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## BATTLE OF WITH TRSFONTEIN SIMPLY AWFUL SLAUGHTER!

Methuen Fought All Day Monday, But the Enemy Were So Strongly Entrenched That He Was Forced to Retire to Modder River.

Losses Were Terrible-General Wauchope and the Marquess of Winchester Killed-200 Highlanders Mowed Down in the First Fire-Descriptions of the Battle-It Was Impossible to Reach the Enemy.

British artillery fired on the position It rained hard last night. Monday at dawn, but the attack failed. The attack was properly timed. The Guards were ordered to protect the but failed. Highlanders' right and rear, while the The Guards were ordered to proand at 1.15 Gen. Methuen sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments till dusk, the next of the extending translation of the enemy's extending translation. the position extending, including the kopje, six miles towards the Modder the General's message, "am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great." Here the message, which causes great anxiety in London, ends. A later despatch says that Gen. Wauchope, commanding the Highland brigade, was killed in Monday's action.

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General Gatacre reported as captured six officers and 366 men of the North-unberland Fusiliers, and three offi-cers and 290 men of the Suffolk Regi-ment—a total of 665. President Steyn reports 489 prisoners. Where are the 176? Have they returned to camp?

While the battle of Magersfontein was pro-ceeding the Free State Artillery en-gaged an armored train along the rail-way line towards Belmont.

The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith and the heat is terrific, says a cable from Frere, Natal.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, cannot dismiss the Schreiner Ministry too quickly. The Cabinet is composed of traitors who, it has been shown, gave passes to the Orange Free State pupils attending colonial schools who wanted to go home and fight the British London, Dec. 14 .- (4.45 a.m.) -- Each im-

London, Dec. 14.—(4.45 a.m.)—Each important battle seems to bring a reverse for the British, and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord 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 has trught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt of Europe. There was never more apt occasion to prove to Europe what re apt occasion to prove to Europe what

An Impregnable Position. The position Lord Methuen assauted is thus described by a correspondent: "Magersfontein range terminates on the cast with an abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments run around the whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopies and afford a retreat."

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men and perhaps to more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are Winchester, I winchester, I ses has yet been received. The level to have been at least 450. They are Extreme Gravity of the Situation. 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 River or to retire on Orange River.

By When the Highlanders met the momentous point-blank fire of the Boers, a

More Canadians Wanted

GENERAL METHUEN'S BULLETIN.

After Hard Fighting on Sunday the British Entrenched Them-

selves After Great Loss.

London, Dec. 13.—The War Office has received the following despatch from General Methuen, dated Tuesday, December 12th:

An Absolute impossibility.

A detachment of Boers posted among some thick bushes to the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent for taking cover the Boer always displays they were, generally

from 4 p.m. till dusk. During the night The Highland brigade attacked it rained hard. The Highland brigade at daybreak on Monday the south attacked the south end of the kopje on

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 position from daybreak

The troops held their own in six miles towards the Modder "To-day (Tuesday)" concluded front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance

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NOW BACK AT MODDER RIVER. Lord Methuen Retired in Perfect Order Where He is

Our loss was great.

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London, Dec. 13.—Gen. Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 3.30 p.m. to-day, 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 prisoness and from our men with the ambulatives, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some crys being completely wiped out. The Boers have been most kind to my wounded."

STORY OF MONDAY'S FIGHTING.

the Boer Position When a Deadly Fire Came.

North of Modder River, Monday, Dec. 11. -The Guards and the Highland Brigade early last night moved from the Modder River camp, marching in a northeasterly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the Guards following the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infautry moved along the river side. Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill. Unsuspecting that the Roers were in the vicinity, the Eritish were still marching in quarter-column, in close order, when they met a terrible fire from the flanks and were forced to retire with heavy boss. The troops re-formed under the shelter of some rising ground, and gallantly held their position. Later the Gordons arrived, and the troops gradually worked their way to within 300 yards of the Boer positions, displaying the greatest gallantry. In the meanwhile a naval gun at the Modder River, the Howitzer batterles and the Horse Artillery opened a terrific fire, enfilading the trenches and searching every portion of the Boer position. The Boer guns were entirely silent. In the meanwhile the Boers on the open ground directly in front moved with the object of making a flank attack, but this was frustrated by the Guards and artillery.

The Boers recommenced shelling in the early last night moved from the Modder

BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN. Two Hundred Highlanders Mowed

Down by the First Boer Fire

point-blank fire of the Boers, about 200

were mowed down. The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called up, and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local colonial forces and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Cape Dutch Traitors.

