

Chronology of the War

BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND THE BOERS.

October 11—Time fixed by the Boers for compliance with their "ultimatum" expired at 5 P. M. Free State Boers make preparations for war.

Oct. 12—Armored train captured by the Boers at Kraiipan, near Mafeking.

Oct. 13—Reconnoissance in force from Ladysmith.

Oct. 14—Boers march on Kimberley and Mafeking.

Oct. 15—Transvaal flag hoisted at Newcastle, Kimberley isolated. Boers repulsed at Mafeking.

Oct. 16—Boers reported massing near Dundee. Armored train affair at Spytfontein, near Kimberley.

Oct. 17—Railway communication with Aliwal North interrupted.

Oct. 18—White's patrols find Boers at Acton Homes.

Oct. 19—Transvaal flag hoisted at Vryburg. Boers encountered on the Limpopo by a patrol from Tuli. Boer commando crosses the Biggarsberg range and attacks a train at Elandslaagte.

Oct. 20—Boers shell British camp near Dundee. Boer position on Talana Hill captured by the British under Symons. Klipdam occupied by the Boers.

Oct. 21—White moves out force under French to eject Boers from Elandslaagte. Boers routed.

Oct. 22—Yule retires from Dundee on Ladysmith via Beith.

Oct. 23—Death of General Symons at Dundee. Bombardment of Mafeking.

Oct. 24—Action at Ritfontein. Sharp fighting outside Kimberley.

26—Junction of Yule with White at Ladysmith. Plumer has engagement with Boers near Tuli.

Oct. 28—Enemy reported closing round Ladysmith.

Oct. 30—General sortie from Ladysmith. Naval guns silence Boer siege artillery. Surrender of part of two battalions and a mountain battery at Nicholson's Nek.

Oct. 31—General Sir Redvers Buller lands at Cape Town. 4000 Boers reported concentrated at Bethulie.

November 1—Boers invade Cape Colony.

Nov. 2—Ladysmith isolated and bombarded. Colenso evacuated by the British garrison. Boers reported to be invading Zululand.

Nov. 3-4—Naauppoort and Stormberg evacuated by British garrisons.

Nov. 6—Cavalry action outside Ladysmith, near Dewdorp.

Nov. 9—The Roslin Castle (the first of the transports conveying the Army Corps) arrives at Cape Town and proceeds to Durban. General attack on Ladysmith repulsed with heavy loss to Boers.

Nov. 10—Reconnoitering force from Orange River engaged with Boers near Belmont.