SHEELING BOERS AT MODDER RIVER

Demonstration by British Force Failed to Draw the Burghers From Their

No Word Has Been Received Regarding a Second Contingent Australta's Offer Accepted Casualties at Magerstontein Number Nine Hundred and Thirty-Sin. thether the to a proper of the past of the past of the course of the c

Athemselves displayed even a more cager

place regulars in the garrison towns.

Commander-in-Chief.

Queen Victoria was greatly concerned

about the latest neverse. The com

matider in chief, Lord Wooseley, was at

Windsor Castle when the news arrived;

The Duke of Connaught, surrounded

by the ladies of the committee; present

ed the Queen's flag to Lady Randolph

Churchill for the hospital ship Maine

In the name of the Queen he thanked

the American men and women "her

and on the other side who had "so

nobly contributed to help the English

Brit'sh Demonstration at Modder River

Boers Strengthening their Positions

News From Maleking.

uple of hours. The Boers did not re

The Boers are further entrenching and

strengthening their old defences with the

evident intention of fiercely disputing

"A Sad and Terrible Slaughter."

"The Boers captured a great quantity

of loot, including 200 Lee-Metfords.

cases of cartridges and hundreds of bay-

"Great numbers of British have re-

"The wounded are being attended to

temporarily at Bisset's Farm. The Sap-

pers and Miners must have suffered se-

"The Boers suffered heavy losses in

"I cannot otherwise pescribe the bat-

tlefield than as a sad and terrible slaugh-

"Monday was, for us, a brilliant vic-

tory. It has infused new spirit into our

ment and will enable them to achieve

London, Dec. 16.-The revised list of

British easualties at the battle of Mag-

erstontein shows the total to be 963, of

killed, 182 wounded and 111 are miss-

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MAFEKING SAFE.

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Magersfontein Casualties

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from Modder River saxs

of Belmont.

and he took a special back to London.

(Associated Press.) London, Det 16 The desperate state desire to reach the deputions from AL British arms in South Africa, as rebaled by the defeat of General Buller There was fittle extrement at the war The last while adding to the deter office, but orders were being assued in dination, to send every available man will directions for the mobilization of reb the front, caused something in the serves and inflitta. The fatter will remature of a panic among the public, Some of the comments go so far as to say that Great Britain stands "where she shood over a century back when American colonists, men of British and Ditton blood, were in arms."

Comments, The Erening Standard declares the sizuation calls for all the equanimity, detenhanation and perseverance of the

The Star utges the "commandering" of the great English Adantic liners for the transportation of reinforcements, adding. "The guilt of the government is superseded by the danger of the empire. We are whinking of an hostile Europe; we the thinking of India, and whatever happens we implore the government not to more another man from Calcutta or Bombay. We remember the mutiny." i The St! James Gazette, is also apprelamsive of foreign complications.

The Globe, after facing the situation and urging the immediate dispatch of reinfercements and the use of mintia, continhes! And we can turn with equal confidence to the strong arms and loyal fellow subjects in Canada and Australia. Those offers which vere so liberally made and which were ot so generously received at the begining of the war williams are confident, be renewed as the urgency of the contest reveals itse'f. They can see keenly as rselves that not only our supremacy in Africa, but the maintenance empire is at stake."

The Pall Mall Gazette, in its review of the situation, says: "It is no use crying over spilt milk. Surprises of all sorts must be expected in war. Our position for the advance is intact. Nothing has occurred to shake our belief in Gen. Buller. Let us steadily trust him and furnish him as rapidly as possible with more guns and more horses and men."

War Office to be Reorganized. The brave show kept up by the majority of organs voicing public opinion is powerless to allay the bitter grief and verely. disappointment that pervades the length and breadth of the land, and the pentup criticism of the military authorities is finding vent in quarters heretofore studiously avoided as being premature strictures on the war office or generals in the field, but it is now clear that unhas some striking change for the betber marks the course of British arms there bids fair to break over the head of the government a stream of indigna tion unknown since the Crimea.

The Associated Press gleans that the airthorities have already decided that a reorganization of the war office is absolutely necessary, and that it must take place at an early day. galavah Prinise for Canadians and April

The St. James Gazette this week says: The Canadian contingent, show that their long Thome training and colonial campaigning experience have not been lost on them.

