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## CALM DELIBERATION

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# Lord Roberts Wanted to Keep the Boers

Busy While He was Getting Ready.

London, Saturday, Feb. 10.-In the forced, and would have pushed the at morning Post, Mr. Spencer Wilkinson to-day, reviewing the military situation, says :- Lord Roberts is evidently about to begin his campaign, and there are signs that Gen. Methuen's force will make the first important move. It is probable that the seventh division will soon be heard of as co-operating

with Gen. Methuen. The latest news regarding Buller's operations are puzzling. It looks now as if he never seriously contemplated an attempt to relieve Ladysmith, but only a demonstration to prevent the Boers from diverting reinforcements to Magersfontein.

Looking to the distance from Lady-smith to Kimberley, a journey in which the Boers would get little railway help for the transport of their forces. Lord Roberts has a clear week for the first blow, which will put a new face upor the situation. This hypothesis would account for the present state of things in both theatres of war, and the peculiarities of at-tacks of Monday and Tuesday would become intelligible, for had they been intended for a serious movement, Gen. Buller would have been largely rein- | dicate that he did so.

tack with greater energy.

IT IS ALL A PUZZLE. Gen. MacDonald's retirement puz-zles the military commentator. The theory that finds, acceptance is that it wass ordered by Lord Roberts and that both Gen. Buller's and Gen. Mac-Donald's operations were by the di-rection of the commander-in-chief, in order to occupy the Boers at widely separated points, so they would be unable to transfer any portion of their forces to oppose the projected central advance. Charles Williams, a military writer, who is understood to be in confidential relations with Lord Wolseley, says beyond doubt the most authoritative opinion in London regards it as probable that an endeavor will be made to force the Boer lines before Wednesday next and maybe be-

fore Monday. A despatch to the Daily Post from Modder River, dated Thursday, says that Gen. MacDonald's and Gen. Babington's forces will return shortly, and adds that the initiative to the reconnaissance emanated from head-quarters.

quarters.

The despatch from Koodoesberg Drift does not say whether Gen. Babington finally joined Gen. MacDonald, but the word "combined" seems to in-

the Conservative Association of Plymouth of a resolution deprecating his attitude towards the government's South African policy. Sir Edward George Clarke, who has represented Plymouth in parliament since 1880, has applied for the Chiltren Hundrads.

### TO BE PREPARED

For war is the surest way for this na-tion to maintain peace. That is the opinion of the wisest statesmen. It s equally true that to be prepared for sequally true that to be prepared for spring is the best way to avoid the peculiar dangers of the season. This is a lesson multitudes are learning, and at this time, when the blood is sure to be loaded with impurities and to be weak and sluggish, the millions begin to take Hood's Sarsangrilla. begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, expells all disease germs, oreates a good appetite, gives strength and energy and puts the whole system in a healthy condition, preventing pneumonia, fevers, and other dangerous diseases which are liable to attack a weakened system.

Mrs. Gerdon Everitt has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital, hav-ing recovered from the surgical oper-ation which she underwent.

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# These the days

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Chatham

## He Abandons Vaal Krantz as Indefensible and Recrosses the Tugela.

morning, and retired across the Tugela river to their former position. A desultory cannonade is proceeding at the Tugela this morning, but otherwise everything is

WAR OFFICE CREDITS IT.

London, February 10 .- Up to the present the War Office has evidently heard nothing of a retreat by Gen. Buller, as described in the despatch from the Boer Head Laager. When Buller, as described in the despatch from the Boer Head Laager. When shown the Boer Gespatch the officials appeared utterly dumb-founded Apparently they had not the least suspicion of the possibilty of such an outcome of the operations. It is said on reliable authority that General Buller's despatch announcing Monday's and Tuesday's movements was pretty hopeful. He described the position gained as effective, so the report of another retirement is exceedingly disappointing to the British, and though it comes from Boer sources, there is little disposition to discredit it. The report spread rapidly, and natural disappointment was visible on

it. The report spread rapidly, and natural disappointment was visible on all sides, although the long silence from the Upper Tugela had already caused apprehensions that Gen Buller might have found it mpossible to go forward, in which case he would have no option but to recross the river. The report caused considerable excitement in the House of Commons, where the Government leader, Mr. A. J. Balfour, had just previously an-nounced that there was no news from South Africa.

