WESTERN BORDER.

Another Big Fight Near the Modder River-Methuen Reports Heavy Loss-General Wauchope Killed.

London. Dec. 13.-General Methuen's report from Modder River shows that he met with a serious check on Monday and suffered heavy loss."

Methuen's Dispatch. London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Methuen, dated December 12th; "Our artiflery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from four until dusk on Sun-

"It rained hard last night. The Highland Brigade attacked on Monday the south end of the kopie. "The attack was properly timed, but

"The Guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear.

"The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer and artillery, battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the artillery. Guards on the right, supported by field

"They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland Brigade.

The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles towards the Modder River.

"To-day I am holding my position and entrenching myself.

"I had to face at least 12,000 men. "Our loss was great."

Boer Account.

Pretoria, Dec. 11 .- An official repor Mays: At Part 180 and but and and

"A Wittle at Modder River began yes

"Heavy fighting occurred between 3:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with cannon, Maxims and rifles.

"A bombardment began at 4:30 o'clock and the fighting continued.

"A balloon has just arisen above the British position, where it remained ten minutes and descended.

"At 9 o'clock this morning a further report was received from Modder River. "A dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained, and that 41 British prisoners had

"At 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had somewhat

"The British are constantly using their balloon.

"The fighting was still going on at noon."

General Wauchope Killed. London, Dec. 13.-The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen Forestier-Walker

"Capetown, Dec. 12.-Methuen wires that General Wauchope was killed in action yesterday."

Major General Andrew C. Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., was a distinguished officer of the British army. He was brigadiergeneral commanding the first brigade of the Egyptian expeditionary force in Colenso. 1898. He entered the army in 1865, was promoted colonel in 1888, served in the Ashanti war, 1873, in the Egyptian war, 1882, in the Soudan expedition of 1884, and in the Nile expedition of 1884-85. General Wanchope had been wounded four times, three times severely.

The Late Major-Gen. Wauchope. Major-General Andrew Gilbert Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., commander of the Third Brigade, was in his 54th year. and joined the Black Watch in 1865. He had been marked out for an important command since 1873, when he served with conspicuous gallantry in the Ashanti tampaign, and was twice severely wounded. He was invariably found in withe thick of the fight throughout the Hood's Sarsaparilla is the Bryotian and Nile campaigns, sustaining severe wounds at Teb and Kirbekan A Moottish laird, he was the opponent of Mr. Gladstone at Mid Lothian.

Gen. Wauchope's selection for South Africa was a deserved recognition of his distinguished services in Ashanti, Cyprus, Egypt, and the Soudan. He was an excellent shot and rough rider.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

Highlanders Were Within 200 Yards withe Boer Entrenchments When the Burghers Opened Fire.

Paris Cherton Company and Paris Pari North of Modder River, Monday, Dec. 11.-The Guards and the Highland Brig-

nouncement that over 300 wounded had Modder River camp, marching in a sul at Pretoria, sailed to day on the St. northeasterly direction. The objective of Louis. Mr. Hay denied that he had the Highlanders was the eastern source received instructions looking to a settleof the Boer position, the Guards follow- ment of the war. ing the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the river side.

Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill.

Unsuspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity, the British were still marching in quarter column in close order. when they met a terrible fire from the flanks, and were forced to retreat with

Later the Gordons arrived and the

troops gradually worked their way to within 300 yards of the Boer position. In the meanwhile a maval gun at the Modder River, the howitzer batteries and the artillery opened a terrific fire enfilading the trenches and searching

every portions of the Boer position.

The Boers were entirely silent. In the meanwhile the Boers on the open ground directly in front moved with the object of making a flank attack, but this was frustrated by the Guards and

The Boers recommenced shelling in the vening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position.

It is expected there will be a renewal The losses on the British side were

Wounded at Orange River, Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 13 .-

Three hundred and twenty wounded men have arrived from Modder River. No Further News From Metheun.

London, Dec. 13 .- The war office today received the following message from Gen. Forestier-Walker: Capetown, Tuesday. Not further de-

tails' from Methuen." Troiti From Orange River it is reported that 230 wounded, including 27 officers, have arrived there from the Modder River.

Gatacre's Movements. "Gatacre is moving from Bushman's Hook to Steikstrom to-day.

"The magistrate at Steikstrom wires that the situation there has slightly improved. Many of the missing have turn-Shelling Boer Position

"French reports that a detachment of eavalry, with two guns of the Horse Arion yesterday at Quilfontein and Vaaon eight miles north of Arundel. They shelled a farm and drove the enemy

'The Boer loss was one killed and eral wounded. Our loss nill." Kimberley Quiet.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.-Kimberley is sti

IN NATAL.

