### **Buller** and Methuen.

Enemy's Position and Two **Great Battles at Hand.** 

Boers Tell of Fifty Prisoner Taken From Methuen But Report Not Confirmed.

Skirmish on Line of Railway **Near Point Since Protected** 

served to be thickly occupied by the

completely destroyed. Two stone piers were blown up last night. The highway

London, Dec. 11.-The bridge over the Tugela is complete, and a general ad-

vance is momentarily expected.

METHUEN EFFLS HIS WAY.

Can Get No Reply From Supposed De Another Boer Position,

Both opened fire with lyddite shells and shrapmel. The Boers replied with a dozen guas, thus unmasking their post tion. After an hour's fighting the Boer guns were silenced. The explosion of Raid on a tion. After an hour's fighting the Boer the lyddite caused the whole ground over an extensive area to rise in the air i dense brown clouds. A Boer long guz

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or and the posi-purgher dropped ees, begging for he deserved for who were sent I and wounded he Boers, under inder a flag of

ordon Highland-up the precipit-Mr. Webb is g, and he was the storm after tes:

e one, and he victory, and yet m fought splencharges. The ten yards of us our men had to under the fire terrible sights, nese things. One the face, knocke charged up to cook their guns, net. The Boers for us to come I saw Ben Vilaptain Schiel. I h dead, and Dr. head. There are R. Krugersdorp, d and wounded, all Irish and Englancers made a l. Some went rayed for mercy, d this, and then vent away. One who let him off. killed and died an of Johannes of Johannes of Johannes of the Johan he replied. "By tof men." He hiel played the

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is undefended or the Boers are unwilling to anmask their position there, as the replies to the British artillery were all from guns at Magersfontein.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.-In the fighting a

Modder River yesterday evening Gen tuned 50 British soldiers SKIRMISH ON THRUINE

London, Dec. 11.-The Daily Tele graph's despatch from Modder River, De cember 5. says:

"A thousand Boers attacked two con panies of the Second Northamptonshire Regiment, who had been left to guard the lines of communication at Enslin. Gen. Methuen despatched the Twelfth Lancers and Scaforth Highlanders, together with the Sixty-Second Field Battery, to their assistance. The enemy withdrew when the reinforcements approached. proached. The cavalry pursued them. The British loss was one killed and six

wounded.

"The first train crossed the temporary bridge over the Modder river on Fri-

THE SORTE PRAISED New York, Dec. 11.-The Herald's London cable says news of the destruc-tion of the Boer guns at Ladysmith has created great enthusiasm, and the fact that the correspondent's account of the fighting reached Frere on Saturday is taken to indicate that the Boer investnent is not so strict as it has been.

and the local guides. A policeman took us round some miles, consequently we were marching from 9:30 p.m. till 4 a.m., and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error into

"The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscaleable hill and wounded lands tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish Fusiliers seized a kopie near by and held on, supported by the Mounted Infantry and

HOW STEYN TELLS IT.

of the country. According to the Da Telegraph, when the war began the were no official maps available at Ca town, and therefore it is possible G Gatacre is still without them.

BERLIN ON GATACRE

Rabble Applaud the Britishers' Mishap But Press Comments Show

Berlin, Dec. 12.-Gen. Gatacre's re

Near Point Since Protected

By Casadians.

By Associated Press.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 11 (Monday)
7 p.m.—The British cavalry recommended to-day abreast of Colenso and exchanged shots with parties of Boers who fell back across the river. The kopjes were observed to be thickly occupied by the

Appland the Lord Mayor in Denuncia tion of the Transvaal War.

Dublin, Daniel Tallon, presided at a meeting of the corporation to-day called to protest against the Transvaal war. The clerk declared that there was no quorum, but the Lord Mayor insisted on making a statement, in which he declared that the war was "wanton and unprovoked aggression, undertaken by Mr. Chamberlain and capitalists against a

Chamberlain and capitalists against a handful of farmers."