QUESTION IN THE HOUSE. London, Feb. 10 .- Mr. Balfour, the Government leader, replying to a question in the House of Commons last eyening as to whether any information had been received from the seat of war, said:—"Our information points to the fact that Gen. Buller is not pressing an advance from the is not pressing an advance from the position he had occupied. We do not position he had occupied. We do not consider it right to press him for details of the operations which are in progress, nor if he does give such information, do we deem it proper to make it public until such operations are completed. The Government has no information as to whether Gen. MacDonald his retired."

BELIEVED IN LONDON. London, Saturday, Feb. 11, 4.30, a m.-London accepts as true the Boer statements that Gen Buller has failed again. These statements were pass-ed by the British censor at Aden, and are read in the light of Mr. Balfour's announcement in the commons that Gen. Buller is not pressing his ad-

Winston Churchill wires that Vaal Krantz was impracticable for the guns, which were needed to sup-port a further advance. His cable-gram leaves Gen Buller on Tuesday night sending a fresh brigade to re-The descriptive writers with Gen.

Buller were allowed a rather free hand again in explaining the ugly position which the British held, and

Boer Head Lauger, Ladysmith, i the natural obstacles that had to be Thursday, February 8.—The British, with Boer riflemen and artillery defending them, these hills ravines and kopje at Molen's Drift, aban-doned it after a bombardment by thus the public is prepared in advance

AFFAIRS AT LADYSMITH. Heliograms from Ladysmith, dated Monday, describe the effect Buller's cannonade had on the worn garrison. Hope ran high that the long period of activity and tedium was drawing to a close. The crash of guns was almost continuous for 10 hours,

and at times it seemed as if as many as 20 shells burst in a minute. The Boers preparing always for the possi-bility of defeat, were driving herds and sending long trains towards the Drakensberg Pass. Intense darkness and silence followed, broken only by a fierce crackling and the occasio breaking. of shelfs, surrounding the town with a circle of light to prevent the unobserved approach of the ene-my. A series of British mines, laid for the Boers, exploded accidentally, shaking and alarming the city and

REASON OF BULLER'S RETREAT. A special despatch from Spearman's Camp, dated yesterday (Friday) noon, says that, owing to the Boer cross-fire and the impossibility of entrenching Vasi Krantz, Gen. Buller's forces withdrew. The Financial News, which publishes this despatch, suggests that Gen. Buller has not actually recrosse

the Tugela.
The Times says:—As Gen. Buller has failed, it seems unlikely another attempt will be made. The terrible initial strategy mistake of abandoning the principal objective for a subsidiary objective still overweighs the campaign. But the time approaches when fetter our action. The great issues of the war will not be decided in Natal. Gen. Macdonald's retirement the Times considers "inexplicable."

The Daily Mail announces that Ger. Sir Wm. Francis Clery is on his way to England, invalided.

A Durban despatch eass:—The British bark Barkdale, with contraband, has been seized by the British. A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzeburg says that Lady Ran-dolph Churchill has visited Chieveley

It is officially announced in Ottawa that General Hutton has been selected by the War Office for special service in outh Africa.

The war office has reduced the min imum standard again—this time to five-feet three inches for infantry and five feet two inches for artillery.

Henry Lucie says that the health of Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, is suffering from the prolonged strain, and his friends fear he will break down.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Geo. J. Goschen, is preparing estimates for a large increase in the navy. It is thought not improbable that parliament will be asked for \$20,000,000 for new ships.

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Detroit's Pro-Britons Take Their Innings at Resoluting.

Wm. J, Bryan and Mayor Maybury Roundly Denounced-There Was a Large Attendance.

