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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1899.

VERY HOT FIGHTING!

Boers Repulsed in a Fight to the North of Kimberley.

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LADYSMITH, Oct. 29, 7 p. m.— The Boers are gradually closing around Ladysmith. They have mounted two big guns on Tinta Ingoni, 4,500 yards from the British camp. An attack is expected. Do Great Work With Their Quick Firing Guns.

Arrival of Gen. Sir Redvers-Buller, the Commander-in-Chief-Emperor William's Significant Words-Clasp Hands With Canada.

ON THE WESTERN BORDER. LONDON, Oct. 27 .- During the momentary lull in the fighting in Natal comes news from the western border, which temporarily shifts the scene of chief interest to the beleaguered British force at Kimberley. The sharp struggle there on Tuesday appears to have been the result of a sortie, with the view of breaking the cordon surrounding the place. The British, apparently 500 strong, met seven hundred Boers, and, according to the official and other accounts, routed them after severe fighting, in which the armored trains appear to have done valuable services. The Boers were entrenched seven miles northward, and the British brilliantly carried the enemy's position without serious loss. It is said the Boers twice unfairly used a white flag. Botha, who was among the killed, was a member of the Volksraad and a famous Dutch fighter. He distinguished himself as a marksman at Brenkhorstspruit, when the 94th British regiment was moved down. He afterwards defended a farm house against the British. When he surrendered the farm house, Botha was found with five wounds, bathed in

A FIGHT AT KIMBERLEY. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 26 (ovening).— Official reports from Kimberley, dated Tuesday, state that Col. Scott Turner. with 270 men, proceeded northward to MacFarlane's farm, where they unsaddled their horses. At 9 o'clock a party of Boers was seen on the right flank and was quickly scattered, Col. Scott Turner opening fire on them, and several of the enemy being seen to fall. The enemy moved to a sand hill and opened fire on the British, which was returned. Col. Scott Turner attempted to prevent the Boers advancing against Col. Murray, but was met with a heavy fire from a wall, 600 feet to the left. At 11 o'clock Col. Murray ordered 150 men of the Lancashire regiment to proceed to the north. An armored train is already supporting Col. Scott Turner. At midday Col Murray started also with two field guns and two maxims and seventy mounted men. One of the two British guns opened suddenly upon the Boers. The Boer artillery fire was brisk. Another armored train was held in readiness. At 2 o'clock the second train was sent forward with additional ammunition. The Lancashires behaved splendidly. Commandant Botha and many Boers were killed. The British loss was three killed and 22 wounded. The engagement was a brilliant suc-

cess for the British forces. VOLUNTEERS FROM MANILA. MANILIA, Oct. 27, 10 p. m.-An informal meeting was held here today of men proposing to proceed to South Africa to fight with the British. Over a hundred Englishmen, Australians and Americans decided to go. They organized a party and believe they can secure two hundred more men. The volunteers include ex-soldiers, frontiersmen, Englishmen familiar with the Transvaal and commercial elerks.

BULUWAYO ADVICES. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 27.-A telegram

from Buluwayo, Rhodesia, dated Mon-

"A Boer force is threatening Chief Khama and Chief Linchwe, who are loyal to Great Britain. Khama and Linchwe's country lies at the extreme northwest of the Transvaal and includes Bechuanaland. It seems a gross mistake for the Boers to provoke war among the natives. The probable explanation is that the Boer force intends to destroy the railway to Buluwayo, which runs through Khama's country, and thus prevent any attempt of Col. Plummer's Rhodesian forces to go to the relief of Mafeking. Already there have been stories of a Rhodesian armored train engaging the Boers

some distance north of Mafeking. MANY BOER PRISONERS. LONDON, Oct. 27 .- A special despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Oct. 24, says: "Nine hundred and eighty Boer prisoners arrived here this morning. They include Captains Dewitt, Hamer, Fighlus, Dorrey, Van-

legger and Dottner." CECIL RHODES CHEERFUL CAPE TOWN, Oct. 27 .- According to further advices from Kimberley, the Boers removed their killed and wounded in carts. No reliable estimate of their losses has been made. Mr. Rhodes rode out and watched the fight. The townspeople, including the women, mounted the trenches, watching eagerly for the return of the troops.

dinner parties daily, at which luxuries are abundant.

