

RELIEF OF LADYSMITH

Likely To Be Accomplished in a Short Time.

Gen. Methuen Believed To Be Again On the March.

He Warns His Men That Severe Work Is Cut Out for Them.

12th Lancers Inflict Severe Loss on the Enemy.

Joubert Said To Be Hurrying Back to Colenso.

Westcott Trains Reach There—Boer Prisoners Say They Had 140 Men Killed at Belmont and 400 at Gras Pan.

London, Nov. 30.—The war officials today reiterate that they have received absolutely nothing to indicate the slightest likelihood of Ladysmith's surrendering, while, on the other hand, they expect the place will be relieved shortly.

Although telegraph and railroad 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 Gen. Methuen is

AGAIN ON THE MARCH,

and that, as heretofore, he will not again be heard from until he has fought another battle and gained another stage. That the general anticipated dogged resistance on his northward march is shown by the speech, which he delivered to his troops, Nov. 27, after the battle of Gras Pan, reports of which have just arrived here. After reading a telegram from Governor Milner, congratulating the troops and sympathizing with the wounded, Gen. Methuen personally congratulated the troops on the work done, and expressed appreciation of the manner in which they have endured the hardships. The work, he said, was the

MOST SEVERE. encountered by the British army for many a long day. They had in front of them, he added, an enemy to whom they could not afford to give a single point. Their tactics had been excellent, and he recognized and admired their courage. Continuing, Gen. Methuen said that when called upon to fight for his country, he was prepared to fight a foe worthy of his steel, rather than savages, whose sole recommendation was bravery. He then expressed the hope that he and his men had gained each other's confidence, and would all do their duty to their country, as Englishmen should.

DASTARDLY CONDUCT OF BOERS. Gen. Methuen also described as "dastardly" the conduct of the Boers in firing on ambulance wagons, the shooting of a British officer by a wounded Boer, and the Boers' use of dum-dum bullets; but he refused to believe that these acts were committed by the Boers. He gave them credit, unconvinced to the contrary, that they, like the British, wished to fight fair and square.

Those who are acquainted with Gen. Methuen think his terse description of the battle of Modder River forecasts "A fearful butcher's bill."

A FILMSY FABRICATION. Little attention was paid here to the flimsy fabrication announcing the fall of Ladysmith. The dispatches caused frenzies of joy in Paris, but it is impossible to make a Briton believe that, after withstanding the siege so long, Gen. White, with the thunder of Gen. Clery's guns at Colenso, telling of the coming relief, would yield his position while a round of ammunition or a man is left. The news of the British successes will speedily spread far and wide among the Boers.

JOUBERT'S MOVEMENTS. Gen. Buller's dispatch from Pietermaritzburg yesterday would have dealt with belated details of the situation at Ladysmith. There was nothing serious to report. Since then has come the dispatch from Estcourt, saying Gen. Joubert is hastening back to oppose Col. Baden-Powell. This is incomprehensible here, and it is generally supposed that the names have been mixed up; but in some quarters conjectures are ventured that the besiegers of Ladysmith have withdrawn southward and permitted Col. Baden-Powell to leave that place, and that he is now, in conjunction with Col. Plumer, of Port Tait, traversing the Transvaal.

Joubert is traveling in an omnibus he must be sick or wounded.

The Lancers

ATTACK THE ENEMY. Estcourt, Monday, Nov. 27.—The 12th Lancers are reported to have attacked Piet Retief's force at Weenan, and to have inflicted great loss upon the Boers.

Gen. Hillyard's troops bivouacked yesterday night at Pieter.

Two Boers have been captured. One of them, a doctor, entered the British camp under the belief that it was a Boer bivouac.

Gen. Joubert is reported to have retreated to Colenso yesterday, by way of Chieveley. He traveled in an omnibus, drawn by six horses. It is rumored that he is hurrying back to oppose Col. Baden-Powell.

Two Estcourt trains arrived at Pieter yesterday evening. There is great rejoicing at the reopening of the line.

Boer prisoners report that Gen. Hillyard's night attack with cold steel paralyzed the burghers, whose loss was 80 killed and over 100 wounded.

London, Nov. 30.—The authorities here are unable to explain the reference to Col. Baden-Powell contained in the Estcourt dispatch.

BOERS HAD 400 KILLED AT GRAS PAN.