He further declared that America was "opposed to this iniquitous war." In the meantime members present shouted "no quorum" and "order" and the tumult in the galleries drowned all the speeches. Finally the Lord Mayor left the chair with the galleries cheering for President Kruger. No attempt was made to adopt the previously prepared resolution

gade Make Brilliant Sortie From Ladysmith.

Boers Again Surprised and Driven Off and the Big

Gun Destroyed. Gallant Party Find Retreat

**Barred but Force Way at** Bayonet's Point.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office pub-the Highlanders was the eastern source of the Boer position, the Guards follow-Buller:

"Despatch from Gen. White, dated December 11, says: Last night Col. Met- the river side. calf and five hundred of the Second Rifle Brigade sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the place without being discovered, drove off the enemy and then destroyed the howitzer

with guncotton. forced his way through, using the bayonet freely. The Boer losses were considerable.

"The British losses were the following: Lt. Ferguson and eleven men killed:

and May Be Now With Methuen.

Methuen Fails in Assault on Boer Trenches-Two Hundred of Black Watch Slain in Few Minutes.

Taken by Surprise When Marching in Close Formation by Murderous Fire From Hidden Enemy Two Hundred Yards Distant.

After Desperate All Day Assault Gordons Make Gallant Charge Over Same Position But Driven Back by Hail of Shrapnel.

### 4............... Methuen Rests in Security at Modder.

London, Dec. 13.—Gen. Forestier-Walker telegraphing from Capetown at 4:30 p.m. sends the following despatch from Gen. Methuen dated Modder River, December 12, 7:30 p.m.:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I

in perfect order here, where I am in security. "I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulance who talked with the Boers that the enemy's losses were ter-

rible, some corps being completely wiped out.

Methuen dated December 12:

"Our artillery shelled a very osition held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from four until dusk on Sunday. It rained hard last night. "The Highland Brigade attacked on

Monday the south end of the kopje. The the British. attack was properly timed, but failed. The Guards were ordered to protect the Howitzer. Highlanders' right and rear.

"The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer and artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the daybreak, and at 1:15 I sent the Gorlons to support the Highland Brigade.

"The troops held their own in front of ne enemy's entrenchments until dusk, emy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire the position extending, including the as the British advanced and it was kopje, for a distance of six miles towards the Modder River.

entrenching myself. I had to face at was thought that Col. Downham fell. least 12,000 men. Our loss was great." The Boers had free recourse to barb

North of Modder River, Monday, Dec. by the artillery fire. 11.-The Guards and the Highland Brigade early last night moved from the Modder River camp, marching in a A detachment of Boers poster among somethick bushes to the east maintained ing the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along

Just before daybreak the Highlanders trenchments at the foot of a hill. Un-British infantry to take the position by suspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity, the British were still marching "When returning, Metcalf found his in quarter column in close order, when and were forced to retreat with heavy loss. The troops reformed under the

shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held the position. Later the Gordons arrived and the troops gradually worked their way to within 300 yards

When the Highlanders met the mur- Guards.

mors of misfortune to members of the cannot afford to be very fastidious at a BOER STRONGHOLD DESCRIBED Ottawa company. Many inquiries reach- critical period like the present."

ported by the Mounted Infantry and Cape Police.

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The Canadians are now at Belmont, December 9, stating that the contour of the kopies and afford a received.

The Globe adds: "It is impossible to say on the strength of this whether the Canadians are now at Belmont or have gone right on to Methuen's main body, private cables being all two or three strooms to recuperate.

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> ment when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank me The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer

trenches and also in the wire entangle

They advanced with the utmost gal-

lantry to the attack close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the Highland Brigade. The enfound physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards but could not get nearer. It

THE PRESS DESCRIPTION. | wire entanglements which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted

northeasterly direction. The objective of a most destructive fire on our right. they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, their rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed. arrived within 200 yards of the Boer en-

assault. At the first advance of the Highlanders the Boers' shooting, probably, owing to retreat barred by the Boers, but he and were forced to retreat with heavy wise the British losses would have been

still heavier.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD. This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held before the the "seemingly astonishing number of

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Col. Otter respecting the movementa of
the Canadian contingent. The general
around this whole from,
The position Lord Metaluen assaulted
to night no word has been received from
the Canadians had been received.

