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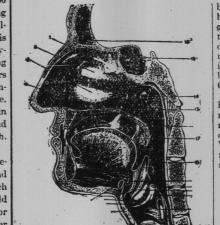
THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

There is no doubt that the statement of the statement of and fears and to silence the croaker who ed at any time. General Clery has a CATARRY IS CATCHING. THE OBCII-WEEKLY TELEUKAPO | There is no doubt that the statement of | came most opportunely to quiet a thous- state of quietude is liable to be interrupt icle, that the marksmanship of the Boers is always with us. The croaker has had large army, probably not less than 15,000 at Belmont was wretched, otherwise not a magnificent opportunity to exercise his men, near Colenso and within striking a single guardsman of the two battalions peculiar powers in this campaign, for distance of the Boer army. General Bulwould have lived to reach the top of the there have been many dark days, and the ler, who is in Natal, however, probably is hill, is an accurate description of an un- odds have been heavily against our arms. in no hurry to make an attack. Ladydoubted fact. In the same battle the It is pleasing to reflect, however, that smith is absolutely safe, and that being assured the longer he can keep the Boers enemy's artillery was ineffective, another bad as the situation has sometimes been in northern Natal the better for the camit might have been much worse. For instance, if the war had begun when the paign in Cape Colony and the Free State. superiority of the Boer artillery are Boer government intended it should the If the Orange Free State men remain in difficulties of the British general in Natal Natal for another week they will find talking about things they do not underwould have been far greater than they their capital in possession of the British. have been. The Boers intended to begin ounting a number of heavy guns about

the campaign a week earlier than they the morning despatches may bring some did, but they were delayed by the lack If the war news that reached England yesterday was as meager as that which enough to oppose successfully, but that of supplies and by the slowness of the came to Canada the people there would was an incident due to the conditions Free State contingent, and that precious have great cause for dissatisfaction, for week brought reinforcements to South Africa and changed the situation entire- the details of the engagement at Modder weighs seven tons, and it was only pos- ly. If the war had begun a week earlier River, the list of killed and wounded on sible to take them to Ladysmith by, it is quite possible that the whole of the British side and the losses of the means of the railway. The British field Natal might have been overrun before as Boers were wholly wanting. This was sistance could arrive. As it was there the state of affairs up to midnight but into Natal to hold it until the soldiers of the army corps began to reach South Africa. Now the tide of invasion is being rolled back and every day will see the Boers in a worse position than they were in the day before. Into Natal to hold it until the soldiers of spatch that he was wounded in the the work wounded in the tide of invasion is the Boers in a worse position than they were in the day before. Into Natal to hold it until the soldiers of spatch that he was wounded in the spatch that he was wounded in were in the day before.

General Methuen, to whom has been committed the task of relieving Kimberthe victory was promptly followed up, ley, has not lingered by the way. On Wednesday he had got across the Orange and that the Boers all over South Africahave taken the alarm. Kimberley is al-River and began his advance towards the beleagured city. On Thursday he at- ready free from its besieging army, and its garrison may by this time have be tacked the Boers at Belmont and assault. They have been foiled at Mafe king; they have been unable to make any impression on Kimberley; they could not have taken Ladysmith in a decade by their present system of attack ex-cept by starving out the garrison. When Ladysmith is relieved it will be discover-ed that it never was in any danger, be cause the Boers never had courage mough to assault it. That would have cost them too many men, and the loss of men is something that the Boer soft men soft soft men soft soft men is something that the Boer soft men soft soft men soft men soft soft men is something that the Boer soft men is something that the Boer soft men soft terly incapable of taking any position by defeated them. On Saturday he fought come united to the army of General Me-

The British campaign north of the face the volleys of the Lee-Metford, when handled by British soldiers: they Orange River began most brilliantly on Thursday with the capture of the post-Thursday with the capture of the post-in the bar handled by British soldiers; they are, in short ,a cowardly, treacherous, position was such that they could at the point of the bayonet have caused they could be driven at the point of the bayonet have caused Blair has not abandoned Sunbury and Kingston, Ja., Nov. 32. General James



Tie Comp onest Abode of Catarra Germs.

Minute germs float through the air from one person to another. If the mem-branes which line the nose and throat are perfectly healthy the germs soon pass out

battle, and this may account for the ab-sence of details of the engagement. We have likewise good reason to believe that the victory was arrestly of the sectory of the

A TORONTO FABLE.

