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MODDER RIVER BRIDGED

Gen. Buller and Staff Have Moved to of a general rising of the natives, there not being a force available to check the Front.

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

Lord Methuen Has Received Valuable Reinforcements, and For Endeavoring to Obtain British 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 Laager and Were Compelled to Retire.

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

Major Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch regiment, led the attack on the Boers, who held an entrenched posi-tion on Lazarstto Ridge. The British force passed the Boer pickets, who were sleeping and rushed the redoubts in face of a hail of bullets. They were unable to hold the position, as the enemy was rapidly reinforced, and poured in a terrible fire. Major Scott-Turner's horse was shot beneath him and he himself received a bullet in the shoulder. Major Scott-Turner's at-tack was part of a considerable sortie in which ten British guns and a large part of the garrison were engaged. The

fighting lasted several hours.

The British failed to capture the enemy's laager, which was apparently the object of the sortle, and they were not strong enough to hold the other

They therefore retired. The Boer tillery was excellently served. The ritish assert that a party of Boers pain raised a white flag and fired the Boers used explosive bullets. Sev-eral wounded Boers were taken back te Kimberley, as were also eight un-injured prisoners. The British losses

LADYSMITH SAFE.

A Jolly Banquet on St. Andrews Day Gen. Methuen's Column Still at Modder

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- The continue absence of news of an advance by the British forces in Natal is creating some impatience which would be greater but for the apparently unques tionable reports that Ladysmith was safe up to Dec. 3, and the less authenticated rumors that a considerable sec tion of the besiegers has been detached. It is evident, nevertheless that the 26 guns in position round the town are harrassing the garrison somewhat severely, and that the total easualties when known are likely to

form a long list. G. W. Steevens in a despatch dated Dec. 1, informs the Daily Mail that only two of the besiegers' big guns are dangerous, and his account of sports and festivities in the camp show that the beleaguered troops are cheerful enough to play cricket, football and to have mule and steeplechases and to held a championship sculling match on the Klip River between

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fruit figured. In a speech Gen. White

said it was unpleasant to be bom-barded without stirring, but everythey were playing the correct game. AT MODDER RIVER The latest news from Gen. Methuen's

was well except that two men had been wounded in a small reconnaissance half way to Jacobsdale. MAJOR SCOTT-TURNER KILLED. The casualties at Kimberley on Nov. 28 show that the fighting which, as previously reported, resulted in the capture of the Boer laager, was severe.

Of the two officers killed, one, Major Scott-Turner, was prominent in the engagement of Nov. 25. He was an energetic leader in the various sorties, and his death will be a serious loss to The Boers continue active in north-

ern Cape Colony. Fifteen hundred of them seem to be safely established at

SHRLLED BY NAVAL BRIGADE.

FISTOCOTTRIT. Natal. Dec. 4. via London, Dec. 6.—The naval brigade shelled the Boers near Chievely on Saturday. Two of the enemy were killed.

BOERS ARE BOLDER

MOLITHNO, Natal, Dec. 1.— The ed on two farms within three miles of this town. They have seized all the rolling stock of the railway for the sions, and have repaired all the bridges from Henning to Burghersdorp.

MAFEKING.

Impossible for the Boers to Capture the Town.

Which Is Well Stocked With Provisions and Was Strongly Fortified by Col.
Baden-Powell.

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. normal distress is wholly absent. Danger is largely a question of accident. Mafeking was stored with provisions by government contractors, and the defences were equipped by Col. Baden-Powell. The Boers' acquaintance with the force here is the determining factor of the close investment but it is impossible for them to capture the town.

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- A despatch to the Times under date of Mafeking Nov. 27, eays that the Boers continue the investment of the town, but are raiding the back country in preference to attacking the British positions. They have raided cattle belonging to the canvas boat and a rubber bath-tub to Barralong tribe in the Molopo valley, relieve the monotony. Gen. White on and the natives are therefore disin-St. Andrew's day presided at a ban-clined to remain idle. Should the quet of the Gordon Highlanders, at Mafeking garrison eventually enter the salmon, haggis, turkey and Transvaal there would be great danger

Scales.

days have been quiet. There been the usual amount of shelling snipping, but the Boer force her not of great strength, every ave man having been called to Nat is six weeks since Mafeking w leaguered, yet though commercial tercourse with the outside world h been impossible, prices are very litabove normal."