Your correspondent asked the Minister
of Militia if any further steps had been received from
the Canadian contingent. The general

The missing Northumberlands number of the city, as coupled with it were ru
Tam holding Bushmanshook and Cypergat, and am sending the Irish days behind."

BOERS CLEVERLY HIDDEN.

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## A Terrible Surprise.

British Marched Without Misgiving Close to Protected and Concealed Enemy.

With Deadly Effect But Storming Impossible.

Colonial Offers of More Troops Should Now Be Accepted by War Office.

The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called out and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to in-

artillery. The Boers recommenced shelling in the evening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position.

When the Highlanders met the murger of the Coldstream and Capt. Sterling, both of the First battalion of the Coldstream was taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt in Europe. There was never a more apt occasion to prove to Europe what we are worth."

The position Lord Methuen assaulted

kopje and the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire, evidently for fear of our storming and bayonet attack. EXECUTION BY ARTILLERY.

"We raked the kopie and trenches with an intense, well directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they inflicted severe damage.

"The Eoer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among 40 men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction.

Artillery Raked Boer Trenches complete destruction. "The Boers are still in larger force than we found them at Modder River, The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority."

'A TERRIBLE SURPRISE.

London, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing his battle at Magersfontein, in a special despatch to the Daily Mail, says:
"The Boers were entrenched at Mag ersfontein, four miles from Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highland-

ade retired quickly, but soon rallied and retained their positions. This was on the

foe for 15 hours.

At 11 in the morning the Gordon Highcrease the local colonial forces and landers were sent forward. The Boers farther offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Standard, which comments upon The Standard, w

MORE MEN AT ONCE.

frequently mentioned in despatches, and twice contested Midlothian, once against Mr. Gladstone. He was a great favor-

ite in the army. KIMBERLEY TOOK NO PART. London, Dec. 13.—A despatch from Boer sources says that Kimberley re-mained quiet during the battle at Mag-

THE BOER REPORT.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.-An official report "A battle at Modder River began yesterday. Heavy fighting occurred be-tween 3:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., with can-non, Maxims and rifles. A bombard-ment began at 4:30 o'clock and the fight-ing continued.

"A balloon has just arisen above the

British position, where it remained 10 minutes and descended.
"At 9 o'clock this morning a further At 9 o'clock this morning a further report was received from Modder River. A despatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained, and that 41 British prisoners had been taken. At 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had somewhat shated.

## Mafeking In Straits.

Short Rations For Everybody In Prospect of a Pro-

Boer Shelling Continuous and With Increased Effect-

longed Blege.

Fanciful Story From Ladysmith Illustrating Boer Awe of

British Bayonets,

Sorties by Train.

River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute.

Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war has yet "Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade refired quickly, but soon rallied and niece of work, there are no further ad-

Water, however, was still plentiful.
The Boers fear the British bayonets.
This is illustrated in the full accounts STORMBERG IN DETAIL.

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Boers Maintain Their Feeble Attack -Builer Probably Now Advancing on Colenso.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 12.-The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The

heat is terrible. London, Dec. 13 .- A despatch from Frere Camp, dated Tuesday, says: "This morning, a union brigade, under Gen. Barton, advanced without opposition and took up a strong position near Colenso. Gen, Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems to have actually com-menced. The military attaches have left Capetown to join Gen. Buller via Dur-

Gen. White reports, under the date of Tuesday, December 12, that there are 32 cases of enteric fever at Ladysmith.

New York, Dec. 13.—A special from Pietermartisburg to the World, dated yesterday, says one thousand Kaffirs have been sent forward to aid the Brit-ish forces at Frere Camp.