The Standard, which comments upon the "seemingly astonishing numbers of the Boers," is driven to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos has been recruited from the Cape Dutch.

Hopes Rest on Buller.

All eyes are now turned hopefully to Gen. Buller, who, taking into account the troops with Gen. White in Ladysmith has altogether 30,000 men. The Standard says: "At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's dominion who have as great 2 weight of cares upon them as Gen. Buller carries on his shoulders."

Kimberley is Quiet.

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

Where They Were Tuesday.

The Black Watch Regiment on re-forming was only able to muser 160 men.

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This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The wounded include Lieut.-Col. A. E. Coddington and Captain Sterling, both of the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards.

Gen. Methuen's column has again been in fierce conflict with the Boers north of Modder River. The enemy were found in a strong high kopje on Sunday. The last night.

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It rained hard last night.

Speaking, virtually invisible; and, although the enemy's artillery was practically slienced, his rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED. The Story Told by Julian Ralph Special Correspondent of The

London Daily Mail. London, Dec. 14.-Mr. Julian Ralph, de special despatch to The Daily Mail, says

BOERS WERE THREE TO ONE. British Used Lyddite With Terrific Effect Among the

London, Dec. 14.—The special correspondent of The Daily Mail at Modder River, describing the fighting says: "The Boer trenches extended far beyond 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 fear our storming and bayonet attack.

Lyddite Was Used.

"We raked the kopje and trenches with an intense, well-directed fire of 30 gans, including a naval gun and a howlizer battery both using lyddite. It is believed they effected heavy damage. The Boer prisoners of leaves the canadian Banks Been Ald Scare Says He Has Not Yet.

effected heavy damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among 40 men, only five of whom escaped unburt, other shells burst in the enemy's larger, causing its complete destruction.

Boers Three to One.

"The Boers are in still larger force than we found them at Modder River, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a min-

Augustus John Henry Beaumont, Paulet, D.L., J.P., 15th Marquis of Winchester, Baron St. John, 1539; Earl of Wiltshire 1550, Premier Marquess of England, hereditary Bearer of Corps of Maintenance, Major of the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, was born on Feb. 6, 1858. He was educated at Eton and served in the Nile expedition in 1885.

Down by the First Boer Fire
—Simply Awful.

Modder River, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The
British casualties include the Marques of
Winchester, major of the 2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col.
Downham of the 1st Batt. Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded.

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Commanded the Highland Brigade, London, Dec. 13.—General Waschope of the Black Watch commanded the Highland the Black witch commanded the Highland brigade with General Methuer's column. He served in Asnanti, Egypt and the Soudan. He was frequently mentioned in despatches, and twice contested Midlothian, once against Mr. Gladstone, He was a great favorite in the army.

Mr. Charles D. Wilson of Toronto joined the old 42nd (Black Watch) when Gen. Wauchope was a lieutenant. He says the general, as a lieutenant, was the most pop-uiar officer in the regiment.

STILL SHELLING LADYSMITH. Despatch From Frere Says the Boers Are Still at Work-

Heat is Terrific. Frere Camp, Natal, Tuesday, Dec. 12,-The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith.

The heat is terrific. THE STORY FROM PRETORIA.

Battle Began at 3.00 on Monday Morning and Was Long Continued.

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

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HAD A HARD RUN FOR IT.

unburt, May Be Supplemented by Britain's Enemies in Other Parts of the World.

Hall, 8 p.m.
L.O.L. at home, at Webb's, 8 p.m.
U. E. L. Association, in Normal School,

4.30 p.m. Modjeska, in "Mary Stuart," at the Grand, 8 p.m. "Hurly-Burly," at the Toronto, 2 and 8 "The Ensign," at the Princess, 2 and 8 P.m. Pauline Hall, at Shea's, 2 and 8 p.m. The Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.

What He Said When He Saw It, "I want one," said a gentleman who examined the "Humidor" cigar cabinets at Muller's. This moistening cabinet keeps the cigars in that beautiful condition which makes you want to buy a box when you try a sample at your tobacconist's—imparting just enough moisture to make the weed snoke evenly and full-flavored. One could hardly suggest a more appropriate Christmas box for a smoker. G. W. Muller sold a large number of them.

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## THE CATE BRITISH REVERSE. FUNDS OF GANADIAN BANKS FOUR MEN NOW IN THE FIELD

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Buying Exchange in New

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Herald says: The late reverse for British arms in South Africa brings strongly into view the difficulties of the situation and the necessities of the nece says: The late reverse for British arms in South Africa brings strongly into view the money loaned in Wall-street would send Score, Mayor Shaw, E. A. Macdonald and difficulties of the situation and the necessity for placing in the field an army of that market was advanced. That much greater strength than was originally was prior to the recent advance of contemplated. The Cape Dutch may yet the Bank of England's official rate to 6 The Marquis of Winchester,
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Gen. Wauchope's wife was among the enquilress at the War Office a few minutes before the telegram announcing his death was
posted.

