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ANOTHER REVERSE.

An Armored Train from Estcourt Derailed by the Boer Artillery.

Lost and Missing Estimated to be About Ninety of the Durban and Dublin Fusiliers.

Gen. White Reported to be Doing Well at Ladysmith-More Transports Arrive-Rumor of Gen. Joubert's Death is Discredited.

is no additional news regarding the General Buller is said to have replied progress of histilities in South Africa | that the British were entitled to retain this morning, except a despatch from the man until he has made a satisfac-Mafeking, forwarded by a runner, dated Oct. 31, which says that during the afternoon Gen. Cronie, the Boer commander, sent an envoy to Col. Powell, under a flag of truce, to declare that he did not consider the from their previous correct attitude Geneva convention authorized the flag of the Red Cross Society to fly from Nevertheless, the sensational afterseveral buildings at once in the town, and that in his opinion the employment of natives against whites and the use of dynamite mines were both opposed to the rules of war.

Col. Powell replied that the Geneva convention did not stipulate as to the number of Red Cross stations rermissible, and that the Boers were only required to respect the convent, the hospital and the women's laager, all of which were beyond the town limits. The British commander also pointed out that the mines were recognized adjuncts of civilized warfare and that the defenses of Pretoria were extensively mined. Moreover, he remin ded Gen. Cronje that the Boers had fired upon natives, burned their kraals and raided their cattle, and that the natives only defended their lives and

SHELLED THE HOSPITAL Despite there warnings from Col. the hospital and the women's laager. The sending of the Boer envoy was regarded, the despatch says, as a mere pretext for penetrating the Britth lines at Mafeking. According to latest reports the town is confi-lent of its ability to hold out until the nd of the campaign. So far as Kimberley 18 concern

the mental con on of the British there may be judged from the fact that three weddings have taken place there since the siege began, the last having been celebrated on Nov. 8th.

A BOER THREAT.

LONDON, Nov. 14 .- A special despatch from Cape Town, dated Friday, November 10, says that Secretary Reitz has demanded that General White immediately release the supposed spy, Nathan Marks, who was confined in Ladysmith, coupling his demand with a threat to execute six British officers. General Buller replied, according to a special despatch, that he was entitled to retain the man until he should render a satisfactory account of himself. LONDON, Nov. 14. - Nothing

known either at the war office or the colonial office here regarding the alleged official statement cabled from Cape Town saying State Secretary Reitz, on behalf of the Transvaal government, has demanded that General White immediately release Nathan Marks, a supposed spy, who is confin ed at Ladysmith, adding that President Kruger threatens, if Marks is executed, to retaliate by shooting six British officers in the hands of the Boers. It is further asserted from Cape Town that Marks entered Ladysmith after the investment of that place, with the supposed object of obtaining information for the Boers, and one version of the story is that the Transvaal authorities have threatened to execute six British officers if the

LONDON, Nov. 15 (4.30 a.m.)—There | supposed spy is not released, to which

tory account. Both stories, it is asserted, bear the imprint of improbability, as there is no reason to believe the Boers would be guilty of such a complete change and manner of conducting hostilities. roon papers here are already demanding that President Kruger and all the members of the executive council be ruthlessly hanged, as the only fitting reprisal in the event of Secretary Reitz's threat being carried out.

TROOPSHIPS ARRIVE. It was officially announced this afternoon that the troopship Britannic has arrived at Cape Town, and that the troopships Lismore Castle and Yorkshire have arrived at Durban. It is also officially announced that the troopship Oriental, which left London October 20, had sailed from Cape Town for Durban, and that the Donald Curline steamer Carisbrook Castle, which sailed from London October 27 with the cavalry brigade and naval reinforcements on board, had arrived

THE MAJESTIC CHARTERED. LONDON, Nov. 14.-The admiranty has chartered the White Star line steamer Majestic to convey troops to South Africa immediately after she returns from her present trip to New York. The Majestic sailed from Liverpool November 8 and Queenstown November 9, and is due to arrive in

LORD SALISBURY PROTESTS. has written to the newspapers, protesting against Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice's misquotation from his recent speech at the Guildhall banquet, and egain declaring that he does not wish to discuss "arrangements which, under conditions that are yet in the future, the government may think desir-

The letter refers to the phrase "We do not seek gold fields or territory," and is intended as a disavowal of the Daily Chronicle's interpretation that the government does not intend to annex the Transvaal.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ST. LEONARD'S STATICN, Nov. '99.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir-Would you kindly state in next ssue how many men there are in a regiment; also how many in a battalion, company and a brigade? By so doing you would oblige a number of the Sun's readers. Yours, etc. D.

