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More Men and More Guns for More Fighting.

The Opposition in England Offer the Government Their Belp Now and Promise Criticism Afterward—Report of Builer's Success Not Confirmed.

capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the crest without being discov-"When returning, Metcaffe found his retirement barred by the Boers, but he forced his way though using the house of the bank o ered, drove off the enemy and then destroyed the howitzer with guncotton. retirement barred by the Boers, but he forced his way though using the tayonet freely. The Boers were considerable. The British losses were the following:

Lieut Ferguson and 11 men killed; Captain Paley, Second Lieut. Bond and 41 men wounded; six men captured who had remained behind in the second Lieut. Bond and the ed; six men captured who had remained behind in charge of the wounded.

GEN. GATACRE'S EXPLANATION. London, Dc. 12.-The war office has re-

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Cape Town, Monday, Dec. 11.—Gen. Gatacre reports as follows:—
The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and the local guides. A policeman took us round some miles; consequently we were marching from 9.30 p. m. till 4 a. m. and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional. The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unitalishe hill and wounded a good many of our men while in the open plain. The Northumberlands tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish Fusiliers seized a kopie near and held en, supported by the mounted infantry and Cape police. The guns under Jeffreys could not have been better handled, but I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a deep nullah and another sank in the quicksand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available. Seeing the situation, I sent a despatch rider to Molteno with the news and collected and withdraw our force.

London, Dec. 13—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Methuen, dated Tuesday, Dec. 12:—
"Our artillery shelled a very strong, position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from four o'clock until dusk Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak on Monday the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed, but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the Guards on the right, supported by field artillery. They shelled the positions from daybreak and at 1.15 sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending (in fanty with a howitzer artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the Guards on the right. The day and held en, supported by field artillery. They shelled the positions from daybreak and at 1.15 sent the Gordons to support the spatch rider to Molteno with the news and collected and withdrew our force and confected and windrew our force from ridge to ridge for about nine miles. The Boer guus were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bushmanshook and Cypergat. Am sending the Irish Rifles and Northumberlands to Sterkstroom to require the wounded proceed to

Ottawa, Dec 12—The following cable was handed to Dr. Borden by Gen. Hut

n today:Belmont, Dec. 11—General, Ottawa Canadian regiment here, line of communication. All well.

LADY WILSON EXCHANGED.

London, Dec. 13-A special despatch from Lourenzo says a Boer telegram from Mafeking announces that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers, while acting as a correspondent for the London Daily Mail has been exchanged for a Boer woman, who was a prisoner at Mafeking.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCES. Ottawa, Dec. 12.-The following militia

crater was issued today:

The minister has been pleased to appreve of separation allowance in accordance in accord preve of separation allowance in accordance with rates in imperral services as hereander being granted in cases of married non-commissioned officers and menenlisted in 2nd Special Service Battalion, Royal Canadian regiment, from the date of emparkation, 30th October, inclusive.

With Without Oparters Quarters (heaters)

Each girl under the age of Each boy under age 14..... 3

Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 10.-President

Steyn has sent the following details of the fight at Stormberg Junction:—

The British with six cannon attacked The British with six cannon attacked the Boers under Swanpoet and Oliver and stormed the Boers' entrenched positions on the kopies. After a severe fight they were compelled to surrender. The prisoners are Major Sturges, six officers and 230 non-commissioned officers and men of the Northumberlands; and two officers and about 230 non-commissioned. A despatch from Boer sources says that officers and about 230 non-commissioned officers and men of the Irish Pusiliers. It is impossible to state the number of dead or wounded British.

smith, has altogether 30,000 men.

A despatch from Boer sources says that Kimberley remained quit during the battle at Magersfontein.

The special correspondent of the Daily and fire as the British advanced and it

ADVANCE FROM THE FRENCH BANK.

London, Dec. 12.—During the last hour

am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great.

METHUEN RESUMES HIS MODDER

yards. I am holding Bushmanshook and Cypergat. Am sending the Irish Rifts and Northumberlands to Sterkstroom to recuperate. The wounded proceed to Queenstown. The missing Northumberlands number 366, not 306 as previously reported.

ALL AT THE FRONT.

London, Dec. 13.—General Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 3.30 p. m. today, sends the following despatch from Lord Methuen, dated Modder River Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7.30 p. m:—

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning, I retired in perfect order, here, where I am in security.

