

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.

LONDON, Nov. 25, 5 a. m.—The announcement from Durban that communication with Estcourt is interrupted...

presented to the Transvaal council of war today, says: "Heavy gun firing was heard in the direction of Estcourt on Saturday and continuous rifle firing is proceeding south of Ladysmith."

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NEWS FROM ESTCOURT. ESTCOURT, Natal, Monday, Nov. 20.—The rumors of a glorious victory achieved by Gen. White Wednesday last are still unconfirmed. Little credence is attached to them, especially when it is added that Gen. White threatened to place many hundred prisoners in conspicuous places should the shelling of the town continue.

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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 Briston, about a day's ride from here."

WAR OFFICE ADVICES. LONDON, Nov. 22.—Late last evening the war office made public two despatches from Gen. Buller at Cape Town. The first had been received from Gen. Cilliers, dated Monday, Nov. 20, and announced that three privates were wounded the previous day at the Mooi River. The second was from Col. Baden-Powell, dated at Mafeking, Nov. 6, saying: "All well here. We have had a few successful sorties. Our loss is two officers and 17 men killed and four wounded. The Boer 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 from the outside since Oct. 20."

CORRESPONDENT ARRESTED. CAPE TOWN, Nov. 21.—Mr. Collet, the correspondent of the London Daily Mail at Stornberg, while bearing a message from Mr. Schreiner, the Cape premier, to President Steyn of the Orange Free State, with Sir Alfred Milner's sanction, was arrested by the Boers in the mountains and conveyed to Bloemfontein. It is understood that Mr. Schreiner's letter was a protest against the imprisonment of British subjects in Cape Colony.

HEROIC CHARGE. G. W. Stevens Describes Battle of Elandslaagte. LONDON, Nov. 18.—G. W. Stevens, one of the South African war correspondents, sends the following vivid account of the strange battle at Elandslaagte, which did not begin until nearly 5 o'clock in the afternoon. "Our guns," he says, "moved to a position toward the right of the Boer guns, which opened fire, but the German gunners knew their business, and their third or fourth shell pitched into a wagon with a team of eight horses. It was full of shells. We held our breath for an explosion, but when the smoke cleared only the rear wheel was on his side and the wagon was still whole. "Our batteries bayed again and the Boer guns were silenced. "The attack was to be made on their front and left flank. The Devon Regiment formed for the front attack, and the Manchester on the right, while the Gordon Highlanders edged to the extreme rightward with the long double-freighted hill above them. The guns dug shrapnel against the valley, while the cavalry were in line, straining toward the enemy's flank. "The Boers were plucky and shouted to us to come on. They stood firm to the last. The Lancers charged those who ran. Some who went on their knees and prayed for mercy were let off. Others did this and then shot our men as they went away. One our killed a Gordon officer, Col. Schiel, played the part of a man when badly wounded, by refusing help until our men had been attended to. We killed or wounded all their officers.

LADYSMITH ALL RIGHT. DURBAN, Nov. 21.—The government has received the following advices from Col. Royston, commandant of the volunteers at Ladysmith, under date of Nov. 18: "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."

THE RUSE FAILED. LONDON, Nov. 20.—The Daily News continues describing the end of the battle of Elandslaagte, when the Highlanders, the Manchester Regiment and the Light Horse were sweeping to the final charge, says: "To our astonishment we heard 'come 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 charged and some horsemen had been heard moving last night in Ladysmith. Our outposts observed the Brit-

ish endeavoring to sortie toward Lombard's Kop and Bulwama Hill, where 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 sortie was to relieve the Estcourt force, which sent an urgent message to Ladysmith requesting aid. The burghers captured the messenger, but finally allowed him to proceed. "GEN. JOUBERT'S LATEST. In his latest report Gen. Joubert says: "I am cutting off the retreat of the Estcourt troops by attacking the Boer river."

