ANOTHER BATTLE.

General Methuen's Relief Column Defeated a Big Boer Force Near Belmont.

The Battle Appears to Have Been a Repetition of the Fight at Elandslaagte.

Enemy Dislodged from Their Position by a Gallant Charge Up Three Ridges-The British Loss is Heavy-Cape Town Preparing to Give the Canadian Contingent a Rousing Reception.

war today, says:

south of Ladysmith.

"Heavy gun firing was heard in the

direction of Estcourt on Saturday and

continuous rifle firing is proceeding

"A small sortie from Ladysmith this

eavy guns fired a number of shells

NEWS FROM ESTCOURT.

ESTCOURT, Natal, Monday, Nov. 20.
The rumors of a glorious victory chieved by Gen. White Wednesday

last are still unconfirmed. Little cred-

when it is added that Gen. White threatened to place many hundred pri-

ports received from the southward say that the Boers are separating into for-aging and pillaging parties, who are

coting stores, stealing cattle and ran-

sacking houses. It is added that one

sacking houses. It is added that one farmer became so incensed that he stalked a party of 160, eventually shooting eight of them. A Boer force occupies a position on the Mooi river, ten miles below the Mooi river station.

DURBAN, Nov. 21.—Communication with Estcourt is interrupted.

JOINED BOER FORCES.

assembly, have joined the Boer force

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 21.—The British

troops re-occupied Naaw Poort on

WAR OFFICE ADVICES.

LONDON, Nov. 22,-Late last even-

ing the war office made public two

despatches from Gen. Buller at Cape Town. The first had been received

from Gen. Clery, dated Monday, Nov. 20, and announced that three privates

were wounded the previous day at

Mooi River. The second was from Col.

Baden-Powell, dated at Mafeking, Nov.

saying:
"All well here. We have had a few

successful sorties. Our loss is two

officers and 17 men killed and four

enemy's loss is heavy. His numbers

are decreasing, but his guns remain

and shell us, keeping out of the range

of our small guns. Have had no news

HEROIC CHARGE.

G. W. Stevens Describes Battle of

Elandslaagte.

LONDON, Nov. 19 .- G. W. Steven

slapgte, which did not begin until near

"Our guns," he says, "moved to a

position toward the right of the Boer

by 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

officers and 29 men wounded.

from the outside since Oct. 20.

ers in conspicuous places should shelling of the town continue. Re-

morning was repulsed. The Transvaal

into the town this afternoon."

LONDON, Nov. 22, 5 a. m .- The an- | presented to the Transvaal council of nouncement from Durban that com-munication with Estcourt is interrupted seems to confirm the belief that a Boer commando has established itself at Willow Grange or near the Mooi river, and has cut the telegraph wires. It is certain that, owing to the heavy work of debarkation and entraining at Durban, the preparations for the adrance of the relief force are in nowise o advanced as had been supposed On the other hand, the celerity with which troops are being pushed forward from Cape Tewn daily tends to show that all such preparations aggregating forage and provisions were already well advanced before the troops ar-

rived in Cape Town.

Gen. Methuen's baggage has arrived at De Aar, addressed to "Lord Methuen, Pretoria, via Cape Town."

The re-occupation of Nasuw Poort s good news for the British.

Col. Royston's despatch from Ladysmith finally disposes of all reports of another great British victory there ast Wednesday. DEFY THE BOERS.

DURBAN, Nov. 21.-The Natal Wit-

Whe German farmers in the Grey-own district have rejected the Boer limatum to swear allegiance or to uit their farms, and have defied the coers to cust them from their home-

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Pietermaritzburg: "An official communication from Ladysmith, dated Nov. 18, says the garrison is maintaining its position. A Boer force is reported to the rear of

Bosion, about a day's ride from here.' CORRESPONDENT ARRESTED. CAPE TOWN, Nov. 21 .- Mr. Collet, the correspondent of the London Daily Mail at Stormberg, while bearing a message from Mr. Schreiner, the Cape premier, to President Steyn of the Orange Free State, with Sir Alfred Milper's sanction, was arrested by the Boers in the mountains and conveyed to Bleemfontein. It is understood that Mr. Schreiner's letter was a protest against the impressment of Brit-

ish subjects in Cape Colony. LADYSMITH ALL RIGHT. DURRAN, Nov. 21.-The governmen has received the following advices from Col. Royston, commandant of the volunteers at Ladysmith, under date

"All the volunteers and police are well and there are plentiful supplies for man and horse. All was quiet yesterday (Wednesday) and the same condition exists this morning. There has been no further bombardment and the effects hitherto have been trifling. We are anxious for news from the south.

