VICTORY AGAIN

Lord Mathuen's Column Defeats a Big Boer Force at Modder River.

The Transport Sardinian With "Our Soldier Braves" Has Arrived at Cape Town.

The Engagement at Modder River One of the Hardest and Most Tring Battles in the Annals of the British Arm-Desperate Fighting Kept Up for Over Ten Hours.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 29 .- The Allan Line Steamer Sardinian, Capt. Johnstone, from Montreal, Oct. 28th, and Quebec, Oct. 30th, having on board the Canadian Contingent for South Africa, 1.000 strong, has arrived here.

The Lancers attempted to intercept

and reached them; but a severe fire,

opened from a hill, forced the Lancers

to retreat. Gen. Cronie was with the

ermen Jeppe and Commandant Rossik, who led the Boer force.

rendered.
"The Boers were shelled during the

final retreat and must have lost heav-

RITORY.

wounded are under treatment here. At

the close of the action Lord Methuen

complimented the naval brigade upor

A BRILLIANT VICTORY

ORIANGE RIVER, Monday, Nov. 27.

-The British arms have achieved

brilliant victory. The enemy, strongly entrenched, held a range of hills com-

manding both sides of the railway at Rooi Laagte, near Gras Pan. The Lancashires, under Lewis, reconnois-ered in an armored train on Friday.

Gen. Methuen then advanced.

column made a detour and bivouacked

for the night at Swinks Pan, three

miles from the Boer position. At dawn

the advance began. The column de

bouched on the plain eastward of the

Boer hills. The Boer guns opened fire

Two batteries of British artiller

shelled the Boers, practice being good

ARTILLERY DUEL.

positions, firing steadily and accurate

Boer shells wounded several men of

the naval brigade. Finding it impos-

sible to displace the Boers by artillery

Gen. Methuen resolved upon an infan

try attack. A brigade of infantry, in-

cluding the Yorkshires, the Northamp

tons, the Northumberlands and th

Lancashires, with the naval brigade on

the right, gallantly stormed the Boen

positions, in the face of a withering fire, and carried hill after hill, the bri-

gade under Col. Money capturing the

main positions against a terrific fire

ADVICES FROM KIMBERLEY.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Gen. Forestier

Walker has sent the following des

patch, dated Cape Town, today, to the

"Kekewich reports from Kimberley

from Nov. 18 to 23, some unimportan

skirmishes with the Boers. Wounded

but suffering severely.

The Boers stuck tenaciously to their

The duel, which continually be

hotter, lasted three hours. The

their splendid behavior.

Lewis and a private,

northward with their six guns.

"Many of the Boers voluntarily sur-

LONDON, Nov. 29, 5 a. m .- Virtually the only fresh news from the front is contained in the despatches of Gen. Forestier-Walker to the war office. The cables continue silent, probably because of Gen. Buller's desire to prevent leakage regarding important movements now being carried on. It seems clear, however, that Lord Methuch is continuing to advance rapidly, and that finding the railway much damaged, he left it behind him. When telegraphic communication is resumed it is quite possible that news may come of four simultaneous battles at Modder River, Arundel, Stormberg and Colenso.

BOERS LEAVING KIMBERLEY. As the Beors, according to Gen. Walker, are leaving Kimberley for the south, it is regarded as not impossible that Col. Kekewich is already marching with 2,000 troops to meet Lord Methuen. It is believed that after the relief of Kimberley. Lord Methuen will proceed to the relief of Mafeking, about which considerable anxiety, is

Lieut. General Sir Charles Manafield Clark, it is reported, will be the com-mander of the sixth division. The latest phase of the mobilization tory as have former calls. Out of 9,-786 men summoned, 9,583 have rejoined

the colors.

SITUATION IMPROVED. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-The war review of the military expert of the London Morning Post, cabled here, says: "For the first time since the war besan one is able to look at the map of South Africa with a feeling of satisfaction. It was impossible to draw ary consolation from the several fragments along the railway line in Natal; now, however, the junction of these several parts has brought relief-if not to Ladysmith, at least to those watching the situation with a full sense of its gravity. Now that we are beginning to make headway against the Boers it is possible to take an easier in the movements of the enemy. Gen. Joubert is likely to make a fight at Colenso. Gen. Buller's first business in Natal naturally is the relief of Ladysmith, After that, when the invaders are compelled to retreat on Pretoria, the Natal force will get its chance. It seems unlikely that an attempt will be made to force the passes of Drakensburg. The passes will open of their own accord when

burg road to the Vaal." BATTLE OF ENSLIN. LONDON, Nov. 28 .- A despatch from Orange River, dated Monday, Nov. 27, and describing the battle of Enslin, "The Boers successfully retreated, three troopers, all doing well. The

the sounds of the flanking army is be-

hind them anywhere from the Win-

that the enemy's camps to the south of Kimberley have been vacated, and that Cronje, with 3,300 Boers, is marching to the south. The Boers are disappearing from the vicinity of Kimberley. The enemy seens restless. METHUEN'S ADVANCE.

