

Holding Their Own.

British Troops in South Africa Keeping the Boers in Check.

Attacks on Kimberley and Mafeking Repulsed by the Garrison.

Details of the Engagement Near Belmont in Which an Officer was Killed.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 11.—The day has brought forth no real news and little change has taken place either in Natal or on the north and northeastern frontiers of Cape Colony. The chief fact is the opening of the bombardment of Kimberley on Tuesday by Free State artillery which proved, according to an official statement, ineffective. The Boer investment of the town, however, is said to be tightening. Skirmishes between the Kimberley mounted troops and the Boers early in the week resulted in severe Boer losses, the British force losing one killed and one wounded.

Advices from Orange River confirm the report of the Free State troops advancing on the north of Cape Colony, but the opportunity of advertising Canada's deficiency in this respect. Close upon the heels of the announcement that a contract for supplying Canadian hay for the army in South Africa had been awarded to a Boston man, comes the announcement that the winter shipments of exhibits for Paris are to be despatched from Portland, Maine, the Assyrin taking the second lot from that port on the 8th of December.

Nothing has filtered through to-day from Ladysmith, which everybody expects to be the theatre of thrilling events during the coming week. Transports carrying 3,000 British troops are already en route for Durban, having passed Capetown and the Boers must strike a decisive blow at Ladysmith or never.

Armored Train Finds the Line Torn up in Many Places but No Boers.

Estcourt, Natal, Tuesday, Nov. 7.—The armored train, manned by the engineering staff, and commanded by Lieut. Innes, returned here to-night.

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.

Some Depart for South Africa and Others Arrive at the Cape.

London, Nov. 11.—The last infantry battalions under orders for South Africa left England to-day and the 1st Hussars also sailed, leaving the Home Guard regiment the only cavalry still to be despatched, and the last but not least, the first battery of the howitzer artillery has started.

ENEMY'S DOINGS.

Reported Movement of Boer Forces Near Allwal North and Elsewhere.

Capetown, Tuesday, Nov. 7.—It is reported that a force of Boers from Smithfield has crossed the frontier at Bethulie. It is estimated at 400 strong, with field guns.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

London, Nov. 10.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "There is a Russian activity in the northeastern provinces of China."

TROOPS SWARMING IN.

Twelve Thousand Have Reached South Africa and Eleven Thousand Due Almost Immediately.

London, Nov. 13.—A despatch from Capetown to the war office announces the arrival there to-day of the troopship *Armenian* with three batteries of artillery and an ammunition column, and the troopship *Nubia* with three companies of the Scots Guards and a half battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment. This brings the total number of reinforcements to 12,082, of which about 6,000 are already on the way to Durban. The *Armenian* and *Nubia*, whose troops belong to the first division, will probably also be ordered to proceed. Nine troops carrying 11,000 men are due at Capetown on Tuesday.

BOOMING FOREIGN PORTS.

Strange Actions of the Ottawa Government Since Cancelling Fast Atlantic Contract.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—While the government after cancelling the contract made by the Conservatives to ensure for Canada a fast and modern Atlantic service, has altogether failed to provide the promised substitute, it seems to have no opportunity of advertising Canada's deficiency in this respect. Close upon the heels of the announcement that a contract for supplying Canadian hay for the army in South Africa had been awarded to a Boston man, comes the announcement that the winter shipments of exhibits for Paris are to be despatched from Portland, Maine, the Assyrin taking the second lot from that port on the 8th of December.

Keeping Up The Record.

Over Five Thousand Tons Shipped from Rossland Last Week.

Large Body of Ore Found in the Winnipeg Mine—A Big Brick.

By Associated Press.

Rossland, Nov. 11.—Last week's shipments of ore from Rossland exceeded 5,000 tons, the greatest output for any one week from the camp. During the week just closed 5,336 tons were sent down, making a daily average of over 700 tons. These figures speak for themselves and require no comment.

THE NOISE OF BATTLE.

Estcourt, Thursday, Nov. 9.—Heavy firing is now proceeding in the direction of Ladysmith. It began at daybreak. Some reports are so much heavier than others previously heard as to lead to the belief that the British naval guns are again active.

ENGLAND CALMLY CONFIDENT.

Situation in Natal but an Incident in Management of World-Wide Empire—Mansion House Fund.

London, Nov. 12.—England has settled into an imperturbable quiet, in which the momentous changes of diplomacy are regarded without amazement, and where the supreme military operations pending are borne without anxiety. The complete investment of Ladysmith, with the British army cut off from communication with the world except by pigeon post, is passed over without a flurry of excitement as one of those little incidents which must be expected in the management of a world-wide Empire.