London, Nov. 30.—A dispatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, Nov. 27, gives reports of the nervousness of the Boers of the Orange Free State border. Some of the Boer forces, it is

added, have been hurriedly withdrawn from Ladysmith and Barkly East. Orange River, Monday, Nov. 27.—Boer prisoners here report that the number of Boers killed at Belmont is believed to have been 140, and at Gras Pan 400. Among the prisoners are several with enormous red crosses on their sleeves. It is reported that they fought with the artillery.

Tuesdays Battle.

GEN. METHUEN WOUNDED. London, Nov. 30.—It is officially announced that Gen. Methuen was among those wounded at the battle of Modder River.

The war office has received from the general commanding at Cape Town, the following:

"Received from Modder River, Nov. 30: Killed, Staff-Col. A. P. Northcott, 2nd Coldstream; Lieut.-Col. H. H. Stopford; Capt. S. Farie. Wounded: Artillery Major Lindsay; Capt. Farrell, Lieut. Dunlop, Lieut. Furse, 3rd Grenadiers; Major Count Gleichen, Lieut. the Hon. E. H. Lygon, Coldstreams; Lieut. Viscount Scheson, Medical Corps; S. A. Moore.

"The casualties among the officers of the 9th Brigade and them on of the division will follow."

The Canadians

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AWAITING THEM.

London, Nov. 30.—News was received yesterday of the arrival of the Allan Line steamship *Sardinian* with the Canadian contingent on board, all well. The citizens of Cape Town had been waiting for several days for the coming of the Canadians to show them, in common with the Australians and the volunteers from New Zealand, how much the British people of South Africa recognized the importance of this outward sign of the unity of the empire in the hour of stress.

When the *Sardinian* was signaled from Table Mountain the popular enthusiasm became intense, and many hundreds of people made their way to the wharf to be there first to cheer the boys from distant Canada.

BUGLE NOTES. Five hundred horses arrived at New York from the west over the Erie Railroad yesterday in charge of P. Hugo Skead, of Cape Town, South Africa, who said they have been purchased for the use of the British Government.

Col. G. P. Austin, of Phoenix, who fought in the Mexican and wars, was applied to the British war office at Newport News, Va., several days ago for an appointment in the British army in the Transvaal. He received orders from Lord Lansdowne to report to Lord Pauncefoot at Washington.

The sailing of the steamer *Montauk* from Boston, with hay for South Africa, had been delayed, as much of the hay has failed to pass inspection. This delay not only is unsatisfactory to the British Government, but it is also a matter of no small expense to the government, as the demurrage of the steamer is \$250 a day. Canadian officials acting for the British Government have agreed to get the steamer *Montauk* at Cape Town by the 1st day of January, however.

THANKS TO CANADA

Chamberlain's Dispatch to Lord Minto Respecting the Contingent.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—The following dispatch from Mr. Chamberlain was received by Lord Minto, and forwarded to the minister of militia and defense: Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Minto:

My Lord.—I received from you on the second inst. a copy of an approved minute of the Dominion Privy Council, dated the 14th of October, 1899, by which your ministers authorized the equipment and dispatch of 1,000 volunteers for service with the imperial troops in South Africa.

The great enthusiasm and the general eagerness to take an active part in the military expedition which has unfortunately been found necessary for the maintenance of British rights and interests in South Africa have afforded much gratification to her majesty's government, and the people of this country. The desire thus to share in the risks and burdens of empire has been welcomed, not only as a proof of the staunch loyalty of the Dominion, and of its sympathy with the policy pursued by her majesty's government in South Africa, but also as an expression of that growing feeling of the unity and solidarity of the empire which has marked the relations of the mother country with the colonies during recent years.

The thanks of her majesty's government are specially due to your ministers for the cordial manner in which they have undertaken and carried out the work of organizing and equipping the Canadian contingent. (Signed) J. CHAMBERLAIN, Privy Council.

MR. TARTE'S ATTITUDE

Referring to Hon. Mr. Tarte's attitude regarding the Canadian contingent, the *Cardiff Daily Mail*, an influential Conservative organ, has a long and earnest leading article. Mr. Tarte's attitude is held to be most loyal and proper. The article concludes by strongly scoring the opposition papers of Canada for reflections cast upon a body of colonists which Britain holds in high honor.

A MANITOBA WOMAN

Who Advises Her Friends to Take Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Neepawa, Man., Nov. 27.—Mrs. T. H. McKee, of this place, was cured of Bright's Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Since then she has been the means of saving the lives of dozens of her friends in Manitoba, besides banishing the unnecessary suffering many who were unaware that there was a cure at hand.

In a letter written lately in response to an inquiry as to her experience with Dodd's Kidney Pills, Mrs. McKee says: "I certainly recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills. I believe they saved my life with our blessed Maker's wish. I have the greatest faith in them, and have advised dozens of our Neepawa friends to take them."

