to the field guns. The fine, however, was too severe and the source provided with so painful and an zious a situation. Plainly General Built ler's advance is parelyzed for the amoment as completely as lood Methuen's and Gen-eral Gatagre's." The degression over the defeat of Great Britain's stranted and idolized commander is all the greater. The degression of affairs in Natal was en-tirely satisfactory.. The reaction is all the most faing is to and sting the last for the source of the reaches the service clubs and only a few for reach the service clubs and only a few for reach she service clubs and only a few for reaches the service clubs and only a few for reache

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No independent apports of the sugget ment have yet been allowed to come through; but General Buller's own des patch tells the sad tale in sufficient out-line to show that the British have been

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Star's special cable from London says: General feel-ing in military circles is that Canada and Australia might best aid General Buller entrapped again by the asfute Boene. It was not articipated that General Buller-would make ha frontal attack, but no crit-

would make his movements are made, since apparently, the suffered a repulse mather than a defeat and did not push the at-tack home, hurt broke it off in the middle so as to save a useless sacrifice of human the

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A BAND REVERSE.

Buller Lost Elev in Guns Trying to Pass The Theela Raver.

London, Dec. 16, 12.47 a. m. - fine war office has received at despatch announcing that General Buller has met with a seri-ous reverse, losing ton guns. General Buller was attempting to cross

the Tugela River. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left a eleven guns behind.

1 a. m.-The following is the text of General Buller's despatch announcing his "Buller to Lansdowne, Chieveley Camp,

"Buller to Lansdowne, Cheveley Camp, December 15, 620 p. m. "I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 clock this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela River and it was my intention to fugela River and it was my intention to force a passage through at one of them. They are about two miles apart. "My intention was to force one or the

other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. General Hart was to at-tack the left drift, General Hildyard the

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One article of diet which has been found One article of the which has been found particulary suitable for troops on active service is a preparation of meat and vege-ables cooked together. Of this a single contractor is sending tins at the rate of half a million each month. Of condensed milk the four months' supplies represent 260 000 time.

360,000 tins. Particulary interesting is the item HOW CANADA CAN ASSIST. Particulary interesting is the item of jam. This commodity was first given to the British troops in the Soudan expedi-tion of 1884 and 1885, and it was after-wards supplied to the Ashanti expedition. It was reported on very favorably on each occasion, for not only was it re-garded with favor by the troops, but it may found to the a distinctly healthy.

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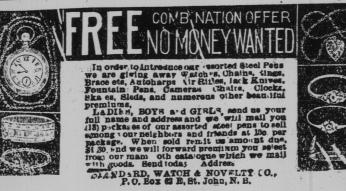
Jam has therefore taken its permanent Jam has therefore taken its permanent place as one good thing among others for troops to fight on, and the quantities.to be kept in South Africa as a four months' reserve amount to no fewer than 1,450,-000 fb., consigned in tins each containing a single pound.

a single pound. In regard to the liquids, the list pro-vides for 80,000 gallons of rum, 12,000 bot-tles of whisky, 32,000 bottles of port wine, nearly 40,000 lb. weight of lime juices, a vast quantity of "sparklets" for making soda water, and 80 tons of alum for purifying enring or river water of which

soda water, and 80 tons of alum for purifying spring or river water of which the quality may be doubtful. Of tobacco the quantity sent out by the war office for the four months' is 40,000 lib., this, of course, being quite independ-ent of the amount contributed by private donors. It should be said, however, that the troops have to pay for the tobacco supplied by the war office, doing so at the rate of 1s. per pound, so that no doubt they will be doubly pleased to get free gifts from the British public. THE MAGERSFONTEIN CASUAL

Letndon, Dec. 16-The list of casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men in the fight at Magersfontein, just issued, show 55 killed, 253 wounded (21 severely) and 76 missing. This, however, is apparently not a complete list. London, Dec. 15.—The following named officers of the Middland bright with BULLER'S LOSSES. London, Dec. 16.-Gen. Buller reports to the war office that his losses in yesterday's engagement were:--London, Dec. La Ine donor and who officers of the Highland brigade, who officers of the battle of th who Wounded. Missing..

