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TRANSVAAL WAR.

The Boer Invasion of Cape Colony Continues Steadily and Rapidly.

Report of Heavy Fighting at Ladysmith Last Wednesday Not Confirmed.

Reliable Advices from Estcourt Indicate That There Was Nothing More Than a Desultory Cannonade-Boers Daily Receiving Fresh Supplies and Reinforcements.

sence of news of any serious movement against Ladysmith seems to show that the Boers are repeating the strategy adopted by them at Dundee, when they appeared in front and eneffect a surrounding movement. This seems to be their object regarding Estcourt, and since it impossible that relief should reach there for some days to come, it is not unlikely that a further retiring movement on Moor river will be made.

Major Wolfe Murray has returned to Pletermaritzburg to take command of the line of communication, and Col. Long of the Royal Artillery has taken command at Estcourt. The forces at Pietermaritzburg are too weak to attempt to re-open communications. Artillery and cavalry especially are needed, and it will necessarily take a long time to obtain either, owing to the difficulty of entraining and the necessity of allowing the horses to rest after the long sea voyage

GEN: BULLER'S PLANS. From the indiscriminate distribution points, it seems clear that the original plans of Gen. Buller have been wholly changed. Not the slightest word regarding the new plans has been allowed to escape.

It has been reported that the Belmont fight arose owing to the advance of a British column to relieve Kimberley, but this seems incorrect, all the most reliable accounts representing the engagement as growing out of a the arrival of General Methuen at Orange river, however, doubtless means that arrangements are in a forward state for an advance from that point, if the advance has not already

BOER ACTIVITY. Kimberley was safe on Friday, Nov. 10. Last Tuesday a Boer force of 600 entered Aliwal North, Cape Colony, hoisted the flag of the Free State and declared the town and district to be part of the republic. The activity of the Boers in this locality would almost point to the necessity of insuring the safety of the column marching to the relief of Kimberley from attack from this direction or from Bloemfontein.

In view of the reticence of General Buller, it is almost useless to speculate regarding the report of a movement to relieve Kimberley. It can only be intended to withdraw the Boers, if cossible, from Natal. The object of the occupation of Aliwal North is understood to be to prevent the large quantity of ammunition at Herschel eing forwarded to Tamestown and thence to the Queen's Own. The Boers have notified the inhabitants no looting will be allowed.

LADYSMITH HARD PRESSED. LONDON, Nov. 18.—Special despatches from Pietermaritzburg and Lourenzo Marquez say that Ladysmith is bombarded night and day and hard pressed. On Nov. 9, having dur ing the night placed men close to the town, the Boers, after a heavy bombardment, began an assault, but were repulsed at every point with heavy osses. The Boers have destroyed one of the bridges over the Tugela river. ORANGE RIVER, Cape Colony, Sunday, Nov. 17.—Lord Methuen, commander of the first division, has arrived here with his staff from Cape

ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS LONDON, Nov. 17.—The admiralty armounced this evening the arrival at Cape Town today of the troopship Arcana with a battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (the Princess Louise's regiment), bringing the reinforcements up to 23,500, of which 7,290 have already disembarked at Durban, with eighteen field guns, a number of machine guns, engineers and hospital troops, as well as 700

This force, with that already between Estcourt and Durban, is considered sufficient to enable General Hilyard to advance and to take the aggressive against the Boers south of

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LONDON, Nov. 18, 5 a. m.—The ab- | Ladysmith is holding out satisfactorily, everything having been well up In view of the Boer destruction of

> ders for the shipment of a quantity of bridge work between this and the end

Advices from Zululand testify to the growing uneasiness of British residnts, whose stores are looted by the Boers, with the result that the Zulus themselves are growing insolent, giv-ing rise to a fear that they may attack the unarmed British population.

A despatch from Lourenzo Marquez

"A Pretoria newspaper announce last Wednesday that 4,000 burghers had left Gan. Joubert's force around Ladysmith to join Commandant Botha's force near Estcourt, with a view of assisting to intercept the British advance to the relief of

"Gen. Lucas Meyer, the Free State commander, has asserted in the course of an interview that he is convinced that the battle of Elandslaagte will be the first and last Boer defeat of the

SECRET SERVICE AGENTS. LORENZO MARQUEZ, Thursday, Nov. 16.—Secret service agents are ontinually arriving here from the Transvaal. A member of the Orange Free State legislature arrived last night from Pretoria. It is believed he is proceeding to Cape Town on a rission, the object of which is un known.