"I have gathered from some of the pris-

THE TIMES DEMANDS MORE TROOPS.
London, Dec. 14 (4.45 a. m.)—Each im portant battle seems to bring a worse reverse for the British and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the

Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced. The Morning Post says:—
"We have had our day of humiliation appointed for us. Let us accept it humbly and soberly and be better and stronger for the lesson it ahs taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt of Europe will be w rope. There never was a more apt occaion to prove to Europe what we are

worth."

The position Lord Methuen assaulted is thus described by a correspondent:—

"Magersfontein range terminates on the east with abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments run around the whole front. The position is some two whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The west ern ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes and afford a retreat."

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amount to 11,000 men and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450.

All the papers comment upon the ex-All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation and upon the momentous decision Lord Methuen now has to take—whether to remain at Modder or to retire on Orange River.

The Times says:"At least 30,000 additional men must be called up and the militia and volun-toers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local colonial force-and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and ac-

40 mn, only five of whom escaped unburt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager,

A STIFF FIGHT.

Highlanders Gained Ground, but Had to Intrench to Hold It.

North of Modder River, Dec. 11—The Guards and the Highland brigade early last night moved from the Modder River camp, marching in a northwesterly direction. The objective of the Highlander. was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the Guards following the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the riverside. Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within two hundred yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill. Unsuspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity the British were still marching in quarter London, Dec. 12.—During the last hour today the stock exchange recovered slightly on a rumor that the Bank of France was to advance £4,000,000 in gold to the Bank of England and on another numor that the Bank of France would advance about £1,000,000 to French manu facturers, who are indebted in large sums to the Argentine wool exporters.

RUMOR NOT CONFIRMED.

London, Dec. 12.—Inquiries made by the financial reporters of the morning papers have failed to confirm the stock exchange rumor that the Bank of France is about to loan the Bank of France is about to loan the Bank of England a large amount of gold.

GENERAL METHUEN'S ACCOUNT.

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Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 13 .-Three hundred and twenty wounded men have arrived here from the Modder river.

GEN. WAUCHOPE KILLED.

London, Dec. 13.-The war office has re eived the following despatch from Gen rorestier-Walker:—
"Cape Town, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Methuen wires that General Wauchope was killed in action yesterday."
Gen. Wauchope's death was much de-

plored. He rendered notable service at the battle of Omdurman, for which he was thanked by both houses of parliathe inquiries at the war office a few min-utes before the telegram announcing his

death was posted.

[Major General Andrew Gilbert Wauchope, C. B., G. M. G., was in command of the Third Brigade. He was in his 54th year, and joined the Black Watch in 1865. He has been marked out for an important command since 1873, when he served with conspicuous gallantry in the ALL AT THE FRONT.

Strongly this morning, I retired in perfect order, here, where I am in security.

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Served with conspicuous gallantry in the Ashanti campaign, and was twice severe if y wounded. He was invariably found in the thick of the fight throughout the European and Nile campaigns, sustaining severe wounds at Teb and Kirbekan. A Scottish laird, he was the opponent of Mr. Gladstone at Mid Lothian a few years ago, but was defeated. He was an excellent shot and rough rider.

THE BOER REPORT.

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 11.—An official report says: "A battle at Modder River began yesterday with cannon firing, heavy fighting proceeding from 3.30 o'clock in the morning until 2.30 o'clock with can-ion, Maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4.30 o'clock and the fighting still continues. A bloon has just arisen above the British position, where it remained ten minutes and descended. There were ten minutes and descended. There were heavy rains during the night. At 9 o'clock this morning a further report was received from Modder River. A despatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained and that 41 British prisoners had been taken. At 9.30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy canonading had somewhat abated. The British are constantly using their balloon.

The fighting was still going on at noon. The fighting was still going on at noon Kimberly is still quiet."

THE FULL STORY.

Modder River, Tuesday, Dec. 12.-The British casualties in the battle of Magers-fontein included the Marquis of Win chester, major of the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col. Downham, of the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally

When the Highlanders met the murder

ous point blank fire of the Boers about 200 were mown down. The Black Water regiment, on re-forming, was able only to muster 160 men. The Boers also lost heavily in the trenches and also in the and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Standard, which comments upon the "seemingly astonishing numbers of the Boers," conjectures that a substantial portion of the Boer commandoes have the Coadon Highlanders form. noon when the Gordon Highlanders formd up to renew the attack on the enrenched kopje. They advanced with the atmost gallantry to attack the Boers, close

Mail at Modder River, describing the fighting, says:

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yond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire. Evidently they feared our storming and bayonet attack

"We raked the kopje and trenches with an intense, well directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they effected severe damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lydd te shell fell among 40 mp. only five of whom escaped unburt.