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 subreak of hostilities on the charge of endeavoring to obtain recruits in the Rand for the Imperial Light Horse, has been found guilty and says. Imperial Light Horse, has been found guilty and sentenced to death.

column was sent on Dec. 2, when the camp was still at Modder river. All Turn a Deaf Ear to the American

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town, cabling under date of Dec. 1, says that the Transvaal government obstinated refused to furnish the American consu at Pretoria with the information con cerning the British prisoners. The au-thorities say that Gen. Buller must ap-ply to Commandant Joubert for such information, and refuse to recognize the right of the United States to inter-

KIMBERLEY MINES FLOODED.

LORENSO MARQUEZ, East Africa, Dec. 1.— The Standard and Diggers News of Pretoria says that an intercepted communication from Cecil Rh.des, who is in Kimberley, declares that the De Beers mines have been flooded 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's

onels, a French general and a Frenc colonel started for Lorenzo Marque o assist in the defence of Pretoria. The secretary of the French legation scorted them to the ship on which they had taken passage.

GEN. JOUBERT DISPLACED.

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- Not enough known in London to enable an esti-mate of the probable effect of Com-mandant Joubert's supersession, but it is assumed that though Commandant Schalk-Burgher is a younger and more impetuous man, the Boer plan of campaign will not be effected, it being understood that it was arranged by the council of war.

GEN. CLERY IN COMMAND. FRERE, 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 here and Dordrecht and also between Steynsburg and Mariasburg. It is believed that the Boers occupier Steynsburg, Commandant Steyn's brother has been appointed landvost of

Burghersdorp. REINFORCEMENTS EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 7 .- A despatch to the Times from Putters Kraal, which is close to Sterkstroom, Gen. Garacre's eadquarters, says there were 1,200 Boers at Dordrecht on Dec. 2. It adds that further British reinforce ment were expected shortly.

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 7, 4.30 a. m.-Again there is a complete lull in news from the seat of war. Ladysmith has estabwith Frere, and it is reported that all was well up to Sunday. A despatch from the Boer laager, by way of Lourenzo Marquez, dated Thursday, Nov. 30, confirms the report that the commandos have been closing in upon Ladysmith and mounting big guns in new positions. According to the same advices, a heavy cannonade has been maintained and a general assault had been ordered for Thursday morning, but was countermanded at the last

LORD METHUEN'S POSITION. Modder river despatches say that the Boers are encamped amid the hills half way to Kimberley, but it is also asserted that a large body of the enemy has gone in the direction of Jacobs-dale. It is possible, therefore, that Lord Methuen may endeavor to clear his right flank as far as Jacobsdale before continuing his advance. He is still waiting at Modder river for stores, guns and ammunition.

FIGHT NEAR CARTER'S FARM. The sortie from Kimberley on Nov. appears to have been much more serious than had been supposed. De-tails are now arriving of a reconais-sance in force by mounted troops under asleeo. Major Turner proceeded

THE WHITE FLAG AGAIN.

ers hoisted a white flag and the British under its protecfollow up the attack and to seize a large Boer laager, about 300 yards ahead, especially as Boer reinforcements were seen approaching, and the enemy was keeping up a heavy fire from the shelter of thick bush.

During the sortie an armored train reconnoitered north and south while a considerable force of British with field guns and Maxims advanced toward Styfontein, holding the Boers in check in that direction.

TERRIBLE FUSILADE.

It is alleged that the Boers used Martinis and explosive bullets, and that they frequently fired at the British ambulance wagons. The British captured 2 of the enemy.

There appears to be some doubt as to whether this was the reconnaissance in which, according to the announcement of the war office, Major Scott-Turner was killed, or whether that officer met his take in a subse-

that officer met his fate in a subse-

It is reported from Cape Town that the Transvaal government still re-fuses to acknowledge the right of the United States to interfere regarding prisoners in Pretoria, insisting that Great Britain must inquire through Commandant General Joubert.