PURCHASE OF GUNS. LONDON, Nov. 17.- It is reported that the British government has purchased the Creusot guns ordered by the Transvaal, but not delivered.

An official despatch confirms the statement that Capt. J. A. Haldane, of the Gordon Highlanders, attached to the Dublin Fusiliers, and Lieut, T. H. C. Frankland and 37 non-commissioned officers and men of the Dublin Fusilnon-commissioned officers and men

the Dublin Fusiliers are missing. Capt. Haldane distinguished himsel by his services in India, for which he received the D. S. O. (Companion of the Distinguished Service order). He also was wounded at Elandslaagte.

BRITISH PRISONERS. A despatch from Pretoria says that the prisoners at that place include the 18th Hussars, four officers and 91 nonamissioned officers and men; the Dublin Fusiliers, four officers and 12 non-commissioned officers and men the Irish Fusiliers, 10 officers and 533 non-commissioned officers and men; the Gloucesters, 14 officers and 300 non-commissioned officers and men; the antillery, five officers and 60 nonsioned officers and men: the Rifles, two officers and 98 non-commissioned officers and men; the Leicesters, no officers, 6 non-commissioned officers and men; the Dragoons, one man; the Natal police, one man; political, 62 men; sick, 38 men.

The despatch adds: "Trains ar working excellently from Pretoria to Ladysmith. The Boers have ample food, but are short of clothes, boots

WAR CORRESPONDENT SHOT. LONDON, Nov. 16.-The Daily fail's Mafeking correspondent, telegraphing under date of Nov. 2, says: E. G. Parslow, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, was shot through the brain and instantly killed by a revolver discharged accidentally in the nands of Lieut. Monchison, in the market square. Mr. Parslow was a Cape Tewn man.

THE BRITISH REVERSE. ESTCOURT, Nov. 16 (noon).-A corlanitarium hospital says all the armored train wounded are doing well Capt. Wylie, who was interviewed said Sergeant Todd deserved mention for having surrounded him with boulders to protect the captain from the rifle fire when lying helpless According to the latest advices and wounded. Todd even lay down be

side the officer to cheer him up. A side the officer to cheer him up. A shell landed among the protecting boulders, spattering them with earth, but Capt. Wylie sustained no further injury. But for Todd he would have been killed. Several men escaped marvellousty. When Winston Churchill revealed the state of the control of the quested Capt. Wylie to call for volun-teers to remove the upset truck, bullets were dropping on the train "like rain." The men throughout stuck so their work, responding to the noble example set by Churchill and Lieut. Franklin, until the line was cleared Churchill actually left with the engine but got out at the next station, Frere, took a rifle from a soldier, saying he could not leave the wounded, and walked away in the direction of the Boers. Sergeant Hassett, of the Dubnaved with the greatest gallantry. He took charge of the firing party and stood up unflinchingly dur-

ing the Boers' hot fire. His example electrified the Fusiliers, who kept the Boers at bay by volleying. Captain Haldane fell early in the engagement, shot through the shoulder. Lieut. Franklin's conduct is highly praised. He exhibited great coolness during the critical period. He is re-ported missing. The shower of Mauser lead is described as being so heavy that a private, after being struck down, dug a hole for his head. Copeland, of the Durbans, was crushed to death by the Durbans, was crushed to death by the detailed truck. Godfrey, a plate layer, was shot through the head, but is doing well. Lieut. Alexander had an exciting experience. A fusilier, who had been wounded in the arm by a shell, which shattered the limb, swung round and hit Alexander in the neck, almost amothering him with blood. The shell burst in front of the lieutenant on a level with his face, and he stars. bridges, the war office has issued oron a level with his face, and he staggered, blinded for a moment. The next instant he saw his comrade lying dead at his feet, while he himself was

LONDON, Nov. 20.—This morning's news gives little that alters the complexion of the situation. Gince the fight on Nov. 9 matters, so far as is known, have been fairly quiet at Lady-smith. It is not unlikely that the Boers, badly informed as to the nature and extent of the British preparations to advance to the relief of the town, may be hesitating regarding the next move. The situation in Natal is very complicated, more especially if the reports be true that the great Tugela bridge has been destroyed

success of the next move on side will depend more on strategy than on superior numbers. The Boers have three lines of action open. They can hold the railway with the force they have at Ennersdale, falling st slowly back before the British advan-and threatening from Weenen; or, from Weenen and try to carry Est-court; or, in the third place, they can fyir

advance due south from Weenen to to their gun positions by Weston, cut the railway and blow up the bridge over Mooi river. If it be true that there are 10,000 Boers under General Jaubert and General Botha. marching south to meet the British relief force, heavy fighting is in store.