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FIGHT WITH POULTRY THIEVES

How Edward Grosvenor, of Metcalfe, Saved His Turkeys—Benjamin and Geary on Trial.

John Benjamin and Wm. Geary appeared before Judge Wm. Elliot this morning, charged with assaulting and wounding Edward Grosvenor, of Metcalfe. The complainant states that on Saturday night, Nov. 18, he heard a noise among his poultry, and went out and found two men in the yard, who took to their heels and ran, when they saw him coming. He followed them to the road, where a buggy was standing, with a third man seated in it. He made for the rig and grabbed the horse, when the other two men rushed up and struck him on the head with a stone, and he fell unconscious to the road. His two sons, who heard the cry, came out, and managed to get a robe, a whip and two bags out of the buggy, but the three men escaped. In the bags were found several turkeys, the property of Mr. Grosvenor. One of the sons swears that it was Benjamin who struck his father. A liverman in Strathroy testifies to hiring a man by the name of Mitchell on the night in question, and it was returned without the robe and whip. On being shown these articles in possession of the complainant he readily recognized them as his property. Mitchell made himself scarce, and has not been heard of since. Benjamin and Geary will also have to stand trial for stealing. The case was adjourned until Thursday, Dec. 7.

TO THE CENTRAL

Governor Boston Relieved of One Third of His Prisoners.

Balfour English took six prisoners to the Central Prison this morning. They were: Herbert Wilson, for fire-flaming and stealing, six months; John Maxwell, for robbing Wm. Robb, of \$100, nine months; George Harding, for the killing of Andrew Gowanlock, eighteen months, and Jordan Pickell, for bigamy, one year. He also had a prisoner from Chatham and one from Windsor. Willie Armstrong and Tommy Cameron, the two lads found guilty of stealing, were taken to the reformatory. Daniel Linden was ordered to be removed from the jail to the hospital, and Mrs. Eliza Black, to the Asylum. Two prisoners, who have served out their term, were discharged, making a total of ten prisoners to go out of the county jail today, leaving only twenty in custody.

At the Police Court.

Joe Niosi, an Italian newsboy, was charged with assaulting and wounding his brother Rosai, at the police court this morning. The complainant stated that he met Joe on Richmond street wearing his overcoat, and asked him for the same. The prisoner refused to give it to him, and he grabbed the coat, and with a stone on the foot and came at him with an open knife in his hand. In the struggle the complainant received the small cuts. George Ballantyne, who witnessed the affair, corroborated the story told by the complainant. He had separated the two brothers twice, when they were wrangling. The prisoner claimed that the complainant cut his coat with a knife first, and struck him on the head, raising a lump. He asked that the case be adjourned, so that he could summon a number of witnesses. Enlarged until Saturday. Elizabeth Black and Eliza McPals, drunks, were allowed to go.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

Nominations yesterday in Manitoba. Mr. Kloepper, M.P., is again the Conservative candidate for the commons for South Wellington.

J. Malette, 17 years of age, while jumping on an electric car at Chaudiere was run over and killed.

Yesterday afternoon for the first time since 1876, when the supreme court was instituted, there was a clean docket.

At a convention of the Conservatives of South Wellington, at Guelph, Mr. C. Kloepper, M.P., was again nominated for the commons.

Mr. James Kent, superintendent of the C. P. R. Telegraph, Montreal, has been appointed manager of telegraphs, to succeed Mr. Hosmer.

Mrs. Frank Werke, of Niagara Falls, was stated to be the woman who crossed the bridge to the American side, and was captured there.

It is reported that Dr. Ireland, whose mysterious disappearance about a year ago led to the supposition that he was drowned, has been found in the Western States practicing medicine under the name of Dr. Gray.

IN TROUBLE

A Hamilton Man Five Days in Chicago Without Food.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 30.—A special from Chicago says: Joseph McCarthy, 36 years of age, who had not tasted food for five days, was found unconscious this afternoon under a freight car, apparently dead. A patrol wagon took him to a police station. McCarthy said the meal given him there had saved his life. "My home," he said, is in Hamilton, Canada. I am a carpenter, but as I could not get any employment there, I started six days ago for Chicago. I had no money, and rode on freight cars. The aged man says he has a wife and six small children living in Hamilton. McCarthy will be cared for at the police station for the present.

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KIDNEY CURE

THE DISASTER AT PATERSON

Most of the Wounded Improving—Superintendent Grussel Explains the Cause of the Catastrophe.