SIDJE OF LADYSMITH. LADYSMITH, Dec. 2.—The hottest bombardment of the slege took place last Thursday. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombard's Kop, completely commanding the town, and shelled our eamp that day and yesterday, planting shells with great accur-acy in the camp of the Gordon High-landers and the Manchester regiment, where there were many narrow

Today the enemy resumed the bom-bardment, doing some very effective shooting. Several of our guns have been shattered by the Boer big gun.

reconnoissance near Colenso fifteen Boers were killed and many wounded. The road bridge across the Tugels ports that President Kruger is anxious that the burghers leave Ladysmith in order to oppose the British marching in the direction of Pretoria from the

FREE STATE BOERS UNEASY. IONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch from Frere Camp, dated Dec. 5th, says: The Boers are firing into Ladysmith. It is umored that six thousand Free State Boers have left Ladysmith, entertaining the gravest fears as to the safety

of their own country. BOERS AT STEYNSBURG. QUEENSTOWN, Cape Colony, Satrday, Dec. 2.-The Boers have become very active in the country around Stormberg Junction, to which General Gatacre will make his next nove. The telegraph lines have been cut in various places, and communication

with Steynsburg, Dordrecht and Mar-aisburg has been severed. It is believed that the Boers have oc cupied Steynsburg. Firing has been heard in the direction of Stormberg. probably between Gen. Gatacre's van guard and the Boer co

CASUALTIES AT TIMBERLEY. LONDON, Dec. 6.—The war office has received the list of casualties during the sortie from Kimberley Novem

Killed-Major Scott-Turner of the Black Watch, Lieut. C. Wright of the Kimberley Light Horse, and twenty con-commissioned officers and men. Wounded—Capt. Wallock, Lieut. Clifford and Lieut. Watson, and twenty-eight non-commissioned officers and

If General Buller asks for further re-inforcements a brigade of militia may be sent to South Africa with the view conciliating the militiamen think that branch service has been slighted in favor of the reservists. DUBLIN TO PROTEST.

LONDON, Dec. 6.-In compliance with a requisition signed by W. Redmond, John Clancy and others, the lord mayor of Dublin has called a meeting of the corporation for December 11 to dispose of a motion in which the corporation will deplore the "infliction on the South African republics of this lamentable, cruel and unneces sary war," and protest against a pol icy "involving loss of life and enor-

ARE "SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN. TORONTO, Dec. 6.—The Telegram's pecial cable from London says: The committee on the patriotic fund has ecided that the colonials as well as the British troops now engaged in the South African war have an equal claim for aid for their widows and

OUR SOLDIER BOYS. MONTREAL, Dec. 6.- The Star's special London cable says: The assoclation of the Canadian contingent with the Black Watch and Seaforth Major Scott-Turner, at dawn, in the direction of a ridge near Carter's Farm, where the Boers were strongly entrenched. Finding the Boer pick-Canadians have a good chance to see

early fighting. The Boers, defeated at Modder River and having retreated to Jacobsdale, may now turn north to Spyfontein to bar Lord Methden's advance on Kimberley, or may proceed southwest to threaten Methden's line of communications with De Aar. In the latter case the Canadians cortainly will meet them.

generally are of a fine physique, and are keen for battle, although thirty-nine Canadians failed to pass the me-

dical inspection at Cape Town.

At the intigation of the war office funds are generally now being raised here for the relief of dependents, will apply equally to the Canadians as to the Britishers in South Africa. PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN.

LONDON, Dec. 6—Mrs. Ronalds and Mrs. Blow, of the American ladles' hospital ship committee, were pre-sented to the Queen yesterday by

A BRITISH SUCCESS

Garrison at Ladysmith Made a Successful Sortie on Monday. After Hard Fighting the Boers Retraated 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. They kept up a furious bombardment for hours, but it had no effect. The Britsh subsequently silenced the guns and the garrison made a sortie. After hard fighting the Boers retreated with him being dated Dec. 6, in which heavy loss. It is probable that the says that he had again assumed command of his division. The troops siege, as large commandos have been observed moving in the direction of the Orange Free State.

There is no confirmation of Dalziel's news agency story. It was brought in by native runners, who, however, are sometimes trustworthy. For instance, they gave the Boer loss in the fight on Nov. 9 as 800. Gen. Buller yesterday gave the same figures.

RINDERPEST.

One Case of the Dread Plague Has Been Discovered at Camp Frers.

FRERE CAMP, Dec. 6, 7.25 p. m.-A

noved today. The Boers were seen noving their impediments in wagons apt. Birdwood of the Eleventh Bombay Lancers has been appointed brigade major by Lord Dundonald. There is one case of horse sickness here. Every effort will be made to prevent the spread of the disease.

Rinderpest, or horse sickness, is a times a terrible plague in South Africa, and its appearance among the horses of the British army would be a very serious blow. These horses are, of course, not "salted," and once the ase gets started among them they will die off by hundreds. This would put an end to cavalry operations and would give a great advantage to the Poers, whose horses are undoubtedly "salted" animals.

WHAT THE BOERS SAY.