THE RELIEF COLUMN. Nothing is known with certainty regarding the progress of the relief column from Durban, and the immediate interest centres in the relief of Kimberley. Gen. Methuen has a splendid knowledge of the country where he would operate, and is laying his plans with the utmost care. A naval brigade, with scarchlights from the cruiser Doris, ander Major Ernest Rhodes, will accompany the column The column will take all the materials for repairing the radiway, which, it is believed, there will be no difficulty in doirg. The advance will be made by forced marches, the column reaching

Modder River in four days. An Orange River despatch, dated Thursday, Nov. 16, says that the Boers were then concentrating their forces outside of Kimberley. According to the latest advices from Jamestown. there had been no signs of a Basuto uprising up to Saturday last. The Boers have re-named Aliwal North, Oliversfontein, in honor of their com-

WILL ASSIST THE BOERS. From Lourenzo Marques comes a report that three German officers, Col. Von Brain, Lieut. Brutewitz and Lieut. Von Kunzee, have arrived at Pretoria, with the intention of joining Gen. Joubert's staff.

ATTACK ON LADYSMITH. LONDON, Nov. 19.-A special de

spatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, Nov. 18, says: "A runner brings a me Ladysmith, saying that on Nev. 9 the Boers attacked that town from the southwest, but were repulsed by the Royal Rifles and rifle brigade, with great loss. On Nov. 14 the Boers made an attack near Colenso, but were repulsed with a loss of 800. Fighting is

proceeding at Estcourt.' PARTICULARS OF THE ATTACK. DURBAN, Natal, Nov. 18-(Saturday)—The Times of Natal publishes the following, dated Wednesday, Nov. 15 from its special correspondent at Ladysmith:

"The enemy made a determined at tack on Thursday, Nov. 9. Apparently all the Boer forces participated. Their artillery opened at 4 a. m., pouring in shells thick and fast upon the British positions, although with no great effect. They adopted the unusual tactics of advancing under cover of their guns to positions on the ridges and kopjes adjacent to those occupied by the British troops on the left of our

"Continuing their advance, the Boers crept up, using every available bit of cover. Our infantry opened with a steady, warm and accurate fire, which back the enemy, notwithstanding a display of tenacity of purpose equal to their desperate stands on previous occasions. The Boer attack was most elaborate on all sides of the town.

THE MAIN ATTACK. "The main attack, however, was

Newcastle railway lines, by a column composed chiefly of Johannesburg voi. unteers. A brigade of the king's Royal Rifle Corps made a splendid defense. The Boers were repulsed but coon railied and returned to the attack. Again the British fire, which was very hot, forced them to retire. They had made a deep trench in front of the British lines and while withdrawing for their horses, they left it unguarded, whereupon the King's Rifles, advancing at double quick, oc-Rifles, advancing at double quick, occupied the trench.

This smart movement was not see by the enemy, who soon returned with the horses. Carefully reserving their fire, the King's Rifles allowed the Boers to advance almost to the edge

BOER MORTAR SILENCED. dion, firing heavy shells. Our guns, oncentrating upon it, soon silenced this weapon, the enemy's artillerymen fleeing headlong. The Boers then advanced in force, with a view of repairing the mortar, but our artillery and scattered them right and left. Fighting was all over at 11

"Premptly at non, Gen. White or iered a salute of 21 guns in honor of the birthday of the Prince of Wales. As the cannon boomed, cheer after cheer rang out from the troops, and a scele of enthusiasm, probably without SCATTERED THE ENEMY.

ot Caesar's Camp, which protects the town on the southwest, the Man-chester regiment held the position. Descending under cover of the British side of the hill, they detected severa hun fred Boers hiding in the ditch, out of the way of the British shells. They poured volley after volley into the enemy, scattering them widely and inflicting heavy loss.

BOER LOSS 800. "The Boers were driven back a every joint, with a loss estimated at 800 men. Nothing important occurred until Tuesday, Nov. 14, when a strong force, chiefly cavalry and artillery, reconnoitering, came upon the enemy back to their main positions. Our shell are was most effective, and is be to have inflicted considerable Our own loss was one man

vers pointed at their heads. "Ladysmith is able to hold out for nonths. On the other hand, it is re-

ported that dysentery is making havoc in the enemy's camp." SITUATION AT ESTCOURT.