STOLEN GUN PLANS.

Spandau, Prussia, Nov. 10.—A gunnery inspector named Bekmann was arrested here to-day on the charge of having constructed the plans of a gun under construction.

SHAMROCK'S HOMEWARD WAY.

Fatal Azores, Nov. 10.—Sir Thomas Lip-ton's steamer yacht *Eira*, which left New York November 2, passed here to-day, toward the Shamrock.

Bombarding Ladysmith.

Surging Cauldron of Smoke About the Town and Several Fires Seen.

Lyddite Guns of Navy Mounted and Answering the Boer Attack.

Great Assault Upon Invested Town Commenced on Thursday Last.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 13.—(4.30 a. m.)—This morning news from the seat of war in South Africa continues fairly satisfactory. The official cables are not very detailed with regard to the Belmont incident, which except for the loss of Col. Keith Falconer was not a very serious affair. There are signs of greatly increased Boer activity in Natal and along the western frontier. All despatches tend to show that the British are holding out ably. Col. Baden-Powell reports that all is well at Mafeking on November 6.

While the Czar's Fleet Will Soon Be Too Strong For Any Oriental Interference.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 13.—Careful inquiries made by the Associated Press reveal nothing extant in diplomatic circles here to justify the alarmist view taken by a section of the press regarding the situation in the Far East. That a serious denouement is so close at hand as is indicated by advices from Shanghai during the last twenty-four hours is regarded as incredible.

For a long time it has been known here that China and Japan were closely allied, but neither British nor American diplomatists in London believed that this alliance is of an offensive nature. At any rate, it can be asserted positively that if Japan and China contemplate aggressive action against Russia, Lord Salisbury is not aware of their intention, and it is scarcely probable that these powers would decide upon any definite course without at least consulting Great Britain, who in the nature of things would be their ally, whether active or passive.

THE ARRIVAL OF BOER LINES.

The arrival from Ladysmith of Lieut. Hooper, of the Fifth Lancers, shows that communication with the garrison is possible. He was anxious to rejoin his regiment, and started hence accompanied by a Natal policeman. They succeeded in traversing the Boer lines.

A BIG BOMBARDMENT.

Estcourt, Nov. 9.—(Afternoon)—A party which rode out several miles about noon to observe the bombardment of Ladysmith, could see a "Long Tom," a forty-pounder, posted on the railway of the Bulwer, firing at intervals of six to eight minutes. Another gun was observed in operation a little distance away.

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Gold Stolen.

Montreal, Nov. 11.—Louis Coste, formerly chief engineer of the public works department, Ottawa, but is now connected with a wealthy Yukon development company, came down from Ottawa yesterday afternoon, bringing with him a bag containing gold specimens and mining plans valued altogether at \$12,000. Landing at Bonaventure wharf, he was learned from a representative of the Montreal Trust Company, to be delivered at a designated address. For some reason, however, he was not taken to the floor of the station and at that moment it disappeared. The police have the matter in hand.

Burglar Killed.

Toronto, Nov. 11.—Jas. Macintosh, one of the burglars who shot and killed Varcoe, Thursday night, died at the hospital from a wound received from the policeman. Both burglars were apparently guilty of preventing the body of Varcoe. The other burglar is progressing favorably.

Victoria Wants It.

Halifax, Nov. 11.—The Dominion convention of the W. C. T. U. spent a busy day holding sessions both afternoon and night. Victoria, B. C., sent an invitation for the next annual meeting.

Shot Himself.

Orillia, Nov. 11.—John McLeary, 33 years of age, cashier in the Eaton Company of Toronto, accidentally shot himself yesterday while hunting at Moon river. Everything possible to save his life was done but without avail. The body was sent to Toronto to-day.

Canadian Casualties.

Toronto, Nov. 10.—A man named John Chatton was struck by an electric car while crossing the tracks and died in a few hours.

Senator Sanford's Pile.

Hamilton, Nov. 10.—The will of the late Senator Sanford disposes of property in Ontario and Manitoba to the effect of over a million dollars. Practically all the estate goes to the family.

Views of the Vatican.

Alleged Cooling Off in the Marked Friendship Towards British Cause.

Rome, Nov. 12.—All Rome is talking of an apparent change in the Vatican's views of the war in South Africa. On Tuesday the *Popolo Romano*, in the course of an article, observed that the Italian public was virtually unanimous in supporting England, to whom Italy owed her very existence.

Engaged at Kimberley.

Boers Bent Upon Cattle Raid—Inn Given a Surprise by Colonial Cavalry.

Severe Skirmishing About the Town with Artillery Work on Both Sides.

British Losses Few but Enemy Believed to Have Suffered Severely.

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