COUNTER PROCLAMATION. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 27.-Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, and W. P. Schreiner, the premier, have issued a proclamation declaring null and void the proclamation of the Orange Free State asserting that a por-tion of Cape Colony is now Free State territory. Sir Alfred Milner's proclamation

warns all British subjects in the colony of their duty and obligations to THE HAGUE, Oct. 27.-At today's neeting of the committee of the second chamber of the foreign budget, a resolution was adopted urging the government to offer to mediate be-

PRETORIA ADVICES. LOURENZO MARQUEZ, Oct. 27 .-The following despatch has been received here from Pretoria, filed yester-

tween the Transvaal and Great Brit-

"The government has issued a prolamation declaring that no rents or interest on bonds can be claimed dur ing the continuance of martial law, nor within a certain fixed period after the repeal of the same.

"The Boers at Vryburg have secured a quantity of ammunition. Commandant Schooman has seized Krokodilepoort and destroyed the railway bridge

"President Kruger is in excellent health.' LONDON, Oct. 28 .- The Daily Telegraph has the following from Ladymith dated Wednesday

"Our cavalry patrols have been fired on this forenoon and chased by the enemy near the scene of the Reitfontein engagement. The Boers show signs of becoming aggressive. "We learned of the capture of the

Hussars in response to a military wire sent to Commandant General Jou-

LONDON, Oct. 28 .- The war situation this morning presents no new features. It is presumed in Natal that the Boers are reconstructing their plans and that the English are resting but telegrams from Ladysmith at express rates still occupy 48 hours in transmission to London, and therefore t is not impossible that something is happening.

LONDON, Oct. 30.-The position at Ladysmith, without being alarming, is sufficiently dangerous to excite anxiety. Evidently the Boers are trying to repeat their Dundee tactics. Roughly estimated, they have 17,000 men, as

against 12,000 British. Gen. White has the better artillery, but his is of lesser range. The delay in the Boer attack is reported to be due to the non arrival of Commandant General Joubert's column. This has given the British a much-needed re-

spite after their recent exertions. Everything, it is now considered, hinges upon Gen. White's resources and judgment. Nothing is known regardthe progress of defensive works

for the protection of Ladysmith. The censorship is more active than ever. According to the Daily Chronicle's correspondence, "New regula-tions limit the number of words allowed for press messages to one-fourth the number allowable before."

Farmers in the neighborhood of Ladysmith have left their farms and stock at the mercy of the Boers, and are congregated in the town. two guns the Boers have mounted are powerful weapons. They are the ones used in shelling Dundee, and it is a matter of considerable surprise they managed to transport such heavy

Again it is reported that President Kruger, accompanied Gen. Joubert to the front in a splendidly fitted travel-

The Standard's correspondent at Ladysmith, telegraphing Saturday. sends a statement that the Boers have captured 1,590 mules, a loss that must seriously inconvenience the British The attempt of the Boers to cut

the railway at Pierters was frustrated by British cavalry. The wife of General Jan Kock has arrived at Ladysmith under a flag of truce to nurse her wounded husband All the wounded Boer prisoners have

been sent to Durban to prevent any

attempt at rescue. The explanation of the alleged Boen massacre at Dundee appears to be that a portion of the town guard. atthough fairly warned by General Yule before his retirement, continued to water works and have cut off the sup-carry arms, and thirty of them were ply. This occasions no anxiety, be-Mr. Rhodes is cheerful and gives carry arms, and thirty of them were

the papers found upon him was a telegram from Lady Symons congratu-lating him upon his success.

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Lieut. Minklejohn, of the Gordon
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roops who left Ladysmith on Friday to meet the enemy, returned yesterday after a slight brush, the Boers retiring on Elandslaagte.
Disquieting rumors are current re-

shot before the Boers discovered who cause ample supplies are available in they ware.

The body of Sir William Penn "During a sortie this evening, the

Symons was buried without a coffin, British encountered the enemy three shrouded in the Union Jack. Ameng miles off to the north. The Boers had apparently been warned, and returned our fire in earnest, with a well handled machine gun. As our men had no in-

LIADYSMITH, Oct. 29, 5.45 p. m.—
Everything has remained quiet here today and the water supply is being renewed. A number of resident civilians have been ordered to leave "Commander Sydney Webb was severely wounded and left behind during the retreat, but was afterward rescued by Trooper Steevens. The conduct of our men was splendid. The enemy's loss could not be ascertained."