FROM BOER HEADQUARTERS. PRETORIA, Nov. 21 (via Lourenzo larques) Monday's report from Col. Joubert's headquarters, which was

"Our batteries bayed again and the Boer guns were silent.

"The attack was to be made on their front and left flank. The Devon Regiment formed for the front attack, and the Manchesters on the right, while the Gordon Highlanders edged to the extreme rightward, with the long boulder-freckled hill above them. The guns flung shrapnel against the valley, while the cavalry were in leash, straining toward the enemy's flank.

the first stabbing drops the horses turned their heads, and no whip or spur could bring them up to it. It drove through the mackintoshes as blotting paper. The air was filled with the hissing.

"Under foot you could see the solid earth melting into mud and the mud flowing away in water. It blotted out

hill, dafe and the enemy in one kits, curtain of swooping water. You would have said that the heavens had opened to drown the wrath of man, and through it the guins still thundered, and the khaki columns pushed dogged and the khaki columns pushed dogged.

ders and began to open out. The sup-ports and reserves followed. Then in a twinkling on the face of the stoneiled hill burst loose that other storm the first line down behind the rocks yard's messenger asking General they were firing fast, and the bullets White for assistance, was captured, came flicking round them. Men stopped causes some uneasiness, but it is arand started, staggered and droppe

THE LINE PUSHED ON. "The line pushed on. A colonel fell, hot in the arm. His regiment pushed

"They came to a rocky ridge, 20 feet high. They clung to cover, firing, then rose and were among the shrill bullets

"A major was left at the bottom the ridge, with his pipe in his mot and a Mauser bullet through his His company pushed on Down agrifice again, an again, and on. "Another ridge won and passed, once more hellish hall of bullets yond. More men were down, more mer. pushed into the firing More death piping bullets than ey. The air was a steve of them. "A major was left at

"Another ridge crowned and another welcoming, whistling gust of perdition.

More men went down, but more were
pushed into the firing line. Half the officers were down. The men puffed and stumbled on another ridge. would this cursed hill ever end.' It was sown with bleeding and death behind, edged with stinging fire before. On, and now it was surely the end. "The staff officers rushed shouting

from the rear, imploring, cajoling, cursing, slamming every man who could move into the line, but it was a line no longer, it was a surging wave DRUNK WITH BATTLE.

The Devons, Gordons, Manchesters and light horse were all mixed. Subalterns were commanding regiments soldiers were yelling advice to their officers, firing their carbines, stumb ling, leaping, killing, falling—all drunk with bathle, shoving through hell to the throats of the enemy, and there beneath our feet was the Boer camp, and the last of the Boers galloping out of it. There also, thank heaven, were the squadrons of the Lancers and the Dragoon Guards, storming in among

them, shouting, spearing and stamping them into the ground. "Cease fire!" It was over. Twelve hours of march, of reconnaisance, of waiting, and of preparation, and half an hour of attack—but half an hour crammed with the life of half a life-

LIEUT. WEBB'S STORY. Lieut. Webb, a well known Johannes burger and a member of the Imperial Light Horse, who shared in the charge over the ridges at Elandslaagte, writes that the battle was a terrible slaughter, too terrible for the victory which has

"Artillery shells," he says, "burst within 10 yards of us, all around, yet some of our men had to sit their horses at attention under the fire for an hour. I saw some horrible sights. One of the Gordon Highlanders got a shell right in the face, knocking his head clean off. We charged to the cannon's mouth, the Gordon Highlanders using the bay-"The Boers were plucky and shouted

to us to come on. They stood firm to the last. The Lancers charged those Some who went on their knees and proyed for mercy were let off. Others did this and then shot our men as they went away. One cur killed a Gordon officer who spared him. "The German officer, Col. Schiel, played the part of a man when badly wounded, by refusing help until our men had been attended to. We killed wounded all their officers. THE RUSE FAILED.

LONDON, Nov. 20 .- The Daily News rrespondent, describing the end of he battle of Elandslaagte, when the Highlanders, the Manchester Reginent and the Light Horse were sweeping to the final charge, says: 'To our astonishment we heard 'cease fire' and 'retire' sounded by the burghers. It was difficult to account for them, but not when we knew that the Boers had learned out bugle calls. In obedience to that sound the Gordon Highlanders were beginning to fall back, when their boy bugler, saying, 'Retire be damned!' rushed forward and blew a

NDON, Nov. 23, 5 a. m.—Although evident that the situation in Natal enriosity felt regarding the disposition of the renforcements recently landed at Durban. The war office despatches are confined to a mere recital of a few casualties at Mooi river, which confirm the reports of skirmishes there, but give no details as to how the engagements happened. The special correspondents are only permitted to describe Major-General Barton's camp at Mooi river vaguely as "large" of

announced from there that no anxiety prevails, the garrison numbering a thousand men, with six guas.

