## THE BOERS ROUTED BY GEN. FRENCH.

Aptures Colesberg and Many of the Enemy's Stores,

## AND DRIVES THEM OUT OF THE TOWN.

## Twenty-Eight British Soldiers Hold 800 Boers at Bay.

Defended Themselves All Night and Rescued in the Morning-Gen. Buller Has a Tough Job Before Him-Fever and Sports at Methuen's Camp --- Rebels' Plot to Capture Cape Town-Gen. French's Tactics Praised

Displayed Great Gallantry.

Marching on Dordrecht.

against the British position here.

Disaffection Near Cape Town.

Saddles for the Boers.

A Depleted Commando.

It is reported from Pretoria that the Johannesburg commando has re-turned there to reorganize in conse-quence of its heavy losses. Three quence of its heavy losses. Three hundred men of this commano were sent to reinforce Commandant Cronje

Rensberg, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesberg. The general continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a protonged stand, and when day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy. Last night all the cavalry, artillery, and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were successful. The time to make a prolonged stand, and when day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy. Last night all the cavairy, artillery, and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were successful. The flank operations were successful. The infantly and field batteries immediately made a feint attack upon the Boer front, and while this was proceeding the cavairy and light artillery got completely around the memy's Infantiv and field batteries immediately made a felit attack upon the Boer front, and while this was proceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's right flank, as arranged. The programme worked without a litch. The Boers were utterly surprised, and finding their retreat threatened, fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colesberg la General French's hands.

Captured May Stores.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Rensburg, in a despatch confirming the success of Gen. French, says that the British artillery opened the battle. The Boers were somewhat taken by surprise, but the sore was the success of the success are known to have been the sore and 13 horses are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sore in the success are known to have been the sort in the success are known to have been the success the success the success to success the success to success the success to success the success to success the success the success to success the success to success the success to success the success the success the success to success the succes

French, says that the British artillery opened the battle. The Boers were somewhat taken by surprise, but replied vigorously. The artillery combat lasted for two hours. The British gunners were remarkably accurate in their fire. The enemy's Hotchkiss gun first collapsed, and then their big gun was silenced, but the others did not cease firing until the Boers gradually fell back. The Hotchkiss gun was abandoned and the British captured it, but the others were withdrawan to the north, shelling the British cavalry without damage. The advancing guns of the British speedily silenced them.

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Many wagons were captured from the enemy, together with a consider-able quantity of stores. The British losses were quite slight.

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has any solid account been received or what actually happened at Colesberg. No doubt Gen. French, possessing as he does a mobile force, has been keeping the invaders busy. According to the Telegraph's correspondent at Naauwpoort, who dates his despatch Dec. 31st, the initial retreat of the Boers, which seems to have occurred on Sunday, was probably owing to the rains flooding the Orange River. This correspondent says that Gen. French made an excellent reconnassiance, getting right around the Boer position. He adds: "Last night our pickets reported that the Boers were striking their camp. In the early morning they retreated northward. Remington's guides have entered Colesberg and reported it vacated. An attack hus been made to-day, and a strong force moved forward, but it had to return without an encounter."

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The incident furnishes the papers with welcome headlines, and gives the critics an opportunity to point out the moral usefulness of mounted troops combatting the Boers.

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Example of Sound Tactics.

London, Jan. 2, 3.40 a. m.—The success of General French in driving the Boers from Colenso has sent a welcome ray of light through the gloom of the campaign in South-Africa. Everywhere it is commented upon as an example of sound tactics, and as an illistration of what may be done when the right methods are employed with the Boers. The Government is urged to take the lesson to heart, and to see that no stone is left unturned in the endeavor to get the largest possible forces of cavalry and mounted infantry to the front.

Now that General French has the Boers on the run, the hope is expressed that he will give them no rest, but will harrass them until they have found their way across the Orange River, which is twelve miles distant. The old wagon route to the Free-State traverses Colester and crosses the river by a fine bridge 1,340 feet long. It is believed that the Boers retreated towards Norval's pont, further east; and the question is whether General French will be able to secure these two bridges before the Boers destroy them. One important fact of the success of General French influence Datch disaffection.