Pateron, N. J., Nov. 30.—County Physician Andrew F. McBride today began an investigation of the accident on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, which resulted in the killing of six persons and the injuring of more or less of 21.

The dead are: Mrs. Mary Roe, wife of David Roe, of Ithaca, N. Y., and her two daughters; Walter Webb, of Ithaca, N. Y.; a Cornell student; Wm. Craig, of Scranton, Pa.; an unknown woman, believed to be Mrs. Craig.

All the injured in St. Joseph's Hospital were reported to be doing well this morning, with the exception of F. H. White, a druggist, of Ithaca, whose legs are crushed, and who is suffering from shock. He may die.

David Roe, of Ithaca, who was reported fatally hurt, is now expected to recover. He is much better today than he was last night. He has not been informed of the death of his wife and children.

E. Grussel, general superintendent of the Lackawanna road, made the following statement concerning the accident:

THE CAUSE. "Train No. 96 overtook train No. 6 at Dover, and picked up a flagman, who had been sent back by train No. 6. At Lincoln Park, a few miles west of Pateron, train 96 again overtook train 6, and then the flagman who had been picked up was returned to train 6. This fact shows that those in charge of train No. 96 were fully cognizant of the whereabouts of train No. 6. Notwithstanding this knowledge, they seemed to run into Pateron at a careless rate of speed, and to have run into train No. 6, which I heard was at the station dispatching passengers at the time of the collision. Under the circumstances, those in charge of train 96 seemed to be wholly culpable. The crew of this train has been suspended and it is my intention to make a thorough investigation."

Truth From Trenton.

Another Tale of Rheumatic Suffering Which Dodd's Kidney Pills Have Ended.

Vernon Bromley, of Gilbert House, is the Narrator—A Former Distruster of Patent Medicines—Now a Warm Friend of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Trenton, Nov. 23.—Vernon Bromley, the popular clerk in the Gilbert House, of this town, relates a story that cannot fail to be of the greatest possible interest to those suffering from rheumatism in any of its forms, including Sciatica, Lumbago, or Neuralgia.

Mr. Bromley was one of those who directed patients to medicines, and who have a similar distrust should note that Mr. Bromley makes a marked exception of Dodd's Kidney Pills. "I have been a martyr to Rheumatism and Sciatica for years," says Mr. Bromley. "I have always been against any patent medicine until I read unrefutable statements of cures of this dreadful disease. I hesitated, but finally, everything else having failed to relieve me, I got half a dozen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and began to use them. From the second box I commenced to find relief. I have used twelve boxes and am cured. The citizens of Trenton all know what a cripple I was; I could not work or lie down; the pain was so great. I have no objection to allowing this to be published, as I candidly say Dodd's Kidney Pills have made a new man of me. I shall be pleased at all times to correspond with anyone on the subject. Mr. Booth, the druggist, can vouch for the number of boxes."

PRAISE FOR CANADA'S FRUIT

Shipment of Sample Cases Reached London in Excellent Condition.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Prof. Robertson has received a report from Mr. Sampson Morgan, of London, upon some sample cases of fruit recently sent from Canada to England. The fruits sent were apples, pears and peaches. The apples and peaches were in excellent condition. The peaches were not quite perfect, but they were all eatable and of a delicious quality. Mr. Morgan said that he believed there would be a ready sale for these as well as for apples, and that "a big future lies before the Canadian pear trade in the United Kingdom." His report concludes with these words:

"My report will be found most encouraging to those on your side who have taken a great interest in the development of the Canadian fruit industry, though the praise given to the packages and their contents is due to merit and well-deserved. The Canadian fruit-growers are to be congratulated upon having hit the right port, including packing, shipping and distribution dealt with in such an admirable manner by the officials of the department of agriculture at Ottawa. It is my decided opinion that at present the Canadian fruit exports are more efficiently handled than those from any other colony shipping to the United Kingdom, including Tasmania."

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Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 30.—The coal companies of this city announce that, owing to the short supply of anthracite coal, it is necessary to make an advance of from 25 to 50 cents per ton, to take effect on Dec. 1. The advance in most cases will be about 30 cents. An increase of 25 cents will also be made in buckwheat coal.

BOTH SUFFERED FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

Westchester, Pa., Nov. 22.—Joseph Gibbs, aged 22, is dead from hydrophobia, after awful suffering. His wife is afflicted with the same disease. The couple were bitten by a rabid dog about two months ago. Gibbs was sent to New York, where he received the Pasteur treatment.