# A Bright Spot

In the Boer Campaign--Methuen Holds His Ground Like an English Bulldog--The War a Necessary Evil--Situation Reviewed.

Chamberlain's Latest Utterances Stirred Up a Hornet's Nest-Frenchmen Disclaim an Attack on the Queen-How Col. Baden-Powell Came To Be in South Africa-Critical Editors' Occupation Gone.

described in a weekly as being a bright railway bridge, with the naval brigade spot in the Boer campaign. He has won great popular favor by his victories on the march to Kimberley. No one, it is said, knows the topography vidual losses were those that joined talion of Highlanders which had joined between the Orange River and Kimberley better than he does. He traversed in 1884 all the ground he is now operating on. The general works his operating on. The general works his three in action. The Lancers and the men harder than almost any other bodies of Provincial Horse took a less British officer, and is somewhat Spar-tan in his habits, taking enlisted men's which was rations, and living their life, in con- MAINLY AN INFALTRY BATTLE. trast to Gen. Cherry, who is accom-panied by a special French chef, and strictly ordered his staff to take out an ample supply of stores and deli-

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION. tion, Mr. Ford, the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, cables under Sunday morning's date as follows: Inspired by the splendid example of fortitude, invincible courage and un-bridge while waiting for reinforcefailing cheerfulness set by our soldiers and sailors in the field, Britain awaits with patience and in utter darkness the results of their arduous and exhausting campaign beyond the Tugela and the Modder Rivers. The war with the Transvaal has never excited popular enthusiasm, but has been accepted

A NECESSARY EVIL as another burden weighing down the Titan upholding the empire. The enthusiasm aroused by the soldiers is sincere and genuine, and their fortunes are followed with patriotic fervor. Controversy over the causes of the war has virtually ended.

The Manchester Guardian, which was the ablest opponent and the sharpest critic of Mr. Chamberlain, has not opposed the war which Kruger's ultimatum rendered unawoidable. The The Manchester Guardian, which was matum rendered unavoidable. The undoubtedly has been destroyed, and Daily Chronicle has finally been recontain the river line will be defended as at ciled to the situation since the retire- the Modder. Military men are looking ment of Mr. Hassingham, and Mr. for a finer display of strategy in that Labouchere is not in the position of quarter, since the shining lights of the being the only editor who condemns There will be almost equal unanimity when the settlement is effected at the since there will be maneuvers for unit-close of the war, for there can be no ing the two British armies in a zener. in blood and treasure. The war is conpassion or excitement or rancorous hatred, and there is no popular interest in the final result, apart from having the work done so thoroughly that there will never be risk or necessity of having another campaign or a race struggle in South Africa. A brief note on the situation on the western frontier from Gen. Walker and a full list of the casualties in Lord Methuen's third victory, were the chief official contributions vesterday to the meager stock of public knowledge. Gen. Walker reported that Lord Methuen remained at Modder River on Friday for the reconstruction of the bridge, and that the Highlanders and cavalry had been sent up to reinforce him, while three battalions of infantry, a corps of horse artillery and the Canadian and Australian contingents had moved forward to De Aar and Belmont. This not meant for publication; but the war office promptly posted it, in order to relieve the tension of public suspense at the risk of giving important information to the enemy.

METHUEN'S LOSSES. In the aftermoon the casualty list was posted, with a total of 471, including the previous list of officers. Meth-76 killed, 388 wounded and 7 missing. The total was 20 below the combined losses of the two previous battles-Belmont and Enskin. While the details of the battle were unknown, these of-fical data threw a strong light on the engagement, which had remained for four days an inexplicable mystery. Lord Methuen's entire force was under fire, for casualties had been reported from every unit of the army, except the Northampton Battalion. After fighting desperately for ten hours, he could only claim a slight tactical advantage, since he had succeeded in throwing a small force across the river, and, in his own words, had made the Boers quit their positions. He was sightly wounded himself, and had lost 6 per cent of his entire force, in addition to another 6 per cent in the two previous battles.