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Modder River the Boers appear se modifying somewhat their line befence Gen. Buller's scouts have overed a Boer camp established in vicinity of Springfield, southwest olenso, by a Free State commanda similar movement has been at Modder River A large force hers, it is reported, has formed w tanger about 15 miles down atream at Kameelhoek liograph reports from Ladysmith that all was well on December The bombardment was being com-

ms the report cabled yester-nat several officers of the Devon-Regiment were severally wound-the explosion of a floor shell

Town, Jan. 1.—A separed to per Town Times from Sterk dated yesterday, says: "One d and twenty men of Brathorse, under Capt Montmorphic reconnuctring eight miles on the respondent to the separation of sufferers have already of Boers The Boers were deed and the English fell fack ronger position Lieuts. Mile of Turner, with 27 men were from the main body. Leut had been wounded, and the light of the transport of th

of shrapnel when they took the guns. Gen. Buller's difficulties have been immeasurably increased by the enforced delay since the last engagement. Figure 1 in the strength of the strength of

London Jan. 1.—There was a scene of great popular enthusiasm this morning during the enrolment of the City of London Imperial Volunteers. The approaches to the Guildhall were they and with neonle, and barriers

London, Jan. 1.—A Cape Town despatch, dated Sunday Dec. 31st, published in the second edition of the Times, says:

"For the moment, there is a general "For the moment, there is a general full in active military operations, pending the arrival of Gen. Roberts. It is generally hoped that he will, for some time at least, direct the operations from here. The absence of Gen. Buller, however unavoidable, has left the colony without that central organization and vigorous control at headquarters essektial to the conduct of a campaign along so vast a frontier."

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A De Aar despatch, dated Dec. 31st, says a mounted patrol has gone from there and that other arrangements have been made to prevent looting in that neighborhood by small Boer

At Modder River.

carried despatches for the commander there.

The inactivity here is very wearisome. The outworks that have been thrown up cover an enormous area, and extend toward Enslin.

Lord Methuen has ordered a large marble headstone, which is to be erected in the burial ground near headquarters. It will be inscribed with the words "Erected to the memory of the officers and man who fellow. was rescued. Eight Boers and 13 horses are known to have been killed.

The Times in its second edition, publishes a despatch from Sterkstroom, dated Dec. 31, which says: "Captain Montmorency's scouts were cut off owing to their refusal to leave a wounded officer, Lieut. Warren, of Brabant's Horse. These men, under Lieuts. Milford and Turner, of the Frontier Mounted Rifles, defended themselves most gallantly against the repeated attacks of some 800 Boers. The enemy resorted to sniping during the night, but were repulsed with loss.

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ory of the officers and men who fell at Magersfontein." The burial ground has now been fenced in.

It is reported that General Cronje has signed the death warrant of a Free Stater who had been commantrekking homeward.

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"At 5.15 this morning Capt. Goldsworthy, with the Cape Mounted Rifles, arrived, and the enemy immediately fled to the hills. Turner's party, whose horses had nearly all been killed, were rescued. They displayed splendid pluck, and the brilliant manner in which Capt. Goldsworthy effected their relief on his own responsibility is deserving of the highest prajes. Our loss was two men wounded. The Boers lost about 30 men, including eight killed."

Another account says: "The success of the lettle party will arrest the progress of the enemy's recruiting in that vicinity." Frere Camp, Natal, Jan 1, 7 p.m. Heavy firing was hear' in the direc-tion of Lauysmith at midnight last night It is believed here that the firof New Year's greetings by the British and the Boers
Fifty picked shots from Thorney-

croft's command, under Cape Mann, and guided by Cape Gough, approached to watch 500 yeards of the river today at an angle from which Colenso could be seen from the rear.

The British advanced under the cover of a donga, and commenced firing at a range of 1,000 yards. They drew the first of the Boers, who wastel about 10,000 rounds of Maxim Hotchkiss and rifle ammunition. The British sustained no losses.