Tann of Trill Canadian Commander General Montgomery Moore; appointed to succeed General Kelly Kenny h charge of mobilization at Aldershot, was formerly in command in Canada.

Reeling in London,

As the day proceeded the morning's strack of hervousness disappeared and he only permanent effect of the serious www. www. to cause a tighter clinching of fists and a more set determination to chieve the task the country has undertaken, are

ud .histeeping Departing Troops. Departing troops were more vehement. by observed than usual, and the troops and some siege guns.

Baden-Powell's Advicel Pretoria, Dec. 13.-Advices from Mafeking say an attack on a small British fort has been made with good reults. The fort was demolished. Heavy cannon firing is proceeding.

Col. Baden-Powell has sent the Boers notice advising them to lay down their arms and return to their homes. He promised them that protection would be given them as soon as Great Britain should have taken over the Transvaal.

SCENE IN LONDON CLUBS. How the Newsl of Buller's Reverse at

Tugela River Was Received.

And In Control of the Control New York, Dec. 16.-A London enble o the World gives a graphic account of consternation created at the clubs and among those who kept hate hours when Buller's repulse was bulletined at midright. The ticker service broke down when about 100 words had been transmitted, and club men immediately

fice, where the report was posted. There was no clamor, but finen, with aths in their mouths, declared that the news, meant the calling out of all the militia, and that the volunteers? mus be summoned for duty. Nearly every man who looked over the report on the

rdered cabs and rushed to the war of-

Clarke M. Powers, the Transvaul re Boer victory, but we must be calm. Let

war office bulletin board went away dis-

In the Liberal club friends of the Boers said: "Just the same old trap The British have not fought a white man unaided in this century. The Boers will win their independence. Isn't this a basis for foreign intervention? What more do they want? It's like the Amerian revolution Chamberlain and the stockbrokers brought on this war, and they are getting enough of it.

Panie on Stock Exchange London, Dec. 16 .- News of the defeat of Gen, Buller at Tugela River caused a momentary panie in the stock exchange." Immediately after the open-

ng, jobbers started realizing. Prices pened from 1 to 6 points below the clos ng prices of vesterday, consols being down 14. Rand mines were heavily affected starting at 33, as against yes terday evening's closing price of 38%; De Beens opened at 231, as against 27; Chartereds at 3, as against 1 31. and Goldfields at 5%, as against 7 5-16. Americans were very flat and were free ly offered by local and continental hold-Pretoria, Dec. 13.-An official dispatch ers at prices which they found difficulty in obtaining. Foreigners moved in syr pathy with the other securities. Parisian stocks, however, held their own compar

> After the first rush the market steadied somewhat.

The market view of the situation are of most serious character, both politically and monetary, the latter mainly because a fresh defeat of the British troops, will delay longer the supply of South African gold.

Two unimportant failures were an nounced early in the day. Cabinet Conneil.

London, Dec. 16 .- A hastily summoned meeting of the cabinet was held at the foreign office this afternoon for the purpose of dealing with the warlerisis.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, was not present

Proposed New Radical Paper. Since the anti-war editors were moved from the Chronicle mand Echo, no paper has opposed the government's policy out and out, and a movement 18 on foot in London to start a new Radical daily.

CANADIANS ARE READY. The Black Wafeli webs the beaviest in. sufferers. Of the rank and file 42 were - O - 'RI Offer of a Second Contingent Is In the Hands of the Imperial Authorities.

----- on (Special to the Times.) Offawa, Dec. 16.—There was a stir Tragic Scene in Texhs Court Room-Boers Forced to Evacuate Fortifications in the city to-day when it was bulletined that the Imperial government had secomment for a second bontingent 300

Capetown, Dec, 16.2 Advices from Major Hirdman, Capt. Arnold and Buluwaye say that a dispatch from Lieut, Morrison waited on Gen, Hutton Mafeking, dated December 6th, and renewed the offer to send to the nounced that the scheme of advancing Transvaal the Ortawa Field Battery. the military works was acting well; and The General said that he would lay the had forced the Boers to evacuate the matter before the government,

strong commanding fortifications north- Sir Wilfrid Laurier was sent for by the Governor-General this forenoon, and It was added that the British contin- it is understood that the subject discussued pushing back the Boers, and were ed was the sending of a second continthen working toward their main slege gent.

batteries. British casualties were triff- Canada's offer for a second contingen is now in the hands of the Imperial an-The Boer force was then reduced to thorities and all that is necessary is no- February.