All is Quiet at Colenso and at Lady-smith — Repulsed the British Forces at Kimberley and Regained Their Old Position.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 7 .-- An official despatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 1, says: "Our forces at Colenso have taken a position on this side of the Tugela river. The enemy is on the opposite side within cannon shot. All is quiet at Colenso and Ladysmith. Mafeking was bombarded yesterday There was a slight response from on

"Wessels advises government that he arrived at Kimberley on the morning of Nov. 29 bound for Bloemhof The Borr contingent had repulsed the British on Nov. 28 and regained their old positions. The Boer losses were

killed and ten wounded.
"It is officially announced from
Bloemfontein that the British were repulsed with great loss at Modder rive and that Gen. Methuen, the British commander, was badly wounded. The Boer losses are reported to have been

A LONG RIDE.

Party of Carbineers Arrest Three Suspects and Capture One Hundred and Fifty

FRERE CAMP, Dec. 7, 10.10 a. m. Provost Marshal Chichester with thirty carbineers and a few police started

scenery and farms nestling beneath the Drakensburg mountains. They arrested four men and found in their houses large quantities of loot that had been taken from neighboring loy-alists. They also captured 150 head of cattle. As they were returning they were fired on by six Boers, who were were fired on by six Boers, who were in a good position. The prisoners and cattle were sent forward under guard and the remainder of the party held the Boers back. Five Boer ponies were killed. There were no casualties among the English. The party reached the camp here at 4 o'clock this morning, having ridden about 100 miles in 23 hours.

SITUATION REVIEWED.

Believed That Lord Metheen Has Re-

nouncements that Gen. Buller had gone to Frere and that Gen. Methuen had assumed active command of his division intensifying the eagerness with which the public awaits news of the apparently impending battle at Tugela River, in Natal, and Spytontein in the northern Cape Colony. Little is allowed to be known of the preparations or strength of the two Britparations or strength of the two British forces, but it is assumed that Gen.
Methuen has received valuable reinforcements from Cape Town since
the Modder River fight, possibly including the Howitzers battery, which arrived at Cape Town on Dec. 4. It is not known whether Gen. Methuen has advanced, the latest advices from says that he had again assumed com-mand of his division. The troops in Natal were reported on Dec. 1 to be within cannon rhot of the These troops were probably only Brit-ish outposts inasmuch, as telegrams from Frere yesterday indicate that the main camp is still there. The constant rumors of the withdrawal part of the Boer forces in northern Natal seem to have some basis, but Natal seem to have some basis, but the stories of dissensions among the enemy, though published on General White's authority, are not officially claimed to be true, and they are there-fore quite unsubstantiated. It is more likely that whatever part of the invading force had been withdrawn has been allotted a rew position. Perpatrol of Thornycroft's horse under command of Capt. Mann today met two Boers with a white flag some distance from here. Nothing can be learned of the object of their visit or the contents of their message, if they brought one. One of the men looked like a well to do farmer and the other like a professional cierk. They were detained outside the camp. They expressed surprise that the British patrol at Ladysmith in a despite dated.

MODDER RIVER BRIGADE.

People of Kimberley Do Not Fear the to Feel the Basutos.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Modder River, tele-traphing 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. There has been no bombardment since Nov. 25. River say that the people at Kimber-ley do not fear the besiegers, but are greatly troubled to feed nearly 10,000

"These natives need immense quanti-ties of meat, which is not always obtainable. This makes them restive-and discontented. They are unarmed. They have been sent home twice, but the Boers turned them back. "The pontoon bridge here is finish-

LADYSMITH

Situation Becoming Graver and More-Difficult Every Day.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The correspond-ent of the Times at Ladysmith, in a despatch dated Dec. 2, reiterates, strongly that the situation there is be-coming graver and more difficult every day. The enemy is keeping up a more systematic artillery fire and is a more systematic artillery fire and is-concentrating it on every point, with, the result that considerable damage has been done. It has also been found-necessary to remove the wounded from the hospitals to the banks of the river. The Boers have placed a large cali-bre gun 4,000 yards distant from the western defence. Thus the Boers have in position three Creusot six inch guns, four 4.7 inch howitzers, two batteries of high velocity, long range field guns. of high velocity, long range field gu and several mountain automatic rifle

CAMP FRERE.

Boers Occupied a Strongly Fortified Position Near Colenso.

FRERE CAMP, Natal, Dec. 2:- Capt. Cayser of the signal corps Amkolumba yesterday afternoon and





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