Gen. Joubert's plan, apparently, is a daring attempt to defeat the British court, while, if it failed, the enemy join the investing forces around Lady-

been strong enough to out he would some time ago have been ordered to retire on Pietermaritzburg.

FROM TODAY'S LONDON PAPERS LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Daily Mail

says this morning:
"We are able to confirm the report
that orders have been issued to mobilize a sixth division at Aldershot for e in South Africa or wherever

ily Mail publishes a despatch nuw Poort, dated Wednesday, ye that a large force under

escape from the Mooi river district yes-terday before the arrival of six thou-

sand Boers, who are looting the farmsteads in all directions. "The main body of the Boers made a rapid march from Ulundi, southwes of Estcourt, to a point near Fort Nottingham, south of the railway, in

single day. They are within 40 miles of Pietermaritzburg at the farthest, and it is said that they intend to attack the town." ATTACK ON MOOI RIVER CAMP. DURBAN, Nov. 21.-The Boers open

ed fire with antillery on Mooi river camp from the north, but without asualties to the British. MOOI RIVER, Natal, Nov. 22, 8 p.

m.—The British fired several shells which are believed to have caused havoc among the Boers, the latter taking advantage of the heavy rain and
netiring. The Boer shells were apparently aimed at the bridge. It was a
surprise attack, but had been fully
guarded against. The British had DURBAN, Nov. 22.-About 3,000 Free

State Boers with guns are marching rom the west by way of Fort Not-

JOUBERT'S COMMAND. DURBAN, Nov. 22, 10 p. m.—Owing to the proximity of the Boers to Pie-termaritzburg it has been necessary to alter the defences of Durban. Estcourt is still silent. All account conclusively to a determined ush of the Boers toward Pietermaritzburg with a very large force. 25 miles from Howick. They are said to be under the personal command of

General Joubert.

Today's engagement at Mooi river found the British almost constantly According to this account, the British troops prepared with the utmost promptitude and advanced under cover wherever possible. The British artillery was in position behind the hotel where General Barton and his staff were being accommodated. The

Devonshire regiment and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers occupied the trenches. Prince Christian Victor has been appointed to the staff of Captain Percy Scott, the Durban commandant. THE BOER SIDE. PRETORIA, Tuesday, Nov. 21.-The official returns of the Transvaal casu-

alties since the outbreak of the war show 90 men have been killed and 200 wounded, of whom a number have reovered and returned to the front. Newspaper reports from Cape Colony say a general rising of the Dutch farmers is imminent in Natal, and that the colonial Boers in those dis-

tricts which have been proclaimed re-

publican have already joined the Boer

AROUND LADYSMITH.

PRETORIA, Nov. 21.-The following lespatch has been received from the Boer headquarters near Ladysmith:
"The field cornets of the Pretoria ommando reported that British gun heard moving last night in Ladysmith. Our outposts observed the Brit-

our Maxims opened fire. The range was too great, and therefore our artillery began shelling, which drove the British back. About daybreak the British batteries fired upon our positions. Two Burghers were wounded.

"It is supposed that the object of the sorties was to relieve the Estcourt

Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg

river."
It is also reported that the Boer commander with the forces near Ladysmith has "comprehensively surveyed the different points from which the FIGHTING AT MAPEKING.

Gen. Snyman, who is outside Mafe-king, reports heavy fighting Monday afternoon. The British briskly fired on the French cannon and Boer forts. The Boers replied, bombarding the British forts with good effect. The oss of the British is unknown: Boer was wounded.

BOERS SURPRISED AT BRITISH

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 14.-A batch of laagte arrived today by the steamer Putiala. Many of the men were wound ed. The most serious cases, numbering a dozen, were landed and despatched to the camp hospital at Wynberg. Others were taken to Simonstown to join their comrades on board the Pene-

ed, including Commandant Pretorious, who was shot through both legs, and hree members of the Johannesburg letective force who were enrolled in his commando. With trifling excepion the Boers had no conception of the ousiness they undertook. In their own words, "We expected to meet boys, but we were vanguished by men."

A majority of the Free State Boers, indeed, looked upon the affair as a pleasant picnic through Natal with peace terms to be dictated by Joubert from Pietermaritzburg with British

All the prisoners to whom I spoke extolled the bravery of the British forces at Elandshagte.