A equinet council was called for 2:30, when the matter will be fully discussed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated to your

corespondent when the Premier was going to the cabinet meeting that the government had received no information of any kind about the second contingent. DUTCH DISAFFECTION

Morriso Como Date Soil Sir A., Milner Suggests the Declaration of Martial Law in Cape Colony. 2 of meliting

New York, Dec. 16.-Lord Salisbury is said to have received a request from Sir Afred Milner British high commis sioner in South Arrica, that martial law be declared in Come Colony, cables London correspondent to the World. Lord Salisbury does not wish to grant this request, however, as he believes it would be a confession of weakness. Sir Alfred reports that Dutch disaffection has reached a point where ordinary law is useless to stem it.

Second Contingent of Troops Wil Sent From New South Wales.

London, Dec. 16. The Imperial authorities have telegraphed the governoffer of a fu ther Australian confingent for South Africa." Mounted Men Wanted.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 16. The Imparial authorities have telegranded the governor of New South Wales accepting presidentive, said: "It appears to be a the offer of a further contingent for South Africa, and suggesting that men should be mounted and good shots.

Demonstrations Against Chamberlain New York, Dec. 16.-On account of the somewhat violent tone taken by the leaders of the Irish people against the administration in London just now, the reception which Hon. Jos. Chamberlain will receive when he reaches Dublin today or to-morrow to take the honorary degree of L. L. D. at Trinity College, will be noted with interest.

The Irish Transvaal committee has issued a proclamation calling an indigna tion meeting of the citizens of Dublin to disassociate themselves from the act of Trinity College, which proposes to honor Mr. Chamberlain, "the author of the robber war." The Irish Socialist Republican party

pas issued placards for a monster de-monstration outside Trinity College on Monday to celebrate Gatacre's defeat at Stormberg. hour when Mr. Chamberlain will be re-

ving his degree inside the university. Short of Ships, 10044. New York, Dec. 16 .- Twesty-five thouand cases of canned meats for the British army in South Africa are held here for lack of vessels to carry them to their destinations. The shortage of vessels is due to the British government using the ships to transport troops.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representain the House a joint resolution declar- doing the same, ing a state of war exists in South Africa and according belligerent rights to the Transvarl government.

Churchill Again a Prisoner. Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 16.—It is ru-nored that Winston Churchill, the news- ing al! 10 fall. But when the smoke mored that Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent who recently escan-Waterfallboven, about half way between Pretoria and Portuguese territory.

DANGERS TO THE EMPIRE. The London Times on the Situation-"Fighting for Out Position as a Great Power."

London, Dec. 18.—The Times comenting on the situation says: "Neither the Crimean war, nor the Indian mutiny gave rise to greater dangers to the Empire than that with which ve are now menaced, nor at either of those critical periods was Great Britain so isolated politically or regarded with such dislike and suspicion as are now

almost everywhere apparent. Unless the calmness which ampresses the foreign observer proceeds only from apathy or a want of sufficient imagination to realize the imminent danger to the whole fabric of our Empire great efforts now preparly required will surely be made before it is too late to retrieve the situation

"We are fighting not merely for supremacy in South Africa; but for our position as a great power. We know we have miscalculated the strength of our foe and we are resolved to make that miscalculation good."

> A DOCTOR SHOT Alleged Murderer Wounded. (Associated Press.)

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 18.—The trial of Dr. S. M. Jenkins, charged with murder, came to a sudden and tragic end to-day. Wheat, the 28-year-old brother of Mary Wheat, the doctor's aleged victim, shot and mortally wounded ie defendant in a crowded court room. When Wheat fired he dropped the pistol and ran towards the door. John Halligan, brother-in-law of Jenkins, grabbed it up and fired at Wheat, missing him. Wheat and Halligan were arrested.

MONTREAL MAYORALTY. (Associated Press.)

Montreal, Dec. 18.-The Irish Roman Jatholics have selected Mr. Wm. Mc-Ner'v, drain-pipe merchant, to oppose Maror Prefentaine, who is seeking a swond term at the civic elections

Roberts For

"Bobs" Will Leave England Immediately as Commanderin-Chief.