It was here that Col. Downham fell.

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"The Boers are in still larger force than we found them at Modder River, out numbering us by almost three to one. The Transvalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although the manufacture of the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable tact for taking cover which the Boers always displayed, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and, although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was a regular to the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable tact for taking cover which the Boers always displayed, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and, although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated as well as unusually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault.

At the first advance of the Highlanders the Boer shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high. Otherwise the British losses would have been still

JULIAN RALPH'S ACCOUNT.

London, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special despatch to the Daily Mail

says:—
"The Boers were entrenched at Magersfontein, four miles north of Modder River.
At dawn, Monday, the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly
subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute.
"Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and re-tained their position. This was on the

"On the right the Guards brigade vanced across the veldt against other trenches and fought an invisible foe for

"At eleven in the moring the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then enfiladed them. We raked the Boer trenches with the artillery throughout the day The fighting only ceased with nightfall." A LATE BOKR REPORT.

London, Dec. 14.—A special despatch

ues, says:—
"While the battle of Magersfontein was proceeding, the Free State artillery en-

gaged an armored train along the railway line toward Belmont.

Forty-one prisoners, belonging to the First Battalion of the Gordon Highland ers, have just traversed Jacobsdal.

"In the last attack on Surprise Hill three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed and several others wounded, caus

TO SEED THE SEVENTH DIVISION.

Londea, Dec. 14.-The Associated Press nderstands that the war office yesterday (Wednesday), decided, in consequence of Lord Methyen's losses at Magersfontein to mobilize an eighth division in reserve Cape. Fertain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with militia; and, if necessary, volunteers will be called to take also likely that the militia reserve will e sent out to join their respective bat-

FROM CAPE TOWN, TUESDAY. London, Dec. 13.—The war office today

eceived the following message from Gen. "Cape Town, Tuscday, Dec. 12.—No further details from Methuen.
"From Orange river it is reported that "Gen. Gatacre is moving from Bush-nanshook to Steikstrom today. "The magistrate at Steikstrom wires that the situation there has slightly improved, many of the missing having turn-

"Gen. French reports that a detachment of cavalry, with two guns of the horse artillery, reconnoitered the enemy's position yesterday at Quilfontein and Vaalkop, eight miles north of Arundel.

"They shelled a farm and drove the enemy from Vaalkop.
"The Boer loss was one killed and sev

eral wounded. Our casualties nil." CANADIANS AT THE FRONT.

Ottawn, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Drummond re-ceived a cablegram from her husband, Major Drummond, who is special staff officer on the Canadian contingent, to nigth, dated "Modder River, Dec. 13," and stating that he is well. It shows that the Canadian contingent has moved north

MORE TROOPS SAIL.

London, Dec. 13.-The White Star steamer Majestic sails from Liverpool to-day for South Africa with 2,000 troops on The White Star line steame Cymric has been chartered for

ADVANCING ON LADYSMITH. Cape Town, Dec. 13.—General Buller's

The military attaches have left Cape
Town to join General Buller via Durban.

FARMING General White reports under date of Tuesday, December 12, that there are 32

BOERS SHELLING LADYSMITH. Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 12.—The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat

GATACRE'S POSITION|.

London, Dec. 13.-The latest advices from General Gatacre show no anxiety is felt for the safety of his remaining troops, who have been withdrawn to good posi-tions along the railroad south of Mol-

impregnable.

The Boers decline to furnish the names of the killed or wounded. They say that they buried the dead and are sending the The Boer loss on Sunday is reported to have been four killed and nine wounded. Probably this is correct, as no genuine at-

The British were so exhausted from long marches that they were unable to accomplish anything.

London, Dec. 15 (4.45 a. m.)—The war office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magesfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that Gen. Buller will strike a blow be fore these have time to return. The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessfy for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible Forty thousand men could still be seat from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service. The greatest need, therefore, is speedy transports. Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will possibly join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The Daily Chronicle's Modder River despatch, which is at variance with all the other reports, represents Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the AFTER THE BATTIÆ.

thuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder River as the result of re-newed artillery firing that day. The cor-

Modder River, Cape Colony, Tuesday, Prisoners taken in different parts of the Dec. 12.—Details gathered here by a representative of the Associated Press among the wounded British and Boers give some idea of the desperate nature of the fight at Magersfontein. The Highlanders did to prepare to retreat at windows. the wounded British and Boers give some idea of the desperate nature of the fight at Magersfontein. The Highlanders did all that the most gallent troops in the world could do, but it was impossible to face the terrible fire of the Boers. The British artillery again saved the situation and divides the honors of the day with the Scotchmen. The batteries worked for hours under a galling rifle fire.