"The railway line was repaired to a point six miles north of Gras Pan, Sunday, and the telegraph was reopened to within eight miles of Modder River, or 10 (?) miles from Kimberley, Monday night:

"LATER—Gatacre occurred Bishman's Hock yesterday with a pattalion of intentry. His main body is at Part. of infantry. His main body is at Put-ter's Kraal. The enemy retired toward

MORE TROOPS TO BE SENT OUT.

probably of over 35,000 men, with a that Gen. Methuen has gained a real view of their early dispatch to the seat of war. Part of this division will awaited before the full effect of his ten have to be drawn from the militia, I am told, and after it has been sent we can have no regular troops worth speaking of beyond a few recruiting but whether, when the Boers retreatsergeants left in this country. Another 10,000 men is also being sent of retired in an easterly direction into from India, and, should all these troops be poured into Africa, we shall plained. The British appear to have have an army there from first to last of more than 120,000 men. This probably means an expenditure of from £1,500,000 to £2,000,000 a week. It may be a smaller sum, if we are lucky in our transportation facilities and in the health of our men, cavalry horses and baggage animals, but i amount in preparing estimates of the cost of the war. Up to now the nation

lly; but they succeeded in getting away ON HIS WAY TO THE FRONT. TORONTO, Nov. 28.-Capt. George FIGHTING WAS ON ENEMY'S TER Kirkpatrick, of the Royal Engineers, son of Sir George Kirkpatrick, ex-lieutenant governor of Ontario, reach-"The bulk of the fighting was on Free State territory, and the engagement ed Cape Town Saturday with his was admirably planned. Thirty Boen mpany on the way to the front.

> EMPEROR WILLIAM'S GIFT. PORT VICTORIA, Nov. 28.—Emper William, before he embarked, left; £300 with Col. Marshall for the benefit of the children of the soldiers of the First (Royal) Dragoons, now cam-paigning in South Africa, of which regiment his majesty is honorary col-

DELAY IN HAY SHIPMENT. killing loading hay for South Africe, has been delayed a number of days, as much of the hay has failed to pass inspection. The delay is not only unsatisfactory to the British government, as the hay is greatly needed by the cavalry in South Africa, but it also is a matter of no the demurrage on the steamer is \$250 of the whole Boer force 8,000 strong per day. Canadian officials acting for the British government have agreed to get the steamer Montauk at Cape Town by the first day of January however, and the work of replacing the condemned hay by a better quality will be pushed. The Montauk will carry 2,800 tons of hay, all of which has been shipped from Canada. The cargo will be made up of 1,800 tons in ordinary bales and 1,000 tons in com-

BOLD BID FOR EMPIRE.

LONDON, Nov. 28.-Arthur J. Balour, the government leader in the nouse of commons, addressing the national conservative conference at Dewsbury today, repelled the charge that the government motive in the war in South Africa was the acquisition of gold fields.

"I have now come to the conclusion," he said "that the declaration of war by the Transvaal and the Free State was not any despairing struggle for liberty, but a bold bid for empire. a bid to make themselves the nuclues of a Dutch-speaking, paramount pow er in South Africa, and to exclude forever the hated Britisher from a dominating influence in that part of the world. These people have risked their all upon the stake of war, and it is incredible that such a risk would be run merely to prevent the Uitlander getting a vote. Their dream may be madness; but it is intelligent madness and the military difficulties that beset Great Britain in a South African campaign. They have also vainly counted upon the British party system; and another reason may found in their profound contempt for British arms."

Passing to a high eulogy of the 'brilliant bravery of our troops," "the courage, patriotism and endurance of the small colony of Natal, so trans-cendently displayed," and the "patriotic spirit of the colonies generally,

"Last, but not least, may we not on this occasion express our gratitude to our American relations, who have done all that is possible in a case like this, namely, have provided and equipped the Maine, not only in the interests of humanity, but, as I well believe, out of sympathy for those engaged in this great fight."

In the course of an eloquent peroration, in which he said that he was not entitled to lift the veil hiding the future, Mr. Balfour expressed confidence that an era of peace, prosperity and freedom would follow.