ANSWER ANSWER.

A company's ordinary strength is 100, but at war the strength is increased to 125. When a battalion is not liable to be sent abroad for some time, the strength of a company is very often much below 100. There are eight companies in a battalion, each commanded by a captain, except the two senior officers, who are majors. Each company has also a lieutenant and 2nd lieutenant, four sergeants and four or more corporals. Eight companies constitute a battalion, commanded by a lieutenant colonel, with one major as second in command.

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it was intended that one battal on "hould be on foreign service and the ort er at or near the depot in Great Britain, but this scheme could not be carried out, and in many cases both battalions are at oad. The Rifle Brigade and the King's Royal Rifles each have four battalions of regular soldiers; the other regiments only two, but in addition every regiment has two or a lore militia Battalions, and two or more was interest battalions. Those wear almost the san le uniform and officers from one of the regular battalions act as adjutants and instructors. A battalion on a war strength therefore consists of 1,000 men, but the battalions now on the way to South Africa number 1,112, of which 93 are left at the base.

Four battalions constitute a brigade under command of a major general, with a staff of 24. A division is two brigades, with cavalry, artillery, engineers, ctc., in addition.

A battery of Royal Horse Artillery is 186

interesting, and in fact the only news to stop their artillery for fear of hit of the war now comes from the westcuriosity is evinced as to who may be directing and as to what is still to be

Nevertheless, both at Mafeking and Kimberley, conditions seem altogether favorable. So far as Natal is concerned, the Britisher must possess his soul in patience and trust to General

LANGUID BOMBARDMENT. Belated despatches from Ladysmith, dated Nov. 7, tell of a languid bombardment and of a native rumor that the Basutos are on the war path, which is supposed, according to one correspondent, to have had the effect of inducing some of the Orange Free State troops to abandon the slege and to return to their own territory, and also to be accountable for the slack-ness of the attempts on the Ladvandar and reading to the British as it should be accountable for the slack-ness of the attempts on the Ladvandar and reading to the British as it should be accountable for the slack-ness of the attempts on the Ladvandar and reading to the British as it should be accountable for the slack-ness of the attempts on the Ladvandar and the effect of the fighting at Mafeking received by way of the engagement of Oct. 25, already reported. defences. Another correspondent says it is reported that in the attack on the Free State forces at Dewdrop the Boers had 300 killed and wounded. If the reports that the Free State burghers are tired of the affair and are going home should prove true, the fact would be most important, as their reirement would probably compel Gen. foubert to withdraw northward.

ADVANCE FROM DURBAN. The statement that the Books are entrenched so closely to Ladysmith is held in some quarters to indicate that they are running short of ammunition for guns. All Gen. Buller's arrangements for the advance from Durban, it is rumored, are practically completlary details, but it is not likely that these will be published. The whereabouts of Gen. Buller is not publicly known, but he is believed to be up country somewhere.

Col. Plumer, it is thought, has aban. doned the attempt to relieve Mafeking. SITUATION AT LADYSMITH.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 15.-A despatch received here from Pretoria under date of Nov. 9 says the reports received there from Ladysmith said heavy rannonading started at daybreak, that some of the Boer forces were within 1,500 yards of the British, when the cannonading ceased and rifle fire commenced. The Pretoria despatch also announced that all was quiet at Mafeking and Kimberley.

A MAGNIFICENT CHARGE. An undated despatch from Mafe-king, received by runner via Magalapye, Nov. 8, says: "Today all is quiet. We have been bombarded pretty heavily all week. Friday night Capt. Fitzclarence and Lieut. Swinburn, with D squadron of the protectorate regiment, made a magnificent bayonet charge upon the Boer entrenchment, driving them from their positions and bayoneting numbers of the Boers, who must have lost very heavily. The charge was most gallant and determined. The party could not hold the trenches, and lost six killed, two prisoners and nine wounded in their retirement! We expect a general attack tomorrow. The bombardment has been most ineffectual. Everyone remains under shell-proof cover. So far the shells have only wounded one man. The enemy are using one 94-pound howitzer and seven other guns from 7 to 14 pounders. The town is most cheerful and determined to resist attack to the utmost. The Boers are entrenched on every side in great numbers, and are pushing gradually closer and closer to the town fortifications. We are well off for provisions and water, though very tired dodging shells and fighting. Quite on civilized lines, Gen. Cronje has always given due notice of a bombardment and allowed an ambulance Darty two hours on Saturday to recover bodies of six dead in the vicinity of the Boer trenches. On Friday night Jan Botha, the well-known Boer commandant, told a man with the ambulance party their loss had been heavy and that his heart was very sore. The wounded include Capt. Fitzclarence and Lieut. Swinburn, both slightly. In a skirmish at the outposts yesterday one trooper was killed and nine were