A picket of the South African Horse surprised eight Boers on the Weenen side of the river near Llangaaus Three of the Boers were killed before the enemy were reanforced by a body of 500 of their countrymen, whereupon

Dordrecht, Cape Colony, Dec. 31.— Two thousand Boers are advancing London, Jan. 2.—Rumors, which, if they are well based, are obviously of the most serious import, come from Cape Town, indicating an out-break of Dutch disaffection in the neighborhood of the city itself. There is talk of an imminent rising of the Dutch Afrikanders, with the

Spies in the Yeomanry.

London, Jan. 1 .- Alleged Boer spies, Dutch Afrikanders, with the of seizing Cape Town and The centre of the rebel operations notorious centre of disaffection.
According to the Standard's correspondent precautions are being taken by the military and police.
Another correspondent records meetings of the Airikander Bond at Richmond on Dec. 28th, and at Paarl on Dec. 20th. The members of the Bond in these two places are acting in concert with those at Wellington.

says:

"We have given word to all our commissioned officers to keep a sharp look-out for traitors."

No steps have been taken thus far to punish the alleged spies.

Two of these men, whose services had been accepted, were discovered to-day and discharged. Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 30.—It is reported here that the contraband of war on the German steamer Bundesrath recently seized by the British included 7,000 saddles for the

London: Jan. 1.—The correspondent Lynch, who was recently captured by the Boers outside of Ladysmith, has arrived at Lorenzo Marquez, His captors apparently released him.

Enteric Fever.

Modder River, Jan. 1, 3,25 p. m.—
There are 20 cases of enteric fever in the hospital here. Among the patients are some of the troops who were inoculated against the disease on the voyage out from England. A programme of sports began this afternoon. Gen. Methuen donated two silver cups to be contested for by inter-regimental cricket and football teams. Durban, Jan. 1.—The Imperial mail steamer Bundesrath, of the German East African line, which was seized by

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More Troops Reach Cape Town.

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The Story of a Baby.

The physicians at the Hanemann Hosp tal of Philadelphia said Baby MoncrieAMPMAN. could not live.

It was against all the laws of natur and of medicine for this eight-month baby ... to survive a nervous disease of the spine.

The family doctor agreed with those at the hospital.

The mother watched the child as it slept upon the pillow, the faintest flutter of breath telling her that life still lingered.

An aunt who loved her like a mother said "We will try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are prescribed for nervous disorders, perhaps they will help our Ettie." A pill was divided in three parts and given to the baby.

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To-day she is seven years old, the sunshine of the aunt who saved her life with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

> This is a true story. The child is Ettie Moncrieff, daughter of Mrs. Helen Mencrieff, formerly of Hamilton, Ontario. The Aunt is Mrs. M. G. Meek, who now resides with the child at 1317 South 10th Street, Philadelphia. The

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS CURE WHEN OTHER MEDICINES FAIL



as good as any field artillery in Europe." A British firm, according to the Those in Cape Colony Are Much Daily News, after keep competition with several American firms, has secured the Government contract for the new seven span bridge over the Tugela River at Colenso. The firm is working night and day to complete the other. The Boers in the Cape Colony are so

It is said that John Churchill, younger brother of Mr. Winston Churchill, will accompany the Duke of Marlborough to the seat of war. Cape Town for the front.

REALITIES OF SOLDIERING.

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know them nearly all, and have stopped with scores of them, for they are kindly and hospitable, except when

Mother in England.

London Daily News: To return to my own doings. I key where I fell vided into two rooms, with a wing or lean-to at the back. That wing or lean-to at the back. That wing is the when a doctor came and put, a field dressing on my wound, gave me some brandy, put my belimst under my head as a pillow, covered me with a Boer blanket which he had taken from a dead mais, and then went to dilluted covering symptoms with

people will not wash until they have driven the British into the sea. That

man's face and arms were burned to a crisp. Pancette's own otothess caught fire while he was trying to reader assistance to his mother, and one of his arms was badly burned. Mrs. Beneette was well known in Snadwich East, where she had resided all her life.

Barring Out Married Women.

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The Association for the Preservastion of the Rights of Unmarried Young Women has been organized in Boston with the fundamental principle that married women shall refrain from accepting employment in any of the various avenues open to women so long as any of the spinisters are without work. Who the officers of the organization are is kept secret by the members of the association, but they do not hesitate to express their views. They say the chief objection to married women is the fact that they are able and willing to work for less, wages.

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