The Relief of Ladysmith - General Barton's Brigade is Now in a Strong Position Near Colenso.

London, Dec. 13. A dispatch fro Frere Camp, dated Tuesday, says: "This morning a union brigade, under Gen. Barton, advanced without opposition and took up a strong position near

The Kaffirs.

New York, Dec. 13.-A special from Pietermaritzburg to the World dated resterday, says one thousands Kaffirs have been sent forward to aid the Brit-

Consul Hay Sails. New York, Dec. 13 .- Adelbert Hay,

"The Least Hair Casts a Shadow.

A single drop of poison blood will, unless checked in time, make the whole impure. great leader in blood purifiers. It casts no shadow, but brings sunwhine and health into every household. Running Sore My mother was troubled with rheumatism in her knee for a number of years, and it broke out into a running sore. She took three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and is now well. Hood's Olive Ointment helped to heal the sruption." Mrs. John Farr, Cloverlawns,

Rheumatism-"I was badly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism. Consulted doctors without relief. Was persuaded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and five high me relief and enabled WILLIAM R. ROACH, Margar tville. A. S.



WERE CANADIANS ENGAGED? The state of the s

Military Authorities at Ottawa Have Not Received any News From Otter Since Monday. 0/20

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 13.-A rumor was cur-Modder River fight, and that some of its members suffered. Luquiry at the mintary department, however, failed to elicit of some rising ground and gallantly held anything more than what was received

> Anxious for News. Ottawa, Dec. 13 .- The department of persons asking for information about

Mr. Chamberlain has cabled the militia department asking for a list of the Canadian centingent, so as to have in at the War Office in case of casualties.

Boer Losses Were Terrible

Prisoners, Inform Methuen That Some Corps Were Completely Wiped Out.

British Troops Are Now Securely Entrenched Near the Modder River.

903 7 000 Correspondents Tell of the Fight and the Execution by noticed artillery. The C

Ten H age? London, Dec. 13.—Telegraphing from Capetown Gen. Forestier-Walker sends the following dispatch from Gen. Methuen, dated Modder River, December

12th. 7.30 p.m.: "As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. "I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our meniwith the ambulance who talked with the Boers that the enemy's losses were terrible, corps being completely wiped out. "The Boers have been most kind to

Highlanders Lost Heavily. North of Modder River, Dec. 11 .-When the Highlanders met two hundred were mown down. The ford a retreat. Black Watch Regiment on reforming was only able to muster 140.

The Boers also lost severely in the trenches and also in the wire entanglement when they came into the open in They are believed to have been at least an attempt to make a flank movement on the British.

The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles until nearly 4 o'clock in the after noon when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopie. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to the attack close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the High and Brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapne fire as the British advanced and it was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches.

The British got within 200 yards but could not get nearer. It was thought that Col. Downham fell.

The Boers had free recourse to barb wire entanglements which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the artillery fire. A detachment of Boers posted among

some thick bushes to the east maintain ed a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent for taking cover which the Boers always display, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible: and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, their rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed; that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assaudt.

Aut the first advance of the Highland the condition of affairs at Dalagoa Bay. es the Boers' shooting, probably, owing the darkness was somewhat high, therwise the British losses would have en still heavier,

Marquis of Winchester Dead. ho was mortally wounded. The wounded include Lieut,-Col, A. E.

the First Batta ion of the Coldstream Guards.

odrington and Capt. Sterling, both of

aduthe basic and the own plat er or the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the konder to THE DEAT - A rich lady, cured of were guarded by a double line of barbed her Deafness and Noises in the Head by bayonet attack. and trenches

il-coted fire of "O cuns, including a paval gun and . non-tyer battery, both usilyddite. I believe they inflicted severe New York, U. S. A.

and fear was expressed that the an- ade early last night moved from the the newly appointed United States con- damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among 40 men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, caus-

> Complete Destruction. The Boers are still in larger force than we found them at Modder River, outmimbering us by almost three to one The Transvaalers are apparently domin-

Julian Ralph, telegraphing to the same

paper, says: "The Boers were entrenched at Magerstantein four miles from Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in The greater part of the fearful ingle minute Startled and overwhelm d. the brigade retired quickly, but soon ralled and retained their positions. This was on the left. On the right the Guards brigade advanced across the reldt against the outside trenches and

Fought an Invisible Foe for 15 hours. At 11 in the morning the The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then entiladed them. We aked the Boer trenches throughout the The fighting only ceased with

Another Division to be Sent. London, Dec. 14.—The Associated Press understands that the war office resterday (Wednesday) decided, in view tein, to mobilize the English division in

to the Cape, Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with militia, and if neces sary volunteers will be called to take the place of the militia at home. It is also likely that the militia reserve will sent out to join their respective bat ions, and the war office intends to der four more battalions of militia for ermanent duty".