English. Belgian and American single and double barrel breech LONDON COMMENTS. LONDON, Nev. 15 .- If the news contained in the Pretoria despatches of Nov. 9, by way of Cape Town Friday, Nov. 10, is correct, and there is every reason to believe, it is accurate, as the Boer despatches have almost invariably hitherto rendered fairly accurate X. L. and Automatic Revolvers, Gun Implements, Deceys, Game Bags, Cartridge Belts, Dog Collars, Game Traps, Etc. Cartridge Cases Filled to Order with Hazard's Celebrated vders. We like to show Goods. accounts, it is claimed here that it Ladysmith was pending when Gen. Joubert's report was sent off. Attention was called to the fact that the date, Nov. 9, is assumed to be the date of Gen. White's last pigeon post message announcing a renewal of the bombardment, since which nothing has been received except rumors from Estcourt that the bombardment was sus- Joubert is discredited. It is under-

pended Nov. 10. It is claimed that if the Boers got their forces within 1,500 rards of the British position is shows they fully realized the necessity of utilizing the brief interval before the arrival of the British reinforcements to make a determined attempt to storm Gen. White's position. To successfully advance so close to Ladysmith, it is pointed out, the Boers must have been most active in entrench-

ing, and the nearness of the besieging dires, it is added, indicates their readiess for the assault, which there has en a disposition in military circles believe the Boers were not willing to undertake. It must, however, have been patent to Gen. Joubert that Ladycavalry, artillery, engineers, etc., in addition.

A battery of Royal Horse Artillery is 186 officers and men, and a battery of Royal Field Artillery, 175.

Each soldler carries 100 rounds of ammunition cartes and by mules accompanying the battalion, with 182 rounds more in reserve, making a total of 309 rounds per rifle on first taking the field.

As to cavalry, 80 officers and men constitute a squadron, 3 or 4 squadrons a regiment; 2 or 3 regiments a brigade, and 2 brigades a division.

ern frontier, the accounts of Col. further has been heard from this Baden-Powell's brilliant exploits at rovement is regarded here as an in-Marking formed quite lively and en-couraging reading. Trench work is quite novel in Boer tactics, and some was indecisive; otherwise, it is claimed, something further would have leak d out before now

A PARIS RUMOR. A Paris paper this morning gleefully announces the fall and capture of Ladysmith, but reports from this source no longer cause a ripple of exettement. Nevertheless there will be considerable anxiety here until the war office or some independent version of the latest developments at

A private message from Mafeking reports that all was well there on Menday, Nov. 6. The details of the the garrison was cheerful, well pro-visioned and confident.

BASUTO FEUD. The possible revolt of the Basuto chief Joel, who, it has been announced may join the Boers, is attributed to tribal jealousy. There has been a long feud between the half brothers Jonathan and Joel, the latter refusing to recognize his brother's nomination as chief. Joel therefore took an anti-British side against Jonathan in 1889 and committed most hideous atrocities. If he joins the Boers, it is prophesied, Chiefs Lerotnedi, Jonathan and others are liable to make short

work of the recalcitrants. AT BULUWAYO AND FORT TULL ed, and news of it may be expected in a few days. The war office has received several despatches dealing with day, Nov. 3, say, an atmored train where a culvert was found damaged. The Basuto police, the despatch adds, reports that a party of Boers have been looting and damaging proporty.

A Fort Tuli despatch under date of Friday, Nov. 3, says "There is great activity in the Boer camp south of here. A reconneitering party sent along the line heard heavy firing in the distance. The party returned to Colonel Spreckley's camp, on force. It was shelled at midday, stampeding every horse and mule, but not touching a man. 'The Boers number 400.