> LONDON, Oct. 28 .- The South African war has now been in progress nearly three weeks and, so far, the British arms have been consistently

SIR REDVERS BULLER

garding the Umvoti country, but the ! No one seems to have the faintes official reports say that all is quiet idea of what conditions will confron

DURBAN, Oct. 28, 11 a. m. (delayed n transmission.)—The Nata Mercury has the following from Ladysmith : "The Boers have been seen dragging neavy artillery up Tinta Ingoni. It is expected that they will adopt tac- forming the army corps, owing, the tics similar to those they pursued at one direc-Dundee, demonstrating in tion while attacking in another.

"The British intelligence department is completely informed regarding the Boer plans. The enemy have planted two guns, said to be those used in shelling Dundee, on a Kopje, two and half miles away in the direction of Elandslaagte."

The news of the arrival of General Yule's column at Ladysmith was received here with a general feeling of

Dr. Jameson, Col. Grey. Major Heany and Capt. Seller have arrived from Rhodesia on their way to Cape

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 29 .- According to despatch to the Cape Times from Ladysmith, the natives say that the Boer losses in the fighting at Reitfontein last Tuesday, were at least 80 killed and 150 wounded.

The same correspondent says that small Boer raiding parties continue their depredations among the villages and several farms have been looted. The rains continue and the volunteer camp is almost flooded.

MAFEKING BOMBARDED. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 29 .- The following despatch, dated Oct. 23, has been received from Mafeking:

"The enemy began a bombardment of Mafeking at 7.40 a. m. today, at a range of two miles and a half, their battery of three Krupp guns throwing seven bound, nine pound and twelve pound explosive shells. "At the outset the firing was erratic, but ultimately the Boers got the range and sent a number of shells

had been converted into a hospital. peing the chief sufferer. This building was struck three times. "Apparently the Boar ammunition was inferior. No casualties were sustained by the British and only one shot was returned. This, however, was so well directed as to disable one

into the town. Comparatively little

damage was done, a convent which

of the enemy's guns. "After three hours the Boers sent an envoy to ask the town to prepare for surrender. Col-Baden Powell, the British commander, replied in The shelling was not renegative.

BOERS KILLED A DOG. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.-A despatch from Mafeking, dated Oct. 21, says: 'All is well. There was a four hours' combardment, during which a dog vas killed" CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.-A later de

spatch from Mafeking, dated Oct. 24, Jays: "The Boers are in possession of the

the British army corps upon its arrival in South Africa. By Nov. 4 the last troopship should have sailed, but the army corps will scarcely take the is a lull in the departure of the troops

admiralty officials say, to the troops not being ready. Talk of peace and the terms are already rife.

LEFT FOR THE FRONT. PRETORIA. Oct 28' (via Louret 20 Marques)-Commandant General Jonbert has left Glencoe for the front. A report has been received here that Mafeking is burning.

IN MEMORY OF GEN. SYMONS. DRIJBAN, Natal, Oct. 26 (delayed in ransmission)-In reply to an inquiry made by him, General Sir Geo. Stewart White has received the following telegram from Commandant General Joubert: "I must express my sympathy. General Symons, unfortunately, was badly wounded and died. He was buried yesterday. I trust the great God will speedily bring to a close this unfortunate state of affairs, brought about by unscrupulous speculators and capitalists, who went to the Transvaal to obtain wealth, and in order to further their own interests, misled others and brought about this shameful state of warfare over all South Africa, in which so many valuable lives have been and are being sacrificed, as in-

stance General Symons and others. "I express my sympathy to Lady Symens in the loss of her husband." DURBAN, Oct. 27 (delayed in transion).-It is officially announced that Majer Donegan, chief medical officer at Glancoe, has wired the Transvaal state secretary, F. R. Reitz, at Pretoria, an expression of thanks on behalf of all the British officers and men in the hospital at Glencoe for the extreme kindness shown them by the Boer officers and men. The announcement adds that the wounded are doing well and that none of the officers are likely to die. All the flags are at half mast today

n mourning for the death of Sir Wil-THE FIGHTING NEAR DUNDEE.