The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional mer, must be sent out. The en tire available reserve must be called out and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to in crease the local colonial forces and farther offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and aceented."

The Standard, which comments upor the "seemingly astonishing number of Boers," is driven to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos have been recruited from the Cape Dutch. It continues: "All eves are turned hopefully to Gen. Buller, who taking into account the troops with Gen. White at Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000. At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's do minions who have as great a weight of care upon them as Gen. Buller carries

The Morning Post says: "We have had let us accept it humbly and nobly, and be better and stronger for the lesson it has taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt in Europe, There was never a more ant occasion to prove Europe what we are worth,"

The Boer Position. A correspondent thus describes the position Lord Methuen assaulted: "Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments are all around this whole front. The position is some two miles long due east and west. The western ends of the trenches ous point blank fire of the Boers about follow the contour of the kopies and af-

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men tured. and perhaps more. No reliable estimate

Armored Train Attacked. London, Dec. 14,-A special dispatch from Pretoria, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, says: "While the battle of Magersfontein was proceeding the Free State artillery engaged an armored train along the railway line towards Belmont.

"Forty-one prisoners belonging to the First Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders have just traversed Jacobsdall "In the last attack on Surprise Hill three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed and several others were wounded, causing great sorrow here."

Shelling Ladysmith. Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 12.-The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrible.

Charge Against Ministers.

London, Dec. 13 .- A Central News disnatch says that the Schreiner ministry at the Cape gave passes to the Orange Free States pupils attending colonial colleges who wanted to go home and fight the British. As a result, Sir Alfred Milmer, governor of Cape Colony, is considering the dismissal of Schreiner and his colleagues.

Situation at Delagoa Bay London, Dec. 14.-The Times Capeown correspondent says: "There is great dissatisfaction

Lorenzo Marquez is rapidly becoming a regular Transvaal emporium and becoming the headquarters for Transvaal agents of ever th other agents anodder River, Dec. 13.—The British and with report ficulty of pre-is at Winchester, major of the Second attalion Coldstrants (1997). and marrials required for the state worked mines, explusives for the gov Sattation Coldstream Guards, who was worked miles, explusives for the gov-illed, and Col. Downham, of the First ernment factory and even of actual am-sattation of the Gordon Highlanders. munition, has been cormously increased by the practical impossibility of conducting thorough searches of foreign vessels professedly conveying food. The course adopted by the Imperial government is regarded as tending sociously to prolong London, Dec. 14 he Daily Mail's case are unable to trale with the enemy. Delagon Bay, in the resent state of affairs, is more useful to the Boers than actually in Transvaal sterrithe war and to benefit toreign shippers if it were actually in Transvasl terri-

evidently for fear of our storming Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Bar Drums, has sent from to his Institute, so that deaf person minime to procure the Ear Drums ... The free trute, 780 Eighth avenue.

CASUALTIES

Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Engagement at Magersfontein Number Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two.

HIGHLAND BRIGADE'S HEAVY LOSSES

Gatacre Reports 22 Soldiers Dead and 59 Wounded-Unconfirmed Pespatch From Pietermaritzburg Says Ladysmith Has Been Relieved.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.-While the outwardy calm attitude of the press and people here during the present crisis commands admiration, there is an under-current of intense indignation against the war ceived: office, and the government, which threatens to have a serious addition in the blunders of the generals and the further evidence of the break-down of the transport and intelligence departments, which

are daily coming to light. It was freely predicted this morning, even in high military circles, that the campaign would last until June.

Reinforcements Demanded. The afternoon newspapers of

shades of politics follow the morning papers in facing the situation courageously, Lieut. Waterhouse. and in demanding the immediate dispatch of reinforcements.

Another Division Mobilized

The war office announces that ixth division has been mobilized and four of the battalions will have embark-

The mobilization of the seventh divison has also been approved.

Modder River - Gatacre Lost 22 Killed and 59 Wounded.

