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Riversideesidents Surprised by andden Flood.

Bad Ice Jamends the Water Away up-filled Pactories Have tout Down.

The river bi, up at London Thursday night, but Chatham and vicinity day night, but Chatham and vicinity the ice remainsolid until yesterday forenoon, wheyith a roar it commenced to mo! It came down in a steady stream ill evening, when a blockade formet posite Mr. Brown's farm, about twoles down the river. By one o'clock tolockade had filled up as far as the 'By three o'clock the ice was jammo William St., and a short time er the blockade extended to L. E. & D. R. R. bridge.

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Supt. Jones, of traterworks, said this morning that n the ice packed up as far back as traterworks the water dropped twiches. Soon afterwards it began se at the rate of a foot an hour, it rose till three o'clock. It is I rising, but slowly, about an in hour. The water is within 16 or ches of being as high as it was two sago. The pumps at the electric station are kept busy pumping ou water. The dynamos have had it raised and the water has found, it y also into the boiler room.

the boiler room, thende Bros, the Kenls and Mc-Reough & Trotter haven forced

keough & Trotter hale and Mcto shut down.

Tom O'Rourke, of Blebros., reported that the loss of the would be light. The water had into the engine room and put out ires and the belts on the machine the cellar of the mill had to be toff. The lumber is, low in the dord but there is a number of shim oating there and some lumber, but unately a boom was put around ard in time and all the lumber is a couple of feet more of a raise inundate the creek bridges and them impassable. Already the has started to flow back around dian

J. P. Taylor, Park St., had a large

quantity of bacon in his cellar which he was forced to get out this morning. Taylor & Williamson went down to their horse out last night. get their horse out last night. When they went into the stable the horse

was standing dry-shood, but before they got him out the water was over the horse's 'fetlocks.

Blonde Bros. will lose over \$200 through their mill being idle this

Dr. Tye drove up the river from Pain Court last evening and he reports that the blockade extends from the Bear Line up.

The Hotel Garner was robbed of its

putting the furnace fires out. A shed to the rear of the Riverside Terrace was carried away by the flood, The water began to enter the police station at 10 o'clock last evening and by 11 o'clock there was a foot of water in the cellar. At 10 o'clock this morning there was two feet eight inches of water in the police station cellar and it was still rising.

J. E. Johnston has two feet of water

in his cellar but all the goods are out.

Hugh Malcolmson's grocery store
has the same amount of water in the
cellar, but no goods in it to be dam-

aged.

Fred Chaplin got all his pork out except what is in the pickle. There is about four feet to spure before the water gets at the pickle vats. * James E. Gray and a staff of able seamen, or "arkoids," had a raft con-structed and were fishing boxes of lamp chimnies from the Ark cellar to-day. This is the only merchandise Mr. Macaufay had in his cellar.

The merchants along King street, as soon as they learned of the threaten ed rise of the river, began to move their stock and many were working till midnight last night. The force at Geo. S. Heyward's store was augmented by the assistance of Editor Spry, of the Banner, and the teller of the

Bank of Commerce.

Geo. Stephens & Co., had 20 tons of binder twine in the cellar, and it is under water. under water.

The water reached the engine room
of the Chatham Electric Light Co. early this morning and put out

yet before it reaches the furnaces in the gas house.

John Morton has a car load of nails

n his cellar. John Piggott, sr., said-This flood is the worst in years. If the blockade gives way suddenly, docks, buildings,

wharves and everything else will be carried off by the beavy weight of the ice. Andrew Crow was in on Saturday. He stated that be had skated up as far as Jordan's brick yard but was cam-pelled to leave the river at that point and walk the rest of way. They were teaming down the river on the ice on Saturday and the jam is caused by the ice there not being broken up yet. There is a bad jam at the Bear Line and another at House of Refuge. Some 12 men are employed in the mill but they are not all idle as we have some of them working around the yard. All our posts are floating and some of our lumber. The mix-up is pretty bad but we have secured—all the timber by a good boom. Our loss through the mill being idle will be several hundred