CAPE TOWN. Oct. 29.-The following official data made public regarding he fighting near Dundee: "The Boer losses during Friday's ent at Talani Hill are estimated at 500 in killed and wounded.

"Yesterday the divisional staff was clear of the enemy eastward; but, as big forces were reported closing in on Dundee from the north and west, it was considered advisable to more the British force across the railway to a new position south of the camp. During the afternoon the infantry moved cut and began entrenching a new position. All available transports were utilized to carry stores

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ons were loaded with stores. Lieut. Hannah and an artillery sergeant

"During the hight of October 22 (Sunday), a fresh position was occu-pied about 7,200 yards from the enemy's guns. News was received at o'clock Monday morning (Oct. 23) of he victory at Elandshagte and a division was moved toward Glencoe unction for the purpose of cutting off he retreating enemy, should they use Glencoe Pass. Two fugutives were captured.

"We moved our guns down the ridge to the west of Impati Mountain, and our artillery exchanged with the enemy who brought six guns to bear on the transports. Rain and mist coming on, it was deemed advisable to concentrate on the positions occupied that morning. The movement was completed at noon, the British troops havng marched ten miles."

The column was en route for Ladysmith at 11 o'clock that night, passing through Dundee into the Helpmaakar road without attracting the attention of the Boers. Major Wickham, of the Indian commissariat service, joined the column with 53 wagons from the old camp. Moving eastward, through the Blesbok Pass, Beith was reached, and here the column rested, after which the night march was resumed, and Waschbank river reached the folowing morning at 9 o'clock.

"At 11 o'clock two batteries, two squadrons and all available infantry were moved toward Elandslaagte, in the hope of co-operating with the Ladysmith forces, whose guns could be neard; but as the firing moved in the lirection of the Orange Free State erritory, the troops returned from a six mile tramp in a heavy rain.

"At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the force was on the Ladysmith side of Sunday river. All that day and night following, the column plodded along muddy roads until Ladysmith was reached at 6 a. m. Thursday. purpose, but only at the cost of the entire kit of officers and men. All behaved splendidly, though practically under arms continuously for six days."

CAVALRY CAPTURED BY BOERS. DURBAN, Oct. 28 (delayed in transcission.)-The following official account of the capture of the squadron of the 18th Hussars by the Boers is

given by Captain Hardy: "After the battle at Glencoe, three squadrons of the 18th Hussars, with a Maxim, a company of the Dublin Fusiliers, and a detachment of mounted infantry, Col. Moeller commanding, kept under cover of a ridge north of the camp, and at 6.30 p. m. moved

down towards Sandspruit. "On reaching the open, the British force was shelled by the enemy, but without casualties. Col. Moeller ledhis men round Talana Hill, in a southeasterly direction, across Vants Drift road, captured several Boers, and saw the Boer ambulances retiring, Tien, with Squadron B of the Hussars, the Maxim and the mounted infantry, he crossed the railway and approached a strong force of the enemy.

who opened a hot fire, wounding Lieut. "Our cavalry retreated across Vants Drift, the Boers pressing. Col. Moeller held the bridge for some time, but, on the enemy enveloping his right, he fell back across the Spruit. The Maxim stuck in a water hole, Lieut. Cape was wounded, three of the detachment were killed, and the horses of Major Greville and Captain Pollock were

"The force finally reformed on a ridge to the north, which was held for some time. While Captain Hardy was attending Lieut. Crum, who had been wounded, Col. Moeller's force retired into a defile, apparently intending to return to camp around Impati mountain, but it was not seen afterwards.

FLOODS BAR THE BOERS. LONDON, Oct. 30.-The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Sunday: "Patrols from Ladysmith report that there are four large Boer camps within a radius of ten miles, extending in a semicircle northeast of the town. Evidently the enemy is concentrating all its forces. Gen. Joubert is in supreme command. One Boer laager has a Red Cross tent carefully posted in a conspicuous position.

"The British had several skirmishes with the enemy today. Railway cummunication with Ladysmith is still intact. At Colenso a couple of Basutos were detected putting boulders on the railway. They confessed that they had done this by order of the Transvaal authorities.