The Toronto Mail and Empire makes itself responsible for the following which appears in the form of an editorial par-

branous lining of the head and get into blood. Through the blood they may gradually affect the entire system. If the Catarrh goes to the lungs we call it Consumption; if to the kid-neys, Bright disease; if to the stomach, indigestion, etc. In fact, there is scarce-ly a disease which cannot be led up to by Catarrh.

ly a disease which cannot be led up to by Catarrh. If you find your ordinary head cold hanging on, be sure that it is Catarrh now. BE WISE. Take the proper treat-ment and get it out of your blood before cold weather comes to make it worse. Washes and local applications alone will not do this. You must treat the whole system.

Catarrh of the Head and Throat Do you spit up slime? Are your eyes watery? Does your nose feel full? Does your nose discharge? Do you sneeze a good deal? Do crusts form in the nose? Do crusts form in the nose? Do you have pains across the eyes? Does your breath smell offensive? Is your hearing beginning to fail? Are you losing your sense of smell? Do you hawk up phlegm in the moto-

brother. M. John McNamara and Mr. John Babbington, of Young's Creek, are both very ill at present. Dr. Rarle is in at-

in Columna. Ja., Nov. 30. Ge

in the woods near Young's Cove Corner John M. Snodgrass has gone to Ber-lin, N. H., to spend the winter with his

on the line of railways between the the open field by a British force of equal Orange River and Kimberley. Belmont strength, will make such an exhibition of is about fifteen miles north of the Orange themselves that the world will wonder River and the position which the Boers why it ever had any good opinion of the occupied is one that they had chosen for Boer as a soldier. its natural strength and which they had

The movement which resulted in the fortified Yet they were driven from it after a comparatively brief engagement. retreat of the Boer army in Southern The Boers number five thousand and the Natal began on Thursday last, when British force engaged about seven thou- General Hildyard moved out from Est sand. The British pursued the Boers court to attack the Boers who were ensome five miles, took possession of their camped on Beacon Hill, a height which camp and destroyed the ammunition dominates Willow Grange, a station four which they found there. Such in brief or five miles south of Estcourt. It was at is the story of the Belmont fight. It was this point that ocmmunication between a contest that reflected much oredit on Estcourt and Pietermaritzberg had been the British regiments engaged it it, and cut. Hildyard had with him three in recalled the best days of the Peninsular fantry battalions, about seven hundred war, proving that the modern British mounted troops and a battery of artillery. soldier trained under the short service After a severe engagement the enemy system, is fully equal in all soldierly qual were driven off and communication be ities to the long service men of forme, tween Estcourt and Weston was restored. days. It is well that this fast has been The Boers retreated in the direction of so clearly demonstrated not only in the Weenen and were thought to be making present war but in all the battles and enfor Colenso. To prevent this General gagements that have taken place in which Hildyard moved to the north of Estcourt the British were engaged since the new to Frere, a station half way between Est system was put in operation. It is a court and Colenso. At Frere the bridge plete answer to those who predicted had been destroyed by the Boers, but all sorts of dire consequences because the it has since been repaired. Joubert's British soldier was no longer enlisted for forces seem to be now trying to escape life or a period which practically means across the Tugela river, but whether they the same thing. . 10 T2:18 . A. will succeed or not remains to be seen

A fiving column is in pursuit of them and After ax weeks of defensive warfare, in if pressed hard they will hardly get out of which the evennatched and outnumbered withern Natal without great loss

stand. The Boers have succeeded in

which the British had no guns heavy

under which the war was carried on. A

one hundred-pounder quick-fire gun

gun is a twelve-pounder, sufficiently

light to be mobile and easily handled. The British naval guns which have latterly been brought into the

moved rapidly from one part of the field

The Boers have showed themselves ut-

Ladysmith,

to the other.

one hundred-pounders,

British forces were hardly able to hold In Cape Colony all is going well. Metheir own, the scene has changed and the soldiers of the Queen are advancing all thuen has been again advancing and et along the line, while the Boers are re-Honeynest Kloop, ten miles north of the treating. In Natal, as well as in Cape scene of his last engagement, he is re Colony, the British campaign is now an ported to have captured an enormou aggressive one and from this forward we quantity of ammunition. This brings him may expect to hear of British victories within thirty-five miles of Kimberley. and of Boer defeats. Now that the which he should reach by Wednesday, if Boers no longer will have the advantage not today.

