

MODDER RIVER BRIDGED.

Gen. Buller and Staff Have Moved to the Front.

Believed That All is Now Ready for the Advance to Ladysmith.

Lord Methuen Has Received Valuable Reinforcements, and It is Expected Will Push on at Once in the Direction of Kimberley.

KIMBERLEY.

A Sortie That Cost the British Dearly.

Failed to Capture the Enemy's Lager and Were Compelled to Retire.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 5, 1899. A despatch from Kimberley, dated Nov. 25, reports sharp fighting as the result of a reconnaissance in force at dawn of that day.

Major Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch regiment, led the attack on the Boers who held an entrenched position on Lazarito Ridge.

LADYSMITH SAFE.

A Jolly Banquet on St. Andrews Day.

Gen. Methuen's Column Still at Modder River—Casualties at Kimberley.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The continued absence of news of an advance by the British forces in Natal is creating some impatience which would be greater but for the apparently unquestionable reports that Ladysmith was safe up to Dec. 3 and the less authenticated rumors that a considerable section of the besiegers has been detached.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A brief report from Pretoria says there was heavy firing at Mafeking on Dec. 2, but it is not supplemented with details.

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SENTENCED TO DEATH. For Endeavoring to Obtain British Recruits in the Rand.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A despatch to the Central News from Durban, Dec. 4, says that information has been received from Johannesburg, Transvaal, that David Robertson, who was arrested before the outbreak of hostilities on the charge of endeavoring to obtain recruits in the Rand for the Imperial Light Horse, has been found guilty and sentenced to death.

PERITORIA. Turn a Deaf Ear to the American Consul.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town, cabling under date of Dec. 1, says that the Transvaal government obstinately refused to furnish the American consul at Pretoria with the information concerning the British prisoners.

KIMBERLEY MINES FLOODED. LORENZO MARQUEZ, East Africa.

Dec. 1.—The Standard and Digges News of Pretoria says that an interrupted communication from Cecil Rhodes, who is in Kimberley, has been received owing to lack of coal with which to work the pumps. The damage amounts to £10,000 sterling.

FOREIGN OFFICERS TO HELP BOERS. LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Lisbon, Portugal, says that on Dec. 1 two Russian colonels, a French general and a French colonel started for Pretoria.

GEN. JOUBERT DISPLACED. LONDON, Dec. 7.—Not enough is known in London of the movements of the probable effect of the displacement of the French general, but it is assumed that the Commandant-General of the South African Republics will be replaced by a more competent man.

GEN. CLERY IN COMMAND. DANGER, Natal, Dec. 2.—Major Gen. Sir Francis Clery has arrived here and assumed command of his division.

TELEGRAPH LINE CUT. QUEENSTOWN, Natal, Dec. 2.—The telegraph line has been cut between Queenstown and Durban and also between Queenstown and Port Natal. It is believed that the Boers occupied Queenstown, Commandant Steyn's brother has been appointed landvoet of Durban.

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THE WHITE FLAG AGAIN. The Boers hoisted a white flag and fired at the British under its protection before surrendering.

During the sortie an armored train reconnoitered north and south while a considerable force of British with field guns and Maxim's advanced toward Spytfontein, where the Boers in check in that direction.

TERRIBLE FUSILADE. Ten guns were engaged simultaneously and viewed from the conning tower, an artillery duel seemed proceeding in every direction.

A BRITISH SUCCESS. Garrison at Ladysmith Made a Successful Sortie on Monday.

After Hard Fighting the Boers Retreated Having Suffered a Heavy Loss. LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch received by Dalziel's news agency from Durban, dated Dec. 5, says runners who arrive at Frere state that the Boers made a great effort to capture Ladysmith early on Monday.

Twenty-eight Boers Captured. It is alleged that the Boers used Maxim's and explosive bullets, and that they frequently fired at the British ambulances.

SIEGE OF LADYSMITH. LADYSMITH, Dec. 2.—The hottest bombardment of the siege took place last Thursday. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombard's Kloof.

One Case of the Dread Plague Has Been Discovered at Camp Frere. FRERE CAMP, Dec. 6, 7.35 p. m.—A patrol of Thornycroft's horse under command of Capt. Mann today met two Boers with a white flag some distance from the camp.

WHAT THE BOERS SAY. All is Quiet at Colenso and at Ladysmith—Repulsed the British Forces at Kimberley and Regained Their Old Position.

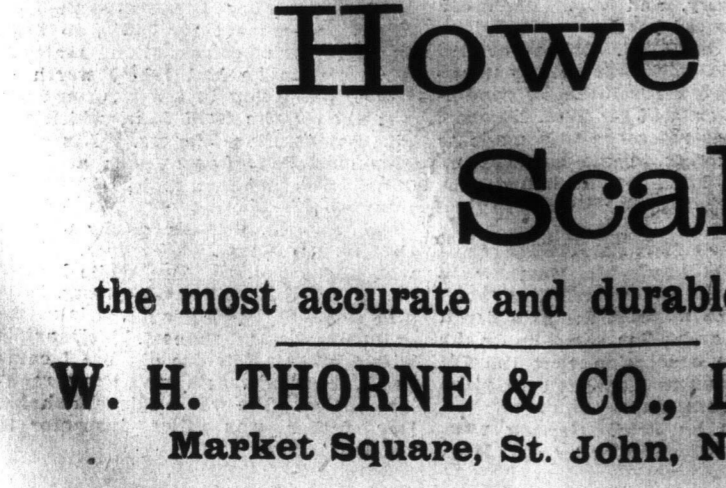
LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Modder River, telegraphing under date of Dec. 4, says: "The Kimberley searchlight signalled last night that there was a sufficient supply of food in the town, and that the people were cheerful.

LADYSMITH. Situation Looking Graver and More Difficult Every Day. LONDON, Dec. 7.—The correspondent of the Times at Ladysmith, in a despatch dated Dec. 2, reiterates, strongly that the situation there is becoming graver and more difficult every day.

CAMP FRERE. Boers Occupied a Strongly Fortified Position Near Colenso. FRERE CAMP, Natal, Dec. 2.—Capt. Cayser of the signal corps went to Amkumba yesterday afternoon and

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