LIKE AN ENGLISH BULLDOG. But he had no idea that he had been beaten, and no intention of letting the English people or the enemy think so. He had his slight tactical advantage, and he held his ground like and Engits's bulldog. He remained where he was three days, until reinforcements could be sent forward, and the engineers could repair the bridge, so that the naval guns, field batteries and supplies might go with him, and within 48 hours the world can expect that another battle has been fought and Kimberley rescued. Lord Me-thuen is not a taotician, and he works men termbly hard, as is proved by the record of his having marched 53 miles within seven days, and fought three battles with 12 per cent of his entire force killed or disabled. But he is a fine type of English grit and invincible courage. It seems probable from a clue furnished by the Standard pected to find the enemy in force, not at Modder River but at Spytfontein beyond, and that he was not prepared to meet so strong an army as confronted him when he reached the swollen stream. He accepted the challenge of bettle at once and fought from hour

London, Dec. 4.-Gen. Methuen is | Rivers, and the 9th Brigade below the in the center. But the fighting was desperate all along the line, as the nearly equal losses of the two brigades clearly indicate. The heaviest individual losses were those of the batthe column 36 hours before the battle, and they were at once set to work. A battery of field artillery had also re-inforced Lord Methuen, but there were

with incessant artillery fire and rifle practice, and a little bayonet work at the close of the exciting day. Lord Methuen could not claim a decisive victory, but he had held his ground. Reviewing the south African situa-ion Mr. Ford, the London correspon- "drawn battle" meant. He made the most of his slight tactical advantage, sent a bulletin to the war office with one or two rhetorical flourishes which all England has been puzzling over for ments. He had captured neither guns, positions nor prisoners, but he had paralyzed the activities of the enemy, paralyzed the activities of the enemy, for Cronje, with a force of superior mobility, has done nothing to interrupt his line of communications by which battalions of cavalry and artillery were coming up, and that line stratches not only to Cape Town but stretches not only to Cape Town, but to Southampton, whence 3,000 fresh troops sailed yesterday, with additionshoulders of Matthew Arnold's weary al call behind for reserves of six regi-

IN UPPER NATAL The curtain has been rung down upon the campaign in Upper Natal, and there is only a single glimpse behind the scenes. This is offered in a Cen-RECONCILED TO THE SITUATION. tral News dispatch from Durban, with ong the only editor who condemns staff college are there, both Clery and war as unjust and unnecessary. Hildyard, and they also forecast more delay in bringing on an engagement, ing the two British armies in a genercompromise by peace-makers after a al attack upon Gen. Joubert. That campaign which is costing so heavily warrior has been killed off again by several news agencies, one of which on the English side without has been consistent enough to bury him with a state funeral, but he will

probably live to fight another battle. Gen. Buller's admirers are now asserting that he has virtually relieved Mafeking and Kimberley by his general plan of campaign, and is within striking distance of the rescue of Ladysmith. He has not yet beaten the Dutch allies, whose fighting powers in defensive warfare are marvelous. He has succeeded, certainly, in nipping in the bud rebellion in Cape Colony, where the Dutch are throwing down their arms and returning to the farms, although Gens. Gatacre and French have not yet struck a decisive blow.

KIMBERLEY SAFE. The London correspondent of the New York Herald says the Modder River battle dispatches to the war office show that Lord Methuen's was evidently a confidential dispatch, last battle was a decided victory, clearing the Boers from the river, and railway line, and allowing Lord Methuen to set his engineers at work repairing the bridge, which is essential to the execution of his designs, as without this aid the provisions, so urgently needed by Kimberley, cannot be conveyed there, nor can the refugees be moved back to Cape Town. There is little doubt that Lord uen's losses in the ten hours' fight were Methuen can now freely pass as many troops as he requires across the river. Were Kimberley in danger of being compelled to yield to the Boers, Me-thuen could advance with the bulk or his force and clear the way to the beleaguered garrison, with whom he is supposed to be in heliographic communication. It is certain that Kimber-

ley is safe. When Methuen crosses the Modder River, it is almost certain that he will find the Boers blocking his advance to Spytiontein. It would be difficult to imagine a position better suited for defensive tactics than that in which the Boers are. The partial road, which Gen. Methuen must follow, passes through a belt of very broken country. Stony kopjes stretch on each side for four to six miles, an extent of front which will render difficult any turning movement. If the Boers who hold it are eventually driven out they will have Kimberley and its garrison rectly in their rear, and may lose their

DISTINCTLY IMPROVED.

Cabling on the same subject, the London correspondent of the New York Sun says: The military situation in South Africa, so far as it has been disclosed, is distinctly improved during the week from the British standpoint. It is difficult to describe the English pride and enthusiasm over Gen, Lord Methuen's great march to the relief of Kimberley. There are still some misgivings over the ultimate fate of the gallant column which is fighting its way north against an enemy who is desperately contesting every step of the advance. The public is still in the dark as to the latest position of Lord Methuen's force, and the nature of the last battle at Modder River. The news roday which gives the greatest satisfaction is the announce-ment that substantial reinforcements have reached Gen. Methuen by rail. BRITISH FORCE WILL SOON

REACH 120,000. The announcement that reinforcements amounting to half of the second to hour until evening.