ESTCOURT, Saturday, Nov. 18, 1.40 b. m.—At 10 o'clock this morning the Boers attempted to rush Estcourt, but one shot from our naval gun and sev eral long range volleys fired by the Dublin Fusiliers sent them back precipitately. The Boers had several guns posted on surrounding kopjes, but our naval men apparently aston ished them, and their guns were withdrawn.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION. LONDON, Nov. 19.-The war office posted the following telegram today from Gen. Sir Redvers Buller to the "CAPE TOWN, Nov. 18, 9.35 p. m.-

The following is from the general commanding at Pietermaritzburg: "Today at 8 a. m. the officer commanding our northern cutposts re-ported that the enemy's mounted patols were advancing across the whole country from Gourton's Road to Ulandi, moving on Estcourt. My force stood to arms. The outposts reported various bodies, from 500 to 700 strong, advancing on Estcourt from a northwesterly direction. One party, 500 moved toward the railway bridge, half a mile to the northwest

of Estcourt. "Our outposts fired on the enemy and one of the naval guns fired a shell at 8,000 yards range, the shell bursting close to the enemy, who then hurried-

"At 12 o'clock reports were received from three pickets that a large num ber of Boers were in sight on a hil

"The troops have returned to camp.'
LONDON, Nov. 19.—The following dditional despatch was received from en. Buller at 6 o'clock this evening: CAPE TOWN, Sunday, 3.30 p. m.-In continuation of my telegram Nov. 16, referring to the armored train at Estcourt, I have to report that hree more men of the Royal Dublin Corporal Brady, Privates J. Fitzgerald

and Maguire. ALL QUIET SUNDAY. LONDON, Nov. 19.—A special de-spatch from Estcourt, dated Sunday,

Nev. 19, says: "All is quiet here. The enemy is be lieved to be encamped six miles away Our position is good and our forces are sufficiently strong to repulse an attack."

FIGHTING AT KIMBERLEY. KIMBERLEY, Nov. 11, via runner to

Orange river.—The Boers Kimberley again at 5.15 o'clock this morning, shelling the town briskly until 6. 15 a. m., from three positions tory fire until 7.15 o'clock. Our gun replied at long range and two shells a east are believed to have found their mark, as the fire of the Boers in that direction was effectually silenced.

The bombardment freshened from 10 o'clock until noon, the fire being directed at Otto's, whence our patrol at dawn had fired upon a Boer detach-

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horses. Our casualties were one policeman mortally wounded, and a light an, slightly wounded.

FIRED 300 SHELLS. The patrol fired coolly and steadily until the Boers dispersed. A second patrol engaged the enemy, but meeting superior force was compelled to retire, losing only two horses. The Boers fired quite 300 shells today. The cases were dated from 1891 to 1896. The enemy have at least eight guns. Our guns are now replying. The enemy's shells are galling harmlessly though the artillery men have found

he range. RELIEF COLUMN. ORANGE RIVER, Cape Colony, Nov. 15.—Gen. Metheun has decided that the Kimberley relief column is to march in as light order as possible.

Small bands of Boers are roaming in Griquiland west, annexing towns without opposition. They have already taken possession of Barklay West and Douglas. A few police were captured at both places.

FROM PRETORIA. PRETORIA, Saturday, Nov. 18, by way of Lorenzo Marque., Nov. 19.—At noon today 56 British prisoners, includ-ing men of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and several blue jackets, arrived here. There were large crowds at the railway station, but no demonstration was made. Winston Churchill, who is wounded in the hand, was taken to the Model School, while the rank and flie are being sent to the race track. One

spy was lodged in jail. The wounded have been treated at Colenso.

The Boer version of the conflict in which these prisoners were taken, says that two British were killed and

Perreira mine, passages leading to a suite of apartments forty feet below the ground, with gas and water laid This is supposed to have been intended to serve as a rendezvous for the employes of the Ferreira mine in the event of a bombardment of Johannesburg. Three female prisoners, captured near Mafeking, were brough here this evening. The male prisoner will follow.