dollars.
Chas. Hadley of the S. Hadley Lum ber Co., said-I can't tell what our loss will be till the water begins to fall. We have a lot of lumber turned over by the water but outside of that we are not suffering any. In expectation of the flood preparations were made and we were in splendid condition for the rise. I think that our lumber is about the best protected on the rise from Continuous and the continuous co protected on the river front. Capt. Waggoner and Capt. Robinson are looking after the boats and they anticipate

no trouble. Henry Smyth, ex.M. P., recollects once when oak pipe staves were jam-med above the Sixth street bridge just as the ice is now. So tightly were the staves wedged that people crossed on

James Waugh recalls the flood when a sailing boat was tied nearly back of where the Kent mills now are. The vessel broke lose and the captain offered \$100 to the man who would go out and throw the anchor. Robt. Sbanks crossed on the floating ice from cake to cake and earned the money.

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British Campaign at a Standstill While the Boers are Aggressive.

The latest despatches from the front showing the real reasons for General Buller's retirement and his intention to try again quite destroy the commovement was an elaborate feint to facilitate the main advance of Lord Roberts, a theory which obtained acceptance largely because of Mr. Balfour's misleading statement to Parliament, No word has yet been issued from the War Office regarding. Gen. Buller's latest attempt, although the correspondents are allowed to telegraph with a fair amount of freedom; and thus far only a partial list of casualties have been published. The dating of messages from Frere Camp may indicate that Gen. Buller has withdrawn all his forces there. The London newspapers, having become accustomed to checks, maintain a hopeful tone; but the situation is much more threatened than it seemed to be a week ago. Proofs of the terrible strength and mobility of the Boer artillers, together with the ru-mor that Gen. Joubert is taking the initiative, with the object of cutting Gen. Buller's communications, are in no way reassuring. Even the most sanguine persons begin to see that it is quite hopeless to expeat the relief of Ladysmith, while it clearly proves that if it be impossible to reach Ladysmith, it is equally impossible for the carriers exhausted by sickness and garrison, exhausted by sickness and rivations, to cut a way out. Reports f the Boer advance through Zululand are disquieting. If they should be able to strike at Greytown, Gen. Buller would be compelled to turn his attention to the eastern side of Natal. There is no confirmation of a sortie from Ladysmith. The last desprtch,

tions had been issued to the garrison of the possible approach of the Boers in the guise of a British relief force. BOERS AGGRESSIVE: The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sun-days, says:—The Boers have occupied Bloye's farm, south of the Tugela, which is under an hour's ride from Chieveley and have turned the homestead into a hospital. On the farm are hills commanding both bridges over the Tugela, as well as Forts Wylie and Mollineux, and from which view of Bulwana and Ladysmith is obtainable. There is much apprehen

dated Wednesday last, reports that all was quiet then, and that instruc-

A Durban despatch dated Feb. 11. Joubert is marching with a column of 6,000 men to outflank Gen. Buller. The Morning Post critic expresse the hope that the rumor from Durbant that a Boer force in advancing in the hope of outflanking Gen. Buller is correct, for he considers that Gen. Joubert would thus expose himself to just the sort of blow it is so difficult to deliver against the fortified positions north of the river.

sion here regarding the Boer move-

ments and the authorities are on the

LIVING ON HORSEFLESH. Startling intelligence comes from Kimberley in the Cape newspapers, just received by mail in London. It appears that since Jan. 8 the rations at Kimberley have been for the most part horseflesh, so repugnant to wo-men and children that many refuse to eat. It also appears that the death rate has been heavy, and that the privations of the garrison have been in-creasing steadily. Possibly such conditions explain the presence of Lord Roberts at Modder River and the ap

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from that point.