It seems probable that the Guards' Brigade was engaged in the tongue of land formed by the Modder and Tiete that a third division will follow as army corps are to be sent to South

soon as possible, and it is very likely that the fourth will go soon after, thus raising the British force in the field to above 120,000. TOTAL CASUALTY LIST STATED

AT 4,180. The total casualty list on the British side is now stated at 4,180, of which 408 were killed, 1,806 wounded and 1,-

DON'T WANT HIM. The London correspondent of the New York World says: Dr. Jameson has not arrived in England.Gen.White, acting under instructions from the acting under instructions from the war minister, advised him to leave Ladysmith, deeming it undesirable to have the director of the raid prominently identified with the present operations. Dr. Jameson, it is understood, has gone from Buluwayo by Lorenzo and Zambesi. The announcement of his arrival at Cape Town and his sailing for England was only a his sailing for England was only a feint in order to keep his where-abouts a secret. Jameson was refused service in any capacity by the British military authorities, even in the ambulance corps.

BOUNCED. A curious development of the war is its effects on journalism. Two London editors of position-Mr. Massingham, of the Chronicle, and Mr. Crook, of the Evening Echo—resigned last week under pressure from the proprietors because of their anti-war attitude. They both refused to admit that the existence of war called for a cessation of criticism of the government policy.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S RECENT

SPEECH. London, Dec. 4.-Mr. Chamberlain's liking for straight flung words has not only thrown the capitals of Europe into a turmoil, but his declarations have been by no means acceptable to those in England who are responsible for the relations with the United States. It appears that when Mr. Choate made his thanksgiving speech he was quite ignorant that Mr. Chamberlain was speaking so definitely regarding alliances, and the ambassador did not intend his generalisms regarding Great Britain, Germany and the United States to be taken as confirmation of the colonial secretary's out-

spoken remarks. It would appear that Mr. Chamberlain only told half the truth, for in these dispatches on Nov. 25 it was pointed out that negotiations were on foot for an alliance looking for a settlement of the Far Eastern question. The Outlook, particularly well informed in Chinese matters, says this week: The key note of the new understanding will be found in the words, 'open door."

DENIAL NOT UNEXPECTED. In view of Secretary Hay's denial to the Chinese minister, it is presumed that the United States, any rate as yet, has not decided to claim any sphere in China. According to opinion here Secretary Hay's denial was only to be expected at this stage, and whether or not it correctly forecasts the attitude of the United States, it is not regarded as dissipating the belief that the "open door" is now the basis of negotiations between the powers, far more comprehensive than mere answers to the United States' request for assurances.

STIRRED A HORNET'S NEST. In addition to being the center of attraction in Europe's excitement over Mooted alliances, Mr. Chamberlian occupies the center of the stage in the French-British dispute. His official recognition of the French press diatribes and threat of retaliation made in his Leicester speech have incurred the censure of many of his own sup-porters, while his utterances irritated France almost to an alarming extent. The Speaker declares Mr. Chamberlain's head has been turned by his interview with Emperor William, and expresses the hope that the French nation will not forget that he is not yet foreign secretary.

A SPECK OF WAR. The fact that the French naval attache, speaking at the Temple Yacht Club dinner, simultaneously with Mr. Chamberlain, emphatically disowned, before Admiral Beresford and the other attaches and 700 prominent Britons. the attacks on the Queen, has rendered Mr. Chamberlain's notice of them more striking. The Associated Press learns that the French naval attache's speech was revised by the French ambassador, and was made at his per-

sonal request. The conservative French papers contrast Mr. Chamberlain's remarkable utterances with those of Rear Admiral Beresford, who, following the French naval attache, declared that a few caricaturists could not be taken to represent a nation.

The Autorite of Paris, today says:
"We are confronted by the positive threat of war. Possibly it does not correspond with British national sentiment, but it is Mr. Chamberlain who commands. We would assuredly have desired to preserve the peace, but the minister who leads Great Britain wants war which is consequenty inevit-

This extract from the Autorite voices the extreme tone. The Petit Parisi-enne believes Mr. Chamberlain tried to throw dust in the eyes of the British public "in order to avoid attention being attracted to the defeats in South

Thus the colonial secretary has stirred up a hornets' nest.