"A war balloon, very small and so light that two men can hold it down easily, and which can ascend 3,000 feet. is now in use, and the full position of the Boer guns has been ascertained. "The heavy rains have flooded Tugela river, which will prove an effectual barrier to any Boer proceeding south-

"The remaining bridges are strongly guarded.' CECIL RHODES AT WORK.

LONDON, Oct. 30 .- According to the opened fire on the entrenchments and latest reports from Cape Town, General right and left flanks. Mountain with two six-inch guns, get- forces, and there has been some out-

ting a fairly accurate aim over a post fighting. President Kruger has range of 7,000 yards. The soft ground arrived at Glencoe.

There 's no fresh news from the western frontier. The miners are still working at Kimberly, where there are provisions enough to last nine months. Ceel Rhodes has mounted and fully equipped a town guard of 400 men at a cost of £1,500.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—The special cor-respondent of the Daily Mail at Ladysmith, telegraphing Sunday, describes the arrival of the war balloon there on Saturday. It was welcomed, he said, with wild dances by the Kaffirs, who regard it as a deity. General White and General Hunter both ascended Sunday and thoroughly recompitered the enemy's position.

HOUSEHOLD GUARDS TO GO. LONDON, Oct. 30 .- The Household Guards, it is announced, have received orders to form a composite regi-ment for South Africa, including the First Life Guards, Lieut. Col. Sir S. M. Lockhart commanding, quartered Windsor, and detachments of the Second Life Guards, Col. the Earl of Dundonald commanding, and the Royal Horsce Guards (the Blues), Lt.

Col. Brocklehurst, commanding. Emperor William wired a farewell message to the Royal Dragoons, of which regiment he is honorary colonel, saying: "May you all return unscath-

TWENTY-NINE CRUISERS. LONDON, Oct. 30.—It is reported from Plymouth that the admiralty is about to mobilize twenty-nine cruisers.

POPE CELEBRATES MASS. ROME, Oct. 29.—The Pope celebraed Mass today in memory of Gen. Sir William Penn Symons. He had already sent a despatch of condole to Lady Symons.

Some time ago Sir William visited and had an audience with the

VERY LATEST LONDON, Oct. 30 .- The Standard voices the general anxiety regarding had hitherto not been given credit. It

goes to say: "Their strategy is so well planned that it is impossible to doubt that it is the product of some officer trained in the best European school of war." Then speculating upon the probable intention of the Boers and the possibility that they have been able to bring up reserve batteries from the Transvaal without the knowledge of the British spies, the Standard says:

"It is not impossible that we may

hear of Sir George White retiring southward, where he could fight at greater advantage." LONDON, Oct. 30.-The war office here has received a despatch which says that General White has fought an engagement, presumably with General Joubert's force, which was pushed back after several hours fighting. The British lost about 100 men and Boer losses were much greater. Boers were in larger numbers

and had better artillery. GENERAL WHITE'S ACCOUNT. General White's despatch, which was dated 4.30 p. m. today, read:

"I employed all the troops here, except the obligatory garrison before the works. I sent a mountain battery, the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucesters, to take up a position on the hills, to clear my left flank. The force moved at 11 o'clock yesterday evening, and during some night firing the battery mules stampeded with some of the guns, which, however, I hope to recover. These two battalions have not yet returned, but are expec-

"I detailed two brigade divisions of field artillery and five battalions of infantry, aided by cavalry, under General French, to attack a position upon which the enemy yesterday mounted guns. We found this position evacuated, but our force was attacked with considerable vigor by what I believe had many guns and showed in great numbers. Our troops were all in action and we pushed the enemy back several miles, but did not succeed in reaching his laager. Our losses are estimated at between eighty and a hundred, but those of the enemy must have been much greater, the fire of our guns appearing very effective.

"After being in action several hours, withdrew the troops and they returned unmolested to their contonnents. The enemy are in great numbers and their guns range further than our field guns.

"I now have some naval guns, which have temporarily silenced and, I hope, will permanently dominate the enemy's best guns, with which he has been bombarding the town at a range of over six thousand yards."

NAVAL BRIGADE ON TIME.

LADYSMITH, Natal, Oct. 30, 12.50 p. m.—The naval brigade arrived this morning at half-past nine, and has just commenced firing with six quick-firing guns, with great precision. The Boer 40-pounders, which had again begun isabled at the third and fifth shots. Brisk fighting is in progress on the

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