An instance of the secrecy maintained regarding the movements of the re-inforcements is reported from Port Cape Town Proviously they were rigidly excluded from the wharves.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. LONDON, Nov. 22.—Sir Charles Dilke, M. P. for Forest of Dean division of Gloucestershire, speaking at

Chelsea this evening said: "When the British forces enter Bloemfontein some declaration regarding the future will have to be made. If the neace to be effected is one in Cape Colony can concur the Free State government will abandon the violent element in the Transvaal

South Africa as Canada has been paci-fied, must be a settlement in which the constitutional position of Cape Colony and Natal must play the leading part. The big guns and forts must be got

LONDON, Nov. -24, 5 a. m.-Before anxiety as to the situation in Natal has been relieved, there comes news of great battle at Belmont. This has pened sooner than was expected: out so far as can be gathered, the lighting appears to have been almost a repetition of the battle of Elandslaagte. A despatch of the previous day estimated that the Boers in that vicinity numbered 2,000, and that they had five runs, and judging from the absence of any statement to the contrary the official despatch, it is believed that the British were slightly superior in abers to the enemy.

The Boers had chosen a position with their customary skill and were strong-Apparently the guards bore the brunt in carrying the last ridge by a bayonet charge, after its defenders had been shaken with shrapnel. Nothing is said as to whether

CARRIED THE RIDGES.

sitions so gained were held, and the licate that the contrary was the case. While General Methuen can be conratulated upon a brilliant victory, s again at a cost of a heavy loss of of-The diary of events at Mafeking up Nov. 15 has arrived. It gives little

that is new. At that date Col. Baden-

Pills never CURE chronic Constipation



been heard in the direction of Willow Grange, leading to a belief that Gen. Hilyard had made a sortie. Later de-

credence to enther report. What is quite certain is that Ladysmith, Est-court and Moof River station are all isolated, and the Boers seem able, after detaching enough troops to hold three British forces aggregating 17,000 men, to push on rowards Pittermaritz-

the outset of the war, instead of sit-ting down before Ladysmith, pushed

Gen. Gatacre's report that Dutch are rising increases public askiety; as it tends to confirm rumors that have long been current. A special destatch from Durban asnounces that more big naval gurs were landed Wednesday and hurried to the front. Prince Christian Victor left Moof River camp before it was invested, bearing despatches to Pietermaritation.

ments until two days later to been only within the past few days that the public have been allowed to witness the debarkation of troops at witness the debarkation of troops at here are allowed to witness the debarkation of troops at here are allowed to witness the debarkation of troops at here are allowed to witness the debarkation of troops at here are allowed to here allowed to here.

BATTELE CONTROL ORANGE RIVER. Nov. 23.— The Hon. Mr. Loran a mem ber of the Cape Hon. Mr. Liogana mem ber of the Cape Colony legislative count, returned from Belmont, ish troops engaged the of Belmont their artille ry practice being splendid. The British infantry carried the kopies with the bayonet and drove the Boers from

LONDON, Nov. 23.— The secretary of war has received the following from General Forestier-Walker, from Gen. Methuen, dated Belmon t, Nov. 25:

"Attacked the enemy at daybreak this morning. He was in strong position. Three ridges were carried in succession; the last attack being prepared by shrapnel. Infantry behaved splendidly. The enemy fought with courage and skill. Had I attacked! ater I should have had far heavier

"Our victory was contacted a forty prisoners. Am burying a good number of the Boers, but the a good number of the enemy's killed and a good number of the Boers, but the greater part of the enemy's killed and wounded were removed by their comrades. Have captured a large number of horses and cows, and destroyed a large quantity of ammunition." KILLED AND WOUNDED. LONDON, Nov. 23.—Brig. Gen. Feth

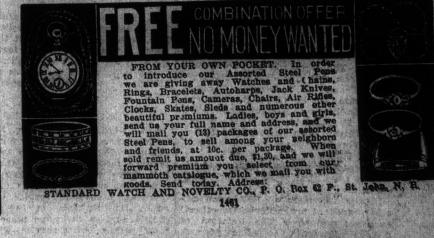
erstonhaugh was severely wounded in the shoulder, and Lieut. Col. Crabbe, of the Grenadier Guards, is reported wounded. Our other casualties, are Killed; Lieut. Fryer; wounded, Lieut.

Blundell, dangerously, Grenadier Guards, 2nd battaliom— Wounded, Lieut. Leslie, Lieut. Vaugh-un, Lieut. Gurdon-Rebow and Lieut. Reported wounded, Lieut. Ligon and

Meut. Cameron.

Grenadier Guards—Rank and file:
Killed, 26; wounded, 36; missing, 13.

Coldstream Guards, 1st battalion—
Wounded, Lieut. Grant; 2nd battalion,
wounded, Lieut. the How. C. Willoughby and Lieut. Burton, the lat-ter severely; rank and file, killed, 8; Scots Guards, 1st



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