The Rev. Adrian Hofmeyer, brother of the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyer, the Afrikander leader, who was captured at Lobatsi, but subsequently released, will come to pretoria as soon as he is

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The first definite news regarding the fate of Winston Churchill was conveyed to his mother his evening by a report of the Asso is not necessarily dangerous and that he is alive in Pretoria, caused her the greatest gratification, as she had been hitherto without the least intimation of his whereabouts

COLESBURG OCCUPTED. CAPE TOWN, Nov. 19.—Advices just received here show that on Thursday, Nov. 16, a combined force of Free State end Transvaal burghers occupied Colesburg, Cape Colony, without opposi-tion by the residents, and proclaimed the district to be Free State territory. The British troopship Manila has arrived at Durban,

ARE NOT GERMANS. Nov. 18.—The following despatch has received here from Pretoria, dated Thursday, Nov. 16: The statement that the Boer artillery is officered by Germans is denied here. It is asserted officially that all of the Boer artillery officers were born in the Transvaal, although two were

trained in Europe.

The British prisoners of the rank and file have received new outfits from the It is reported that the bombardmen

ARE NULL AND VOID. CAPE TOWN, Friday, Nov. 17 .-Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, and British high commissioner has issued a proclamation declaring that the Boer proclamations, annexing territory, impressing men or seizing goods, are null and void, and should not be obeyed. He promises full recognition of and fair compensation for actual injury resulting from loyal adherence to British allegiance.

W. P. Schreiner, the premier, has

ment, knocking down six of their instructed all civil commissioners to to call out the Burgher forces in the colony, as the colonial government considers the military forces of the Crown sufficient to preserve order and repel invasion.

"Ordinary citizens," the premier declares, "are only expected to remain loyal and not to give countenance to

Judging from present indications, so far from there being a prospect of a Dutch rising, the fact is that many o the Cape Dutch are so incensed at the loss of their property and the destruc-tion of railways and bridges that they are ven beginning to favor the an-nexation of the two republics.

TO JOIN THE HOSPITAL SHIP. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—When the Atlantic transport liner Manitou sail-ed today she had on board Dr. Hastings and twenty-nine male nurses, or-derlies and "dispensers," who will join the compliment of the medical and surgical staff of the hospital ship Maine, loaned to the British govern-ment by the Atlantic line for hospital duty in South African waters.

LONDON, Nov. 21, 5, a. m .- The reports of heavy fighting at Ladysmith last Wednesday have not been confirmed. On the contrary, the mo liable advices from Estcourt indicate that there was nothing more than a desultory cannonade. Prob rumor of a serious engagement grew out of the fact that the Boers threw a few harmless shells late Tuesday night, leading to the suppos

tinues steadily and rapidly. READY TO RISE.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.-The Cologne Gazette publishes the following despatch rom Cape Town:

eral rising of the natives throughout Cape Colony. They are ready at any noment to make common cause with

HOPE TOWN, Cape Colony, Thursday, Nov. 16.—Yesterday the Boers oc-cupied Campbell, in West Griqualand. MORE FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH. LONDON, Nov. 20 .- A special from Estcourt, dated Nov. 20, says a report has reached there of a battle at Ladysmith, Wednesday, Nov. 15, lasting from Caybreak until 2 in the afterneon. Many Boers are said to have have been taken prisoners. The British losses are reported to be much less. Another battle is said to have occurred Thursday. It is described as the heaviest yet fought. The Boer dead number hundreds, while the Britsh losses were comparatively small.

VIEWS OF A CAPE TOWN MAN. NEW YORK, Nov. 20 .- G. M. Alexander, a Cape Town architect, arrived from South Africa a few days ago on his way round the world. He said last night: "I shall return to the Cape nine months hence, in time to see the beginning of the war with the Boers. There has been no real war yet-nothing but skirmishing, though we have lost man y of our best men. We who live in that country have known that the Boers have been preparing for this conflict for many years. England bas not fully realized the extent of these preparations. We have lost men not in war, for war has not yet begun—but in preliminaries. War will begin when England's fighting force arrives, With 60,000 men in the field, the natural result will not be long delayed. The Boers will be driven from the Transval, and Cape Colony, Natural Control of the Colony, Natural of the Colony, Natur tal, the Orange Free State and the Transvaal will be united." LADY CHURCHILL ANXIOUS.

(Special Cable to N. Y. Herald.) LONDON, Saturday.—It was while stopping at Esrick Park, York, that Lady Pandolph Churchill heard of the peroic deeds of her son, Winston, in the affair of the Estcourt armored train and his reported capture. With-out delay she took a train and hur-ried back to town, so as to be near whenever any fresh news came.

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