of superior numbers they can expect nothing better than to be pushed back Yesterday was a memorable one in the steadily until the stress of war and loss annals of the war for it brought good of men by battle and desertions causes news to the people of Canada, not only them to make a hasty and probably dis with reference to the progress of the astrous retreat

British arms but in regard to our own share in it. The news of the arrival of The campaign in Natal, which for the Sardinian at Cape Town with the day or two has been overshadowed in in terest by General Methuen's movements Canadian contingent was heard with rein Cape Colony, has again assumed the lief all over the dominion for this ship carried a precious freight, more than a portance which belongs to it by virtue thousand of the best manhood of Canada, of the numbers of the armies engaged, and the greatness of the stake for which they have been contending. There seems to be no boubt but that there are at least 39,000 Boers in Natal, while the and with them went the hopes of a young the best that she could do, and the Sar-British armies in that colony must aggregate at least 25,000 men with the pros dinian herself was the best steamspect of being increased to 28,000 in the ship available at the time the contingent course of a few days. Now if this force sailed. A fast ship would have made the was united it would be a very simple distance in eighteen days, so that the difmatter to drive the Boers back, for if the ference between a fast ship and a slow one present campaign has proved anything it represents just twelve days, a period of is the fact that man for man the Bores are time that might be very precious in such no match for the British regulars. Every a campaign as the one in South Africa. position in which Boers have However, it is useless to indulge in vain regrets. Our boys have arrived at their hern attacked since this war commenced has been carried, no matter how steep destination; they are at the base of the the heights on which they were posted seat of war and will soon be at the front. or how great their numbers. The Boer They will stand side by side in battle has skulked behind rocks and potted his with the best soldiers of the British enemy, but he has never yet been able army, and we feel sure that their con-

to stand a bayonet charge. He has not duct in the field and in camp will be even proved himself a good marksman, such as to do credit to the land from for if he had been as experts with the which they came.

not be attacked on their flanks. Yet ofter an obstinate conflict that lasted ter hours, they were driven away with great loss. The action was one of the most bloody in the history of the British army and the manner in which the troops endured the ordeal through which they had to pass shows that Great Britain's new, short service army is not inferior to the old in any military quality. And the pick of the British army were there. The regiments which took part in the battle at Modder River were among the most distinguished in the world and had carried their country's flag on many a bloody field. The full story of their last achievement will come later, but in the meantime we may congratulate them or

their splendid victory. The distance from Modder River to war. Kimberley is twenty-four miles. The Boers are said to have another and stronger laager at Spytfontein, which is ten miles from Kimberley, but this may be open to doubt, and it might be a risky operation for them to make a stand there with the garrison of Kimberley ready to attack their rear. That long beleagured town is in fact already free from all dan en on Tuesday, while every defeat only eral Methuen's large army was marching serves to show more clearly the hopeless. on the Free State capital. It is highly complish nothing substantial while they part of his army with him he might as hope to succeed when

are reversed.

General Methuen, however, is not the only man who is making it interesting for Boers in Cape Colony and the Orange Free State. General Gatacre and General French have been advancing quietly the former from Queenstown, the latter from Port Elizabeth towards the Free State border. The Boers are said to be in possession of Stormberg, but their number is not known. General Gatacre has not less than five thousand men under his command and he is not the kind of general that is likely to let the grass grow under his feet. In the Soudan campaign the soldiers, with whom he is a great favorite, named him General Backacher because he worked them so hard. This general is looked upon as the most energetic officer in the British army and he will likely be heard from soon. Once across the Orange River at Bethulie or Norval's Point he will make a direct march to Bloemfontein which is only about 120 miles from the border. and easy of access because the country is level with no natural positions of strength. The objective point both of General Methuen is the capital of the Free State, and unless the Boers have more men in that little republic than they are credited with the British should be in Bloemfontein by this day week.