The mention in the despatch by Lord Roberts to the war office yesterday of Gen. Clements as commanding to try again quite destroy the com-forting and ingenious theory that the movement was an elaborate feint to that considerable changes in the dis-tribution of troops in that district have occurred. The unexpessed strength and activity of the Boers at Rensburg, where they are rather pressing the British than being press-

ed by them, causes anxiety. The Morning Post comments on the evidence of the unexpected activity and probable number of the Boers near Colasburg, where they are not enclosed, but only half surrounded on the south. The paper points out that the Boer positions cover a front of 20 miles, and that there must be several thousand of the enemy on the ground.

WAR NOTES

Every available truck in the west ern system of railways has been secur-ed by the military authorities. A Cape Town despatch says.—Lord Roberts has authorized the formation of a separate squadron of 100 picked

Irishmen for special duty. To-day sees the beginning of the fifth month of the war. Although the British will soon have 200,000 men in South Africa, the Daily Mail and other papers are still asking for

The Boers have taken Inklandia Zululand magistracy. The magistrate the night previous exploded the maga-zine, and with his staff and police evacuated the place and proceeded to

The fact that Lord Roberts arrived at Modder River Friday seems to show that he has been on a round of inspection of the chief commands and that the main advance is not so near as has been supposed.

During the morning of February a bombardment with lyddite occured at Rensberg, and the Boers Maxim-Vickers guns are believed to have been silenced. A dozen dead Boers were found on the kopjes.

War experts think that Roberts first bow will be for the relief of Kimberley. It is believed that the recent trip of the Highland brigade to Koodoesberg was for the purpose of strengthening their nerves after the

recent slaughter.
The Highlanders have returned to Modder River. Before retiring they found the bodies of 12 Boers. They be-lieve the losses of the enemy were heavier than those of the British, because it is known that in addition to

dead Boers, several had been buried. In Wednesday's brush two correspondents—Mr. Hales, of the London Daily News, and Mr. Lambie, of the Melbourne Age,—fell behind. Mr. Hales, who was slightly wounded, was captured by the Boers, and Mr. Lambie was killed. The British took two orisoners. Boers, several had been buried prisoners.
Gen. Clements reports from Rens-

berg that on Friday, Feb. 9, the Boers tried to turn his right flank, but were beaten off. Position maintained; casualties small.

The Daily Mail publishes the following from Sydney, N. S. W.:-The news of General Buller's reverses has aused a great sensation here. + Car dinal Moran, in a remarkable speech has advocated conscription in Australia, in view of possible complications. He thinks it may soon become necessary to defend Australia, and therefore, regrets the departure of the local troops.

WILL TRY IT AGAIN.

The Dunkin Act has been in force in several municipalities of South Esseveral mannerpainties of South Es-sex for a number of years, and those in favor of licensing hotels have made repeated efforts to have it repealed, but the temperance people with one exception, always defeated the liquor men. This exception was in Colches-ter South, where a by-law repealing the Dunkin Act was passed by a large the Dunkin Act was passed by a large majority. After it was passed, the liquor dealers commenced selling openly, but the temperance people found a flaw in the by-law and again closed the bars. Although defeated so many times, the liquor men have not yet given up hope of being able to secure licenses, and the latest move is that J. W. Hanna, of Windsor, has been instructed to frame a by-law that will stand, and then it will be submitted by the council to the popu-lar vote. They claim that the by-law will have a large majority in the township. The temperance people are quietly working with the intention of having Colchester South still remain a temperance township. The claim is made that the other townships will not attempt any action until the re-sult of the fight in Colchester South is known. Then, if the liquor dealers are victorious, similar by-laws will be introduced in the town of Essex and other places where the temperance law now exists.

HE BEAT THE STATE.

New York, Feb. 12. - A Westport New York, Feb. 12. — A westport, Conn., despatch says:—A few days ago Edward H. Nash, who is over 90 years of age, and is expecting death, called his son and three daughters to his bedside and formally made over to them his fortune of \$700,000. Mr. Nash made the transfer of his property before death so as to save the heirs an inheritance tax of \$40,000. February 12th, 1900.

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