Detroit, Feb. 10.-Members of the Canadian-American club held an enthusiastic meeting last night in the office of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, jumped all over Mayor Maybury for his action last week in presiding over the pro-Boer meeting and sympathized with Great Britain in its South African war.

The meeting was expected to be a small one, of the members and what friends they chose to bring along, but the rooms used proved to be about a third large enough to accommodate

J. H. Powell started the warm talk with a tart criticism of Mayor May-

with a tart critisism of Mayor Maybury.

"Mr. Maybury apologized for his
action in presiding over the Boer
meeting by saying that he acted as a
citizen and not as the mayor," said
he. "He tries to divorce the office
from the man, but he cannot. Suppose a preacher should step down
from his pulpit and go into a saloon
like you or I might if we felt inclined.
What would you think of him? Yeu
can't divorce the office from the man.

"Only a few days ago, a man who Only a few days ago, a man who four years ago nearly got votes enough to be elected president of the United States, said before an audience that he hoped the English would nev-er get into Ladysmith, said it to tickle the ears of his hearers. I want to the ears of his hearers. I want to say that when William J. Bryan or

FEELING RAN HIGH William C. Maybury' can's stoop so low for the purpose of catching votes they are not worther to be catching

"What about Dr. Reilly?" someone asked, referring to a pro-Boer Detroiter.
"O, le is always a kicker If he

"O, he is always a kicker If he were made the pope of Rome he would not be satisfied. But I have some respect for Dr. Rielly."

"By G——, I haven't," came from a man in the front row in a tone of such utter disguest that the whole house went wild with laughter and

Dr. Thomas Henderson made th claim that the tachers in the public schools were instilling Boer sympathy in the pupils, and protested agains

Coli D. S. Wagstaff made a vigor ous speech in which he told all hands that the Bemocrats were responsible for the Ber sentiment, and the fact that Maybury was mayor.

It was decided not to attempt to

hold a public pro-British de-monstration or to pay any at-tention to the Boar demonstration except in the resolutions adopted. Strong resolutions were passed sup-porting Great Britain and denouncing W. J. Bryan, Mayor Maybury, and all pro-Boer Yankees generally.

AN EXPRESSION OF DISAPPOINT-MENT

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb.10.-A dispatch from Montreal says an American at McGill university was knocked down and ducked in the dissecting bath for criticising the British troops in South Africa. The student had referred to the British officers as "asses" and the troops as "cowards."

The woolen mills at Hespler, Water-loo, Lambton, Markham and Carleton Place have consolidated with a sub-scribed capital of \$2000000.

FREDERICK AND THE DRAMA. Among the many arts' and sciences which have received encouragement from Frederick the Great, there is not one, which owes more to this monarch than the drama. From his earliest boyhood his love for the stage was most marked, so much so, that his father, Frederick I., feared the future of his son would be an actor instead of a warrior. When Frederick became King of Prussia his association with Voltaire rekindled the fire of his youthful ambition and it was a common occurrence at Potsdam to see Frederick the Great and his sister Amelia participate in the trial per-formance of some of Voltaire's composi-

Frederick was a very poor actor, but an excellent musician, so very frequently to avoid making a complete fiasco of a perfermance and yet not offend his sensitive majesty, Voltaire interpolated flute solos so as to permit the musical effort to counteract the dramatic. In the opening act of "Frederick the Great," as presented by Lewis Morrison, a state concert is about to be given in which Frederick contributes a musical selection. Mr. Morrison has devoted many days to the study of this one effort, which is said to be exceptionally clever. At the Grand Opera House Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Frederick was a very poor actor, but

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

Prince Henri d'Orleans has an ar-Frince Henri d'Orleans has an article in the Matin to-day, in the course of which he advises France to take advantage of England's difficulties. He says: that the present time we must not content ourselves with purely native formulas in foreign ports. We have no right to follow events in South Africa and Egypt with complete disinterestedness.