"An officer and five troopers are missing from Spreckley's force, which has been out some days reconnoitering the enemy's force, and which had several skirmishes on returning to Fort Tuli."

MORE REINFORCEMENTS. LONDON, Nov. 15 .- The troopship Hawarden Castle, with the second battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, has arrived at Durban, bringing the number of reinforcements that have landed there up to 5,227. Five other troopships are now en route from Cape Town to Durban.

The total reinforcements that have arrived in South Africa since Friday are 19,000 men, chiefly infantry, nearly 13,000 horses and mules, three batteries of field artillery and a number of Maxim guns.

The fact that the Britannic proceeded for East Durban is taken to mean that Gen. Buller is satisfied that the troops which have already landed is sufficient for the relief of Ladysmith.

NOT INSPIRED. LONDON, Nov. 15. - Cardinal Vaughan's letter to the pope, pointing out the evil effect which attacks upon England appearing in the vatican organs are having upon British opinion has already borne fruit. This evening the Observatore Romano publishes a paragraph declaring that it is the official organ of the holy see in announcements of fact only and that its comments uron the war in South Africa are not inspired by the vatican. It says that the holy see will not take the side of either party in the hostili-

LONDON, Nov. 17, 5 a. m.-Misfortune steadfastly pursues. British employment of armored trains, the fascination for which has given the Boers their first and latest victories. On this last occasion the British seem to have walked into a deliberate trap, with the result that, according to the best accounts, ninety men are either killed, wounded or missing. It is believed that few escaped and the others are prisoners in the hands of the Boers. Many of the wounded were brought back on the locomotive and tender of the armored train. Captain Haldane of the Gordon Highlanders was atimplies that a general assault on tached to the Fusikiers, and other officers were with them. In time of trouble Lieut. Winston Churchill has proved himself more a soldier than a correspondent, and his gallantry is highly praised on all sides

REPORT DISCREDITED. The rumor of the death of General



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he is still directing affairs. It is also rumored from Pietermaritzburg that the Boer losses at Ladysmith on Thursday were heavy, and included General Lucas Meyer, who was either killed or wounded.

correspondent of the London Outlook, rumors are current in the Natal capital that the Boers contemplate a retreat. It is needless, however, to attach importance to such reports, which are spread in all probability with a view of luring Gen. White, if possible, to abandon his defensive attitude.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

LOURENZO MARQUES, Delagra, Bay, Nov. 16.—A local newspaper reports that Ladysmith was subjected to a very heavy bombardment all day Tuesday, and that at midnight all the cannon on the hills surrounding the town opened fire simultaneously, pouring shells from all points of the compass. Several buildings are afire, the newspaper asserts, and could be dislinetly seen from Bulna HIII.

ESTCOURT ADVICES. LONDON, Nov. 16.—Special des patches from Estcourt estimate the wounded and missing of the armored train contingent at from 100 to 150. The missing include Captain Haldane It is hoped that some escaped over the veldt and will return to Estcourt in a few days.

LONDON, Nov. 16.-A despatch from Pietermaritzburg says a letter has been received there from Lloyd, commissioner of agriculture, dated Ladysmith, Nov. 8, asserting that all vas well, that the bombardment con-BULUWAYO AND FORT TULI. tinued daily but without damage and that the residents occupied caves duratch from Buluwayo, dated Fring the daytime.

> who arrived here yesterday Ladysmith, reports that a big from Ladysmith, reports that a big fight took place there on Friday, Nov. 10. He says that the volunteers went out in the early morning and drew the enemy from their positions on to a flat. where the regular troops, under Sir Geo. White, outmanoeuvred them by outflanking the Boers, administering a crushing defeat and inflicting great

More than 200 Kaffirs, the missionwhich the enemy was advancing in ary says, were employed by the Boers to bury their dead, and two trains carried away the wounded.

> TRANSPORTS ARRIVE. LONDON, Nov. 16.-The transport Johawk, having the Twelfth Lancers on board, has arrived at Cape Town. The transport Armenian, with three batteries of artillery, has reached

> LONDON, Nov. 16.-According to special despatch from Durban, Natal, a British cruiser has again fired on a vessel entering Delagoa Bay and refusing to reply to signals. Two blank and one round shot were fired before she have to. The vessel was then boarded, her papers were examined, and she was allowed to proceed.