Buller's Losses at Tugela River Number One Thousand and Ninety-Seven

Particulars of Fighting at Magersfontein-French Advancing Towards Colesburg.

off of rooting trobes new of 1881 to new to London, Dec. 116. General Bullett reports bastha lawler afficies that into the fight at the Tugela River he lost 1.007 meh in killed, unded and missing. His report gives \$2 killed, 667 wounded and 348 missing. The war office late to-night issued the feld Artillery—Capt. A. H. Goldie nd Lieut. C. B. Scrieber.

and Lieut R C. B. Henry.
Innaski ing Pushers Major J. F. W.
Charlof and Capt. C. Fottus.
Medical Conjection, M. L. Hughes.

By Williams white Bering Devonshire Regi ment "five: Rifle Biftade (the Prince Regiment, three; Commanght Rangers two; Dibbin Fusiliers, three; Irish Fusiltillery, fiver Medical Corps, one; Mounted Incantry abree: Natal Carbineers

Chaptain J. J. Goodwin J. F. Radeliffe. H. H. W. Vigons, Hon, St. Leger Jarvis, J. Hanker, W. F. Hersey, H. J. Buckley, J. E. B. Reed, F. S. Lewan, J. E. R. Brush, H. D. White Thomas,

Majons-R. H. G. Heigate, A. W. Goronels-I. G. Brooke Lond, H. Hunt and Lieut. Ponsonby of Thorneycroft's Muonted Infantry. Field Antillery, five; Devonshires, three; Sussex, one; Royal Scots Fusiliers, six;

Artillery, three. Lord Roberts's Son Dead London, Dec. 16 .- In addition to the Throneycroft's Mounted Infantry, and Lieut, the Hon, F. H. S. Roberts, son

of Lord Roberts of Candahar and Watch. Waterford, were among the officers The Boer army is made up almost wounded at Tugela. Roberts has died

IN THE WEST. Methuen Preparing to Advance Against the Boers-The Fighting at Magerfontein.

Modder River Dec. 15 .- The Ninth Brigade under Col. Pole Carew of the Grenadier Guards and a squadron of the 12th made a reconnaissance this morning, supported by the 75th battery how- They said that if the Highland brigad tizers in the centre and right with four had massed and stormed the trenc naval guns on the left. A 4.7 naval gun after the first surprise, the British brigade deployed across thes plain and the howitzers shelled the Boer trenches tive Sulzer, of New York, has introduced and searched the ridges, the naval guns

The Boers unmasked two guns one of which was dismounted by the naval gun and the second of which it was impossi- der toward the base of the east kepie ble to touch. No one was killed, al- They got within 500 yards of this poir and the second of which it was impossithough a shell fell in the middle of four from Pretoria, has been captured at marching as though nothing had hap

> All the troops returned to camp. There Gen. Methuen directed the operation rseback. His wound is almost He intends to conduct operations rom here to the northward,



tion of the stomach and digestive and nutritive system are most disastrous to the whole body. One by one every organ may become involved. The misery is maddening. The most extreme cases of "stomach trouble" and the evils restulting from it have been cured by Dr. Piercets Golden Medical Discovery. It retrangthess the stomach purifies the blace and builds up the body with sound beattry flesh. healthy flesh. - a streety-serv

"I was taken with severe breadache," writes Thomas A. Swarts, Box 102, Sub-Station C. Columbus, Ohio, then crampa in the stomach, and my food would not digest, then kidney and liver trouble, and my back got weak so I could scartefly get around. I just gave money to the doctors whenever. I thought they would do me any good, but the more I doctored the worse I got snifl six years passed. I had become so poorly I could only walk in the house by the aid of chair, and I got so thin I had given uf to die, thinking that I could not be cured. Then I saw one of my neighbor boys and he said, "Take my savice and take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and make a new man out of yourself." The first bottle helped me so I thought I would get another, said siter I had taken eight bottle in about six weeks I was weighed and found I had gained twenty-seven (27) pounds. I have done more hard work in the past eleven months than I did in two years before, and I am as stout and seatthy to-day, I think, as I ever was."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure

The camp is fortified and forms an ex-

From Mafeking. London, Dec. 17 .- An undered dispatch

The siege will probably be raise tender their thanks to Col. Powell. The enemy's fire bas slacks Our casualties are confined to nat almost entirely. There are a few y ed in the hospital. There is much ness in the women's langer, where death rate is high, chiefly amongst

service outside Gen. French's Advance and an equiva Capetown, Dec. 13.-Gen. French talions will be gradually advancing toward Col home. A party of Carbineers visited house of a Dutch farmer and for the Yeom sured that there was nowenemy dighhorhood When they wer ey were fred on from the ? ereral of the enemy.

o his original position in upt of Gen. Gatacre's repuise and British resident commissioner, lias Mr. Seymour advising engineet to the regulars, and the offer has been accepted

W Burying the Dead. Modder River, Dec. 15.-Mutus angements were made by the Bri and Boer communders by while British were to be buried on Wedn day and Thursday.

The Boers stipulated, however ally a clergyman of the Reformed church should officiates and that the Britis should not come within 600 tyards their lines. Mr. Robertson, the Presh terian chaplain of one of the Highlan egiments, was selected to conduct th urial of the slain at Magersfontein, Th Engineers who acted as litter bear were blindfolded when they reached the Boer outposts. The Boer commande Officer Draper and Field Cornet Willia to assist Mr. Robertson in locating the dead, and afterwards Colonial Doctor Grogan joined them, and found he knew

many of the dead Chaplain Robertson buried 32 on Wed sday and 70 on Thursday. The Boen eclared that their casualties at Magers ontein were 262, and that they had on-63 killed. This must be a mistake as the British buried 45. Several of the Boers had been killed with the butts of rifles. Some of th

Highlander Got So Close to the Trenches hat their kilts were torn off in the fusion. The Boers say they would be enfiladed them but were afraid of ki ing their own men in the front trenche The Boens bave 62 British prisoners. whom 45 are members of the Blac

clusively of Transvaul burghers. It said that the Free Staters have alread dispensed and gone home. Some of the western Transvaal burghers have gone to the Johannesburg district. Many c he Boers speak English,

Boers says the lyddite shells we narmless when they fell on the earth out very destructive when they fell prisoners boasted that they cou would have been heavier because Boers from the kopies on the side w ready to enfinade the trenches if th had been captured.

The Gordon Highlanders were held eserve until 10 o'clock on Monday mor when they went forward in wide without any easualties worth mentiing, when they suddenly

Encountered a Strong Cross Fire. The Boers had allowed them to red the point where they were concealed in the trenches, and then the burghers en filaded the Highlanders. In the carl pant of the day the Highland brigad moushed the Scandinavian contingen about 200, Some of these Scandinavian were taken prisoners. They look like tramps. It is stated that the Boer force

The Free State troops were at the base of the hill and the Transvaa troops along the right of the trend The scene opposite the Transyaal troop in the direction of the hospital was pit Many burghers could be see helping wounded comrades into wago and then driving off. The Boers are almost invisible from Modder River.

Parties who were out looking for t wounded on Tuesday morning saw th Boers burying their dead in a trench around the base of the hill, when the first firing took place. Forestier-Walker's Dispatch

London, Dec. 18. The war office h eceived the following dispatch from beneral Forestier-Walker, at Capetow ated December 17: Methuen reports that Lieut. Chand ole, was taken prisoner last Thursd thile, going to meet a flag of truce. vas waving his handkerchief in respo

and was unarmed "Gatacre has removed his troops stores to Sterkstroom from Putterskra French has established headquarte at Arundel terrein ber in trans.

"Vandermen with a commando," is ported moving south from Jacobsdal LORD ROBERTS OF KANDAHA

Appointed Commander in Chief in S Africa-Lord Kitchener, Chief o

London, Dec. 17.—The following tice was to-day pasted at the war off As the campaign in Natal, in opinion of Her Majesty's government fixely to require the presence and divided attention of General Sir vers Buller, it has been decided to. Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Wa ford as commander-in-chief in South rica, with Lord Kitchener as chief staff, to proceed to South Africa with

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Dublin, Dec. scenes in Dub intended to hol protest again ity College to c Joseph Chambe A large force and the troops Maud Gonne of Arc." and

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