MONTREAL, Nov. 29 .- The Star's special cable from London says: News was received this afternoon of the safe arrival at Cape Town today of the Allan liner Sardinian, with the Canadian contingent on board, all well. The citizens of Cape Town have been waiting for several days for the coming of the Canadians, to show them,

health of the garrison is good and the is common with Australians, and the water supply plentiful. "Native reports to Kekewich state with of the south of the second the importance of the rita recognized the importance of this octward sign of the unity of the empire in our hour of stress. When the Sardinian was signalled from Table Mountain, popular enthusiasm became intense and many hundreds of people made their way to the wharf to be the first to cheer the bearers of a visible helping hand from distant Canda. Details have not yet come to

THE BRITISH VIEW.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The expected great battle at Modder River has been tought, and Gen. Methuen has added another victory to his achievements of the past week. That the Boers de-

stance that, at the present moment, the utmost energy is being displayed in organising at Aldershot a final army division of unusual strength, known. There appears to be no doubt surmounted the difficulties of crossing the river, and to have seized for them selves a position on the north side of the stream. This success of the Brit ish clears another stage of the road Kimberley, the siege of which Gen. Cronje must have partially raised in order to give battle to Gen. Methuen. The burghers are understood to have a stronger laager at Spylfon-tein, fourteen miles north of the Mod-der River, so another engagement has not given a single calm thought to this side of the question, and the time for reflection is yet some disprobably awaits the British before they can commence the last stage of Kimberley, though Gen. Cronje would thereby run a great risk of being ught between Gen. Methuen and Col.

> A belated despatch from Orange River says Gen. Methuen's troops are advancing under the greatest difficul-ties, fighting an omnipresent but al-most invincible fce.

A GLORIOUS VICTORY. LONDON, Nov. 29.—The war office as received the following despatch n General Buller "CAPE TOWN, Tuesday, Nov. 28, majesty is honorary coldeneral Methuen reports:

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try and cavalry at 5.30, the Guards on the right. Ninth Brigade on the left. Attacked position in widely extende formation at 6.30 a. m., and supported small expense to the government, as by the artillery, found itself in front with two large guns, four Krupps, etc. The naval brigade rendered great as sistance from the railway. After desperately hard fighting which lasted ten ours, our men, without water or food and in the burning sun, made enemy quit his position. Gen. Pole-Carew was successful in getting a small party across the river, gallantly assisted by 600 sappers.

"I speak in terms of high praise the conduct of all who were engaged in one of the hardest and most trying fights in the annals of the British army. If I can mention one arm par ticularly it is the two batteries of ar-

THE ADVANCE IN NATAL.

LONDON, Nov. 28.-The British advance force in Natal, 10,000 strong, reached Frere station, well on its way to Colenso, Sunday. At least 5,000 more men; it is estimated, are coming up behind, so there will be 15,000 troops somewhere about Colenso today. It seems doubtful whether the enemy will make any stand south of Lady smith, but the latest despatches would indicate that both forces are moving north on converging lines that will cross near Colenso.

If the Boers make a stand south of colenso they will leave behind them the Tugela river, in flood and only fordable in a few places. This means complete annihilation if they are defeated. If they make a stand the Tugela they are not out of reach of Gen White who might with his cavalry, strike their only possible line of retreat in the direction of Olivier's Hoek and the Drakensberk passes. is thought that they are most likely to fall back and push men over toward Kimberley.

LOSS OVER 20 PER CENT. The losses of the naval brigade in he battle at Gras Pan was enerme Out of 500 seamen and marines, 105 fell, being more than 20 per cent. The special correspondent of the Daily Mail sends this despatch, dated

About 10,000 of our troops are here rom the Mooi river and Estcourt with two batteries of artillery, the 7th and 17th; the Durban Light Infantry, Bethuen's Mounted Infantry, Imperial Light Horse, Carbineers, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry and volun-

The bridge spanning the river here, about sixty feet long, is completely wrecked. One piece has been blown two hundred yards away. All windows in neighboring houses, are smashed.

The enemy is not to be seen any where in this district, but wherever one goes he finds signs of destructive work and useless damage. It is reported at Ennersdale, Bethuen's force shot one Boer and wounded another, who were looting cattle.

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DIFFICULTIES OF COMMUNICA-TION.

LONDON, Nov. 30.-The Standard publishes the following despatch from adysmith, dated Thursday, Nov. 21: "Last Saturday I had a whole sack full of my correspondence returned to me, showing the difficulty of communicating with the outside world.

"The Boers cannonade us almos daily, but there have been few casualties. Evidently the object of the enemy is to exhaust the spirits of the British troops by incessant harrasvance from the south has impelled them to redouble their efforts. They are mounting more guns and drawing the lines of investment closer." FOR THE SLAIN.

ROME, Nov. 29.-A Requiem Mass was celebrated in the English Catho lic church here today for the repose of the souls of the slain in South Afica. The church was filled with English and Americans, it cluding the ambassadors of Great Britain and United States. The Pope sent his

WAR WAS INEVITABLE. LONDON, Nov. 29 .- Addressing meeting of 7,000 people in Leicester this evening, Joseph Chamberlain devoted justification of the government's policy in South Africa and a refutation of the

holes when Mr. Kruger refused to listen to our peaceful representations. That would have lost us South Africa, weakened our hold upon India, and earned us the contempt of mankind." He reiterated that the war was inevitable. "Although doubtless, Mr. Kruger would have preferred to wait until England was involved with some other power."