Captain Brodie. The following subsequently died



BRITISH CABINET MEETING.

Indon, Dec. 16.—Lord Salisbury came to London, today, returning to Hatfield House this evening. Regarding the sug-gestion that the premier came specially because of the news of General Buller's reverse and summoned an emergency meet-ing of the cabinet, it is announced that the gathering was simply one of a series of meetings of the cabinet committee on national defence, to which only a limited number of members belong and which did not necessitate their presence.

"Acting upon the advice of maintain au thorities, her majesty's government has ap-proved the following measure:— "All the remaining portions of the army reserve, including section D, are called out.. The seventh division, which is being mob-ilized, will proceed to South Africa without delay. "The commander-in-chief in South Af-

ries has been authorized to continue to raise at his discretion local troops mount-"Nine battalions of militia,

"Nine battalions of militia, in addition to two battalions which have already vol-unteered for service at Malta and one for service outside of the United King-dom; and an equivalent number of militia battalions will be embodied for service at home. "A strong force of volunteers, selected from the Yeomanry" regiments will be of formed for service in South Africa. "Arrangements are being made and will shortly be announced, for the employment in South Africa of a strong contingent of carefully selected volunteers. The patri-otic offers which are being received from the colonies, will, so far as possible, be accepted, preference being given to officers of mounted contingents.

DUTCH SHOW THEIR TEETH.

Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 14-Secre meetings of Boer sympahizers continue to be held in various parts of Cape Colony, and the attitude of the Dutch farmers is 348 .1.097

TROUBLE IN THE NORTH. Stermstrom, Cape Colony, Friday, Dec. 15—As a result of the British reverses the whole country to the northward is virtual ly in a state of rebellion. The natives there, as well as those in Basutoland, are said to be much disturb

ed and to be losing heart regarding the strength of the British. THE LIBERAL PRESS.

London, Dec. 18-The Liberal organs foreshadow a serious reckoning for the government when the time comes. The Dail y Chroniele hints that General Sir William Butler, who was recalled from the Cape command because of his Boers

sympathies, long ago advised the govern ment that the prosecution of Mr. Cham

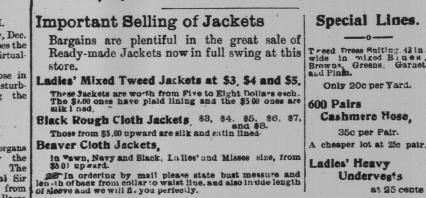
THE QUEEN TO STAY IN LONDON. London, Dec. 18.—The farewell banquet at Carleton Hotel last evening, in aid of the fund for the American hospital ship Maine realized £2,000 (\$10,000). Among those present were the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Marquis of Lorne, United States Ambassador Choate and Mrs. Choate, Prince Christian of Sch-

the American pretty ceremony. "Black week," as last week is now uni-versally called, has evidently aroused the government and the War office to a full sense of their responsibility and of the magnitude of the task before them. The ing, despite the fact that they recognize that the heroic measures now decided up-on savor rather of weakness than of strength. "Black week," as last week is now uni-tereived for service in South Africa, 'is one from Charles G. D. Roberts, author and poet, New York. Mr. Roberts tele-graphed the minister this afternoon, plac-ing henself at the disposal of the govern-ment for service in South Africa. A member of the Grand Trunk Rifle. Brigade, who is president of a manufac-turing concern in the United States, also writes offering to raise a regiment. He mys in his communication that there

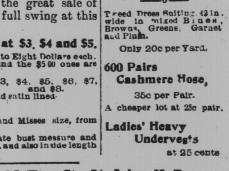
on savor rather of weakness than of strength. Rumor has it that the question of ex-pense has really been at the bottom of the half-hearted measures hitherto adopted and it is not unlikely that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, and other members of the cabinet will re-sign. '4 It was high time that something very energetic was done. The British losses in hilled, wounded, prisoners and missing throughout the campaign, now reach the enormous total of 7,630. The tragic circum-stances of the appointment of Lord Rob-erts almost ajmultaneously with the an-nouncement of the deepest sympathy. on, excite the deepest sympathy.

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