London, Dec. 14.—An official gives the total number of killed, wound ed and missing of all arms in the on gagement of Sunday and Monday, north of Modder River as 817.

Of the officers 15 were killed and 47 younded, while five are said to be m ing and one is known to have been cap-

Revised List.

London, Dec. 14.-A revised list of British casualties at Magersfontein places the number at 832.

Casualties Among Highlanders. London, Dec. 14.-The war office has received a message stating that there were 650 casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein.

it is in Nature generally. It is the time of promise. As the young girl draws near to that mysterious line "Where womanhood and girlhood meet," her whole destiny is in a measure being determined. How often the sweet is

the change, withlike some blighted bud. Nature generally needs son little help at this critical periodyand this help in its best form is con-Pierce's Favorite Prescription, It establishes regu-larity, and gives the vigor of per-fect health to the womanly organs. It contains no alcohol, neither opi-um, cocaine, nor other narcotic.

other narcotic.

Miss Emma Lec. of
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remedies, but received
only very little relief;
therefore, I feel it my
duty to write and let
other sufferers know what your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' and
'Picasant Pélleta,' have done for me. I took
eight bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and
'Golden Medical Discovery,' six vials of the
'Pellets,' also one bottle of your 'Compound
Extract of Smart-Weed.' As soon as I had taker
the first bottle I could see that the medicin
was helping me. I had disease of internal or
gabs with bronchitis and catarrh. I also used
the local treatment you suggested."

The sluggish liver can be cured use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pelleta,

The brigade lost ten officers killed 38 wounded and four missing.

Officers Killed and Wounded The following list of officers killed or wounded at Magersfontein has been re-

Highland Brigade. Killed-Gen. Wauchope, Lieut.-Col. J H. C. Code, Col. J. H. C. Goode, Capt. Elton, Lieut. Edmonds, Capt. J. R. Clark, Lieut. Cox, Capt. Cowan, Capt. Lamberton, Lieut.-Col. Goff, Major Rob-

inson, Capt. Wingate and Lieut. Cowie. Wounded-Col. Kelham, Major Berkeley, Major Duff, Capt. Featherstonehaugh, Capt. Noyes, Capt. Wolfe-Murray, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Campbell Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, Lieut. the Hon, W. C. Baillie, Lieut. Scott and

Many of the above mentioned officers were dangerously wounded.

Second Royal Highlanders-Wounded Lt. Wauchope, Major Cuthbertson, Captain Cameron, Lt. St. J. Harvey, Lt. Berthrony, Lt. Tait, formerly amateur golf champion,

Missing-Captain, the Hon. Cumming Bruce, Captain Macfarlane Lt. Ramsay, The Marquis of Winchester, of the Coldstreams, was killed.

Captain J. Sterling, Lieut.-Col. Codrington and Major the Hon. W. Lambton, of the same brigade were wounded. Of the rank and file six were killed

and forty-six wounded. Gatacre's Losses.

London, Dec. 14.-The war office has eceived from Gen. Gatacre the following list of casualties furnished by a correspondent, who was permitted to visit the Boer camp with the chaplains, and is believed to be reliable:

wounded

Second Northumberlands-12 killed, 27 wounded. All the above wounded men are prison-

---ARTILLERY'S BRILLIANT WORK. Guns Served Unflinchingly Under a

Galling Fire From the Boers. -0-Modder River, Dec. 12.-Details gathered from the wounded show that the British artillery divided the honors with the Scotsmen. The batteries worked unflinchingly under a galling fire.

According to a Boer account a single British shell killed and wounded over 70 Boers. Two other shells that burst, over two bodies of Boers ensconced beyoud the range did fearful damage, A Seaforth Highlander says while ly-

ing wounded on the field he saw a Boer,

of typical German appearance, fau'tless-

ly dressed, walking along the art hills

picking off the British. He was quite alone and used field glasses. IN NATAL.

Pietermaritzburg Dispatch Tells of the Relief of Ladysmith, but the Report is Not Credited.

London, Dec: 1.-(3:35 p.m.)-A spec ial dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says General Buller and General Clery have entered Ladysmith, and have captured ten thousand Boers.

Montreal Receives the News. Montreal, Dec. 14.-The Bank of M real received a cable this morning London that Ladysmith had be

Report Not Credited. London, Dec. 1.-The Britis : r Office has heard nothing of the relief of Ladysmith. The officials do not credi: he report, as

the relief of the place at such an early

date is believed to practically impossible. Lad ... a Under Fire.

New York, Dec. 14.-A dispatch from

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