According to the Boer stories, it was impossible for the burghers to have escaped fearful loss. One Boer prisoner said a single lyddite shell killed or wounded over 70 Boers and that two other shells is expected today.

ed over 70 Boers and that two other shells burst over two bodies of Boers ensconced behind the range, doing fearful damage. All agree that the Boers fought through-All agree that the Boers fought throughout with the utmost gallantry. Their
sharpshooters seldom missed the mark.

A Seaforth Highlander says that while
he was lying wounded on the field, he saw
a Boer, of typical German appearance,
faultlessly dressed, with polished topboots, a shirt with silk ruffles and a boots, a shirt with silk ruffles and a cigar in his mouth, walking among the ant-hills, picking off the British. This Boer was quite alone and it was apparent from his frequent use of field glasses that he was singling out the officers.

Another wounded Boer says that a lyddite shell, fired on Sunday, fell in the middle of an open-air prayer meeting held to offer supplications for the success of the Boer arms.

All the wounded are full of praise for the treatment they received from the medical department on the battletield.

While the guards were advancing on the plain, which the Boers were shelling from the adjoining ridges, they encountered and cut up a strong Boer picket posted on a hill for purposes of observation. All the members of the picket were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

THE HIGHLANDERS WERE SURA PRISED.

London, Dec. 15.—"Lord Methuen's check, following Gen. Gatacres repulse," says the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, "has had a most depressing effect upon the loyalists who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing. A large section

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Probably this is correct, as no genuine at tack was delivered by General Gatacre's is restless and would need but note particle, who were completely surprised suasion to join the Boers.

"There are disturbing reports from the surprised of Cape Colony, where while in column.

The British apparently rushed up the nearest hill without orders or knowing where the enemy was.

The British were so exhausted from long marches that they were unable to accomplish anything.

The correspondent of the Standard at the St

camp at Modder River as the result of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says:—

"Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his force out of range."

Orders have been issued at Woolwich to prepare another siege train to go out with the seventh division.

London, Dec. 14.—The Queen has sent a message of deep sympathy to the widow of General Wauchope.

INCIDENTS OF THE MAGERSFON—
TEIN FIGHT.

Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 12.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersiontein. Brig. Gen. Wauchope, who led the Highland brigade, was found dead near the trenches, shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the tronches. Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital.

The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about. One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and from prisoners taken to the British hospital.

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ANOTHER LADYSMITH SORTIE.

London, Dec. 14.-A special despatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monday, Dec. 11, says that the Lady-smith garrison had made a sortie and de-stroyed the Modderspruit bridge.

GENERAL FRENCH REPORTS A

London, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following despatch from General Forestier-Walker at Cape Town: "General French wires under date of Dec. 13, reporting a skirmish at 4 o'clock in the morning with 1,800 Boers who were advancing southward toward Naauw. Poort. The skirmishing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, seven wounded and including one officer and two-missing."

A NEW BRUNSWICK BOY DEAD: London. Dec. 14.—Private Chappelle, of the Royal Canadians, died of tonsilitis at Belmont, Cape Colony, Wednesday, December 13.

Moncton, Dec. 14.—Montrose C. Chappell, who enlisted from Moncton with the pell, who enlisted from Moncton with the Canadian contingent, was born at Baie Verte, where he resided almost up to the time of his departure for South Africa. He was 22 years of age and was one of the first to volunteer in New Brunswick. At the time of his enlistment he was working in Barker's White Store, Moncton, where he had been employed about three weeks. Chappell was a sergeant of No. weeks. Chappell was a sergeant of No. 6 Company and received his first military training under A. J. Tingley, of Moncton, captain of that company. He was a su-perior marksman and led his company in target practice three successive years. His old captain, A. J. Tingley, speaks in highest praise of him, both in and out of camp. Deceased has a brother Malakoff, in the 71st Battalion, Fredericton, and he was also a brother of George B. Chappell, of Baie Verte.

THE LONDON PRESS LOYAL

London, Dec. 14.-The Globe says: The country is prepared for any sacri-[Continued on Page 8.]