Belmont would ever have got near him. thuen on the Modder River on Tuscday from Natal of any moment, but this this the state of the sta

icipal elections in Queens should be run As at the battle of Modder River they on Federal lines. He was not in Queens were ten hours under fire before carrying the Boer position the British losses on when the election took place, and he did not go to Restigouche to seek a that occasion must have been large. But seat. A man like the minister of railit seems to be a safe inference from Genways does not need to go about seeking eral Methuen's despatch that the Boer seats. There is not a constituency in losses were heavy also, and if the British New Brunswick that would not be proud broke in on them with the bayonet while to have him as its representative. If the they were still in their trenches it is probable that the Boers lost more men Mail and Empire knew anything about than in all the other battles of this cam- Mr. Blair it would have been aware that paign combined. The bad conduct of some it was absurd to suppose he would seek of the Boers in using the white to run municipal elections on Federal flag as a means of committing murder lines, for Mr. Blair for thirteen years car will not have desposed the British sol- ried on the government of this province diers to mercy, yet it is to be hoped that without reference to Federal politics and nothing was done at Modder River not successfully resisted every attempt to make the former subservient to the fai in accordance with the usages of civilized We can tell the Mail and Empir

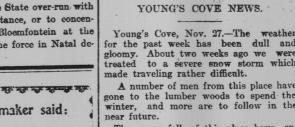
The false report of the capture of Ladya much better story than the smith which has been current in Paris one it publishes and which has and Berlin did not alarm any one for the great merit of being strictly true. that is a thrice-told tale. Whenever the A few months ago there was a provincia Paris newspapers want a sensation they election in New Brunswick the legislatur capture Ladysmith. If the despatches having been dissolved. One Mr. George from Pretoria are to be believed General E. Foster, of whom the Mail and Empire may perhaps have heard, determined that Joubert has left Ladysmith and is travelling in the omnibus of the Free State to this election should be run on federal ger. The army which was investing it began to withdraw several days ago as General Methuen's plan of invasion be-gan to develop itself, and probably al-Colored Poder Poder Poder Develop at the seven of the seven the seven of the seven the seven of the seven the seven the seven of the seven the most the entire Boer investing force was most the entire Boer investing force was in the battle on the Modder River. If so it will be difficult for their generals to it will be difficult for their generals to induce them to make another stand, for weeks. It may be that the siege of Mafe king has been raised, but even in that been so recently premier. The result was they can hardly have another position as case Joubert's would hardly be with that Mr. Emmerson won the greatest vic they can hardly have another position as Baden-Powell's small force while Gen- tory ever achieved by a provincial preelect five members in a legislature of serves to snow more clearly the hopeless-ness of the contest in which they probable that Joubert is on his way to forty-six and them by so small a major-Bloemfontein, but unless he takes a large ity that a change of 200 votes would have left the opposition without a single repu were in overwhelming numbers both in Cape Colony and Natal how can they army in Natal is seriously weakened, half its readers the benefit of this story and sentative. Let the Mail and Empire giv

the Orange Free State. Joubert now has either to see the Free State over-run with

out any serious resistance, or to concen trate his army at Bloemfontein at the risk of having half the force in Natal de stroyed



of it will never reach the Transvaal or it will be telling the truth for once.



The young folk of this place have en joyed themselves very much skating of the mill pond the past moonlight nights The ladies of the Methodist Episcopa congregations are making preparation for decorating the churches for th

Christmas season. The Methodist Sabbath school ha

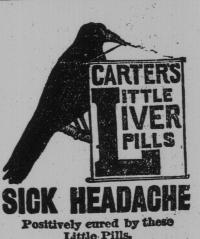
The Methodist Sabbath school has closed to re-open the first Sunday in May, Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Gall-mer preached an able sermon on baptism, and in the evening Rev. Mr. Wason preached to a large and attentive congre-gation. The reverend gentleman has done quite a business in the matrimonial line of late. Mrs. Wason's cousin, Miss Day, is visiting at the parsonage. Mr. Rickard's many warm friends in this place are pleased to hear through the Telegraph of his success in Yar-mouth, Me. Miss Jennie MacDonald, who has charge of the school here, has been en-gaged for another term. The school room has been much im-proved by paint, paper and whitewash. Mr. Isaac Snodgrass, who has been vis-iting his sister, Mrs. S. Baird, Chipman, has returned home. then I pro ven the

others is durable or

has returned home. Messrs. John M. and Edward Snod- Eye, Bar, Nose and Throat Only

transport Terry, reported at Port Anton-io, yesterday, that he was unable to come to Kingston owing to railwood interrup-tion, which has been augustanted by the severe storm of mathematical by the

tool, which has been sognation by the severe storm of yesterday. Colombian advices received here per the steamer Louisianian say the revolu-tion is spreading throughout the Colombian republic and gaining great strength Details as to the movements of the liber als are lacking.



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