One correspondent says that 7,000 Boers are within 25 miles of Howick Falls, near Pietermaritzburg, and that the inhabitants are fleeing to the eastward. "The Boer force near Pietermaritzburg. Evidently a considerable force of the enemy is now within 30 or 40 miles of Pietermaritzburg. It is officially announced from there that no anxiety prevailed, the garrison numbering a thousand men, with six guns. Gen. Joubert's plan, apparently, is a daring attempt to defeat the British relieving column from Durban in detail, while attempting the reduction of Ladysmith. A serious attack on Mooi river camp is hourly expected, with the object of destroying the bridge at Weston. Should this be accomplished, the Boers would be free to turn their attention again to Pietermaritzburg, while the enemy would retire again on Weenan and rejoin the investing force around Ladysmith. "The Boer report that General Hildyard's messenger, asking General White for assistance, was captured, causes some uneasiness, but it is argued that if General Hildyard had not been strong enough to meet them, he would some time ago have been ordered to retire on Pietermaritzburg. Therefore small credence is given the story.

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Powell had no idea of being relieved for a fortnight, or perhaps for a month. Both Mafeking and Kimberley, however, seem to be quiet. FIGHTING AT ARUNDEL. Later details regarding the Arundel reconnaissance say that the Boers there were engaged in destroying the railway. One account says that after the retirement an ambulance train with doctors was sent out from Naauwpoort. If this were so, the British casualties must have exceeded three. "The situation in Natal remains obscure. Fighting is reported at both Estcourt and Ladysmith. It was at first reported that heavy fighting had been heard in the direction of Willow Grange, leading to a belief that Gen. Hildyard had made a sortie. Later despatches announce that Gen. White sortied from Ladysmith and inflicted a demoralizing defeat upon the Boers. "BOERS PUSHING ON. It would be premature to give full credence to either report. What is quite certain is that Ladysmith, Estcourt and Mooi river station are all isolated, and the Boers seem able, after defeating enough troops to hold three British forces aggregating 17,000 men, to push on towards Pietermaritzburg, with some 7,000 men. "A disquieting feature of the whole campaign is the fact that all the advancing British generals request meetings of the Boers in force. In view of the brilliant success of Gen. Joubert in partially paralyzing the relieving columns, the question is being asked, what would have happened had the chief-outpost of the war, instead of sitting down before Ladysmith, pushed on to Pietermaritzburg? "NAVAL GUNS BEING LANDED. Gen. Gatacre's report that the Dutch are raising increases public anxiety, as it tends to confirm rumors that have long been current. A special dispatch from Durban announced that more big naval guns were landed Wednesday and hurried to the front. Prince Christian Victor left Mooi river camp before it was invested, bearing despatches to Pietermaritzburg. "Late last evening it was ascertained that the sixth division, now in process of mobilization, will actually be required for active service. Some of the yeomanry regiments have been warned for mobilization, owing to the security of cavalry in Africa. It is also reported that another brigade of horse artillery will be mobilized. "BATHURST BEING INVESTED. ORANGE RIVER, Nov. 22.—The Hon. Mr. Logan, member of the Cape Colony legislative council, who has just returned from Belmont, says the British troops engaged the Boers this side of Belmont, their artillery practice being splendid. The British infantry carried the kopjes with the point of the bayonet and drove the Boers from their positions. "LONDON, Nov. 23.—The secretary of war has received the following from General Forester-Walker, from Gen. Methuen, dated Belmont, Nov. 23: "Attacked the enemy at daybreak this morning. He was in strong position. Three ridges were carried in succession, the last attack being preceded by shrapnel. Infantry behaved splendidly. The enemy fought with courage and skill. Had I attacked later I should have had far heavier losses. "Our victory was complete. Have taken forty prisoners. An burying 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. Fotheringham was severely wounded in the shoulder, and Lieut. Col. Crabbe, of the Grenadier Guards, is reported wounded. Our other casualties are the following: Grenadier Guards, 3rd battalion—Killed, Lieut. Fryer; wounded, Lieut. Blundell, dangerously. Grenadier Guards, 2nd battalion—Wounded, Lieut. Lewis, Lieut. Vaughan, Lieut. Gordon-Rebow and Lieut. Russell. Reported wounded, Lieut. Lyon and Lieut. Cameron. Grenadier Guards—Rank and file: Killed, 25; wounded, 36; missing, 18. Coldstream Guards, 1st battalion—Wounded, Lieut. Grant; 2nd battalion—Wounded, Lieut. the Hon. C. Willoughby and Lieut. Burton, the latter severely; rank and file, killed, 8; wounded, 23; missing, 5. Scots Guards, 1st battalion—

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