DELCASSE IS MODERATE. In marked contrast to his line of action is that of M. Delcasse, whose moderate speeches and statesmanlike references to the Transvaal receive the warmest commendation from all sec-tions of the British press, though about 40 firms have announced that they have withdrawn their exhibits from the Paris Exposition on account of French

SPECULATION ON TRANSVAAL OPERATIONS.

The South African war progresses slowly. The work of rectifying the false military situation is evidently none too easy. Gen. Buller's campaign, instead of being aggressive, as planned, is now wholly subservient to the necessity of relieving Kimberley and Ladysmith. It seems that both objectives will soon be gained, though not without another engagement be-tween Gen. White's unstrengthened forces and the reinforced Boers. WHAT STARTED BADEN-POWELL

Col Baden-Powell's book, "Aid to Scouting," proofs of which he read at Mafeking, will be published this week. The story is now told as to how Col. Baden-Powell went to Mafeking. It

appears that while on leave in London in July, having left his regiment in India, he met Lord Wolseley in Piccadilly. "Hulloa!" said the commander-in-chief. "You ought to be in South Africa. Can you get out at once?" Col. Baden-Powell left on the following day

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People) the Queen is grieving so deep-it is learned that these plans embrace ly over the heavy losses of the British the reopening of the river bed so as to ly over the heavy losses of the British troops in South Africa that she can scarcely be induced to talk on any other topic, and as a result she is subject to severe nervous attacks.

It appears that Rear Admiral Harris, commanding at Durban, much disapproved of sending a naval brigade to the front, and Sir John Colomb (a former captain in the navy) and others have written to the Times and service papers protesting against the habit of employing sailors in land fighting on account of the greater difficulty in procuring sailors than soldiers, the greater cost of their production, and the consequent undermanning of vessels.

RECRUITING RETURNS LOW. The army recruiting returns for November show an unusually low total, almost the smallest on record. It is said, in explanation, that the calling out of the reserves and militia, has created a labor demand which is not yet supplied.

GERMANY'S AMBITION. Berlin, Dec. 4 .- After a fortnight of preliminary skirminishing, the reichstag will this week begin serious work, starting with the first reading of the budget, involving the advance fight for and against the new naval bill. The whole energy of the government will be used towards making the bill a law, and thus securing for Germany the second place in the world as a naval power. After surveying the parliamentary field, it seems pretty propable that the bild will pass, as the whole Right, part of the Centers and a por-tion of the Left seem sure to vote for its passage. No doubt German public opinion overwhelmingly favors the bill, as the people believe with the emperor, that it is absolutely necessary for Germany's continued prestige as a world power, and for the extension of

German trade and influence abroad. NO FEAR OF FRANCE. Besides, the conviction is now held generally here that France need no longer be feared as a serious competitor militarily, she having reached her ultimate limit in increasing her army, and is unable to compete with Germany's additional 15,000,000 of inhabitants. Thus it may be said that Germany now has her hands free for nav-al expansion. The government's pur-pose to transform Emden, hitherto a small North Sea harbor, into a first-class naval port has become plainer every day. On exceptional authority

allow the largest warships to enter the port. The first installment of 9,500,-000 marks for this improvement will reach the Prussian diet after its reconvening. The government will also erect big naval shipyards and drydocks at Emden. The drydocks will be pushed, so that a number of the vessels demanded by the new naval bill can be built at Emden.

SOLVING THE BORDEN MYSTERY. New York, Dec. 4.—There is every evidence that the famous Borden mystery is entering upon a new phase, says a dispatch from Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, who was accused of the crime, was acquitted by a jury in 1893, but since then many of her townspeople have held aloof. Detectives and lawyers are now examining new evidence pointing to a sweetheart of Bridget Sullivan, servant of the Bordens at the time of the murder, as the wielder of the axe with which Andrew J. Borden and his wife, Lizzie Borden's stepmother, were hacked to

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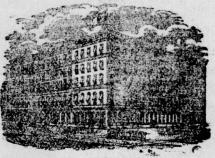
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REARRESTED.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 4.-Charles Fralick, the hotelkeeper, who confessed to having shot John James, musician, while the latter, he said, was robbing his hen roost, and who was discharged by the ceroner's jury, was rearrested Saturday morning, charged with murder. A Rochester det working on the case. A Rochester detective has been

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