LONDON, Nov. 17.-The Cape Town orrespondent of the Standard says he has heard from an old resident, who has just left the Orange Free State, that the war is very unpopular there; that apart from the government officials the attitude of the people, who consider themselves bound to England, is very nalf-hearted; that disaffection and disobedience are spreading in the ranks of the Free State troops, and that the Burghers would welcome any pretext to eturn to their homes.

LONDON, Nov. 17 .- According to the Bombay correspondent of the Daily Mail a small Russian warship passed Aden yesterday (Thursday), bound for the Persian Gulf, and the British third-class cruiser Pomone has been ordered to proceed thither.

ESTCOURT, Natal, Nov. 15, Wednesday.-An armored train, having on board a half company of the Durban volunteers and a half company of the Dublin Fusiliers, steamed to Chiveley early this morning. On its return it was shelled by artillery of the Boers, placed in four positions. Two trucks in front of the engine left the rails, toppling over. While the train was thus helpless, the Durbans and Dublins faced the Boers in skirmishing order. and the Boers poured shot and shell into the orippled train. The deraile

stood that the war office has news that | wagons were with great difficulty removed, and the line was cleared when the engine and tender steamed back. During this juncture Lieut. Winston Churchill of the 4th Hussars, newspaper correspondent of the London Morning Post and New York World, and According to the Pietermaritzburg grandson of the late Leonard Jerome of New York, displayed much courage, as also did the driver and fireman. It is feared the Durbans and Dublins fared badly. A Red Cross party has gone out.

ESTCOURT, Nov. 16.—Seven of the Durbans have just come in, making 23 missing. Only 15 of the Dublins have

The naval seven-pounder, which was in front of the truck, had fired three shots when it was shattered by the Boer artillery. The armored engine has many bullet marks and its dome cover is smashed, as also is its autonatic exhaust pipe and 25 ton screw tack. The tender is also pitted with bullet marks. It is rumored that Lieut. Churchill is a prisoner.

DURBAN, Natal, Nov. 16.—The Natal Advertiser has a despatch from Estcourt, which says:

"When part of the armored train was overturned by the Boers tearing up the rails, the British alighted and exchanged volleys with the Boers. The ngine driver, when the rails were replaced, seeing the position was hope-less, steamed back to Esteourt with a few of the Dublins and fifteen of the Durbans, including Captain Wylie, who was wounded, on the tender. The fate of the remainder of the Durbans and Dublins and Lieut. Churchill is un-

The Natal Mercury, describing the

engagement, says:

"The enemy apparently opened fire with a Maxim and two nine pounders, getting the range accurately. The fire was a soverer that telegraphic without and poles were destroyed. Their guns were posted on a kopje covered with brushwood, and their sharpsho were hidden behind boulders. The Dublins and volunteers fighting an unequal battle, thrice drove the enemy back; but the fierceness of the and big gun fire was too much for the brave little party, which was weakened at the outset by the overturning of the trucks, hurting sev-

"Lieut. Churchill's bravery and coolness were magnificent. Encouraged by him, all worked like heroes in clearing the line to enable the engine

Later details show that a heavy rain and mist compelled a cessation of firing. Lieut. Churchill brayely carried the wounded to the tender under fire. While the Boers were destroying the train their scouts pushed in and exchanged shots with the British pickpears that the Boers were in ambush. As soon as the train had passed by they emerged from cover and dislodged the sleeper bolts.

ESTCOURT, Natal, Wednesday Nov. 15, 9.30 p. m.-At 6 o'clock this evening the Red Cross train returned. Dr. Bristoe reported that on meeting the Boer patrol he was halted and asked what he wanted. He replied that he had come with the train to remove the killed and wounded. The Boers told him to make his request in writing, and Dr. Bristoe complied.

After waiting for two hours another Boer came and informed Dr. Bristoe that, as General Joubert was very far away, no answer to the request could The Boer said that if Dr. Bristoe would then return with a white flag he could count upon a reply from Gen. Joubert. Dr. Bristoe inquired whether there were many wounded. The Boer there were many wounded. The Boer replied that he had heard there were about seven. He declined to give any information regarding Lieut. Church

It has rained all day and is still

UNCONFIRMED RUMOR. LONDON, Nov. 16.-A despatch reeived here today from Pictermaritzburg, dated Nov. 11, says it is ru-

forces, has been killed in action (Continued on Page Eight.)

mored there that General Fiet Jou-

bert, commander-in-chief of the Boen