CONVENTION OF 1891. Referring to the conditions under hich the Gladstone government granted the convention of 1891, he denied that the grant was made because Mr. Gladstone feared a general Dutch

"The reason." he asserted. "was because the Gladstone government believed the annexation of the Transvaal in 1877 occurred under a misaprehension by Lord Beaconsfield that a majority of the oers desired annexation. It was afterward proved that this was not their desire and the

Referring to the basis and condi-tions of settlement after the war, Mr. perty. Koch's commando was com-Chamberlain said: "I do not like to divide the skin be-

fore I have caught the bear, but I must insist that the Boers, by their own action, have created a clean sheet, upon which we can write what we please, and I feel convinced that our loyal fellow subjects in Cape Colony and Natal would regard no solu-tion as durable which did not provide beyond the shadow of a doubt for the supremacy of the British flag-the only guarantee of settled peace and the only ecurity for the just treatment of all the races of South Africa."

OUR ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED OTTAWA, Nov. 29.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has sent a despatch Lord Minto, thanking the govern and Canadians for their desire to take an active part in the military expedition found necessary for the maintenance of British rights in South Africa. "The desire thus exhibited," the despatch says, " to share in the risks and burdens of the empire, has been

welcomed not only as a proof of the staunch loyalty of the dominion, and of its sympathy with the policy pur-sued by her majesty's government in South Africa, but also as an expression of the growing feeling of the unity and solidarity of the empire."

TALANA HILL.

Talana Hill (Glencoe) and Etand's Laagte, long extracts from which have already appeared in the Globe, are to hand. They contain some additional interesting particulars of these strug-sles. In regard to the latter, for instance, the Times' correspondent con-cludes his account as follows:

"The Boers were beaten and driven from a strong position of their own choosing. Some half-dozen men stood in the laager on the nek holding a flag of truce to stay the fire of the depised 'Rooinek.' In the meantime fugitives were streaming down the reverse of the position. Fire will never on these occasions stop automatically. and a smattering musketry still took place and continued on into the night But before darkness became absolute the mass of Dutch fugitives were overtaken by the 5th Lancers, kept in eash on the left for this purpose. Their work was simple; and the infantry suc-cess on the hilltop was rendered complete by a cavalry pursuit pushed home. But there had been a price upon the victory. It has been said that infantry would never in the modern arms be called upon to deliver an attack such as was made at Eland's Laagte. But having done so, the price of necessity must be heavy. We lost in the action against Comnandant Koch's commando four officers and 37 men killed: 31 officers and 175 men wounded, and ten men missing. What the enemy's losses were it is hard to estimate, as early in the day they had made arrangements to remove their killed and wounded. But a British burying party subsequently sent out from Ladysmith interred 65 dead Boers found lying on the field Amongst the dead upon the field were found Leggelo, public prosecutor; Dr. Coster Bodenstein, judicial magistrate, burg; Captain Figures Krugersdorp. Commandant Ben Vijoen to reported to have been present, and to have died of his wounds. Lying on the hillside were Commandants Kock Plenaar and Pretorius, Colonel Schiel, Judge Kock, De Witt Hamer, Volksraad member

nent Hollander and Dutch officials.

THREE HUNDRED PRISONERS. "The British force was comp Then began the sad and grueso of searching for the wound dark. It was impossible to find all in the evening, but numbers were carried down, as were the breech blocks of the two captured guns, which, according to the intelligence department, proved to be the identical guns captured at Krugersdorp. The reverse of the pos tion was littered with Mausers, and for the trouble of seizing their bridles Boer ponies became individual pletely broken up. Three hundred wounded and whole prisoners remained in our hands, and all the equipment

of 1,200 to 1,400 men.' A LOST OPPORTUNITY

Dealing with the Glercoe fight the

correspondent shows that a good op-pertunity was lost. He says:

"During the last stage of the fight our guns had been moved up from their second position behind the donga to positions on the flanks of the wood, to positions on the flanks of the wood, and when our men emerged on the top of the hill a battery was pushed forward along the road to the top of the Nek. From here the Bcer army was visible within easy range retreating across the open country below, and if the opportunity had been promptly seized the whole force rould have been annihilated or compelled to lay down its arms; but there was some unfortunate misunderstending about an armistice, and the opportunity was mistice, and the opportunity was

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Nov. 30 .- Although telegraph and realroad communication is open with Modder River, no further news of Gen. Methuen's movements or the big fight was given out up to 2.30 this afternoon. This is generally taken to indicate that Methuen is again on



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blished in New York, and Jersey City. n, agricultural comjust returned from tes the work of presf hay which the steamtake to South Africa the imperial troops, is progress. Prof. Robertoston again this week.

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