Major-General Andrew G. Wauchope,
C.B., C.M.G., was a highly distinguishedcofficer of the British First
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To-Day's Program.

Toronto University Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

"Messiah," in Massey Hall, 8 pm.

Macdonald Club "Smoker," in Jackson's

Two Millions in Gold Rushed to New York Yesterday for Speculative Purposes.

New York, Dec. 13.—The local agencies of the Canadian banks have received since Friday of last week \$2,000,000 in gold from Montreal and other parts of the Domin ion. Of this sum, the Bank of Montrea received \$1,250,000 and the Bank of British North-America \$200,000 by express while the Canadian Bank of Commerce received \$400,000 by mail. These banks tool advantage of the money rate situation to advantage of the money rate situation to day, and were free lenders of money.

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## Whereas a Yield of Over Twenty-five and a Half Bushels Was Calculated Upon. OATS, BARLEY, FLAX, POTATOES, All Yielded Well-Dairy Products Valued at \$470,559.09-Causes

of the Shrinkage. Winnipeg, Dec. 13 .- (Special.)-The Provincial Government crop bulletin was issued to-day, and gives a summary of the yields of various crops in the province: Wheat-Area in crop 1,629,905 acres, yield per acre 17.13 bushels; total yield, 27.922.-

Oats—Total yield 22,318,378 bushels; barley, total yield, 5,379,156 bushels; fiax, 20,490 bushels; potatoes, total yield, 3,226,395

Dairy products-Butter, dairy, 1,354,240 lbs., value \$195,552.25; creamery, 1,002,809 lbs., \$188,026.68; cheese, factory, 848,587 bs., value, \$86,980.16.

Mistaken Estimate in August.
In the August Bulletin the estimated wheat yield was 33,504,766 bushels. This was considered at the time a conservative estimate, as a greater yield than 20.55 ally expected. The actual yield, however, has been less. The Government estimate of shrinkage were a period of drought in August, when the wheat was filling, and

## LATE SIR GEORGE KIKKPATRICK Will Be on View at the Family, Residence To-Morrow From

1 to 3 o'Clock. Kirkpafrick will be on view at his late residence from 1 to 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon. At 4 o'clock the funeral party Have the Canadian Banks Been Ald. Score Says He Has Not Yet will leave the house for the Union Station. The remains will then be placed on a speclai Canadian Pacific Rallway train and Facts are what The World delights to

"Are you in the field for Mayor?"
Ald. John Hallam vehemently replied:
"Of course I am. I'm in the field to stop till the last vote is polled."
Ald. Score was evasive, and said: "Well, it is just a question. I cannot decide under existing circumstances."
Mayor Shaw emphatically stated: "I am again in the field for Mayor."

Tributes at Kingston. Ont., Dec. 13.—At the Court of General Sessions this morning, a tribute was paid to the memory of the late Sir George A. Kirkpatrick by B. M. Britton, Q.C., and John McIntyre, Q.C., M.P. Judge Price said that there was no man in Kingston.

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Clarke Wallace arrived in town yester-E. F. Clarke, M.P., was sharp and to the day back from the Manitoba elections. "Was it you who carried Manitoba?"

point. "Are you in the field for Mayor?" asked The World.
"Yes," replied Mr. Clarke, and there were no flourishes. asked a reporter. "No." said the Grand Sovereign of British America. "It took a lot of us to beat Gibbons' Toothache Gum is an instant-aneous cure for toothache. Price 10c. 246 the Liberals, and I was one of the lot."

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Fair, Cold Weather.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 13.—

Smoke S. & H. Hortensia Cigars, 10c.

Local House in January.

In all probability the Ontario House will meet in either the latter part of January or early in February, so Premier Ross says.

The bye-election in East Middlesex will be brought on before the session.

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Lawrence—Fair and colder; light local snowfalls.

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Manitoba—Fair and cold; light local snow-When in doubt buy Taylor's Valley Violet falls. There's a wealth of Christmas present suggestions throughout the stocks of Oak Hall Clothlers, 115 King-street east and 116 Yonge-street. Anything bought not the right size can readily be exchanged after the holidays.

Try Symington's Flour for pancakes.

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7- 19.	1899, at his late residence, 215 Simcoestreet, Toronto, Hon. Sir George Airey	Sailed. From. For,