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LONDON, CANADA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1899.

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Births, Marriages, Death

GRAY—In this city, on Nov. 21, 1899, the wife Thomas A. Gray, 229 Richmond street, of a

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POPULAR RECITAL — LAST APPEAR-ANCE — Carlyle, Saturday afternoon, Nordheimer Rooms, 188 Dundas. Miscellane-ous programme. Admission only twenty-five cents; just half price to hear this great reader.

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND—THE NUMIDIAN, from Portland, Wednesday,
Dec. 13, will await arrival of train from London, Tuesday morning. St. Louis sails Wednesday, Dec. 13, from New York. Lucania, from
New York, Saturday, Dec. 16, will land passengers, Dec. 23, F. B. Clarke, Richmond street,
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Meetings.

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Arcanum, will meet this (Friday) evening,
at 8 o'clock, in Duffield Block.

O. F.—COURT DUFFERIN, NO. 4.—ALL
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GIST OF THE NEWS

Mr. Richard Hewitt, of Puslinch township, was found dying by the road-side. It is supposed he was hurt by a

The safe in Nelson Mills' general store at Marysville, near Port Huron, was blown open Wednesday night, and a large sum of money taken.

Messrs. Flavelle Bros., of Lindsay, have just finished a consignment of 20,000 turkeys, 2,000 geese and 4,000 chickens for the British Christmas

Professor Robertson, Dominion commissioner of agriculture, reports that arrangements are being rapidly completed for the establishment of manual training in Canadian schools, which has been made possible by the generous gift of Sir William C. Macdonald, of Mon-

treal. Superintendent Sloan, of the house of correction in Chicago, is about to try an experiment in the reformation of women prisoners. He has built three greenhouses, covering 40,000 square feet, in which he intends to grow roses for the Chicago market, employing the most hardened type of the gentler sex to be found in the big prison under

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Rome, Dec. 8 .- In spite of rainy weather and the advice of his physicians, the pope celebrated mass in his private chapel today.

PAIN'S FIREWORKS COMPANY "GONE UP."

New York, Dec. 8.—Pain's Fireworks Company, whose headquarters are in city, made an assignment yesterday. The cause is stated to be principally due to complications arising from an accident occurring at Columbus, Ohio, during a sham battle, resulting in a large number of suits for damages for injuries, as well as from the fire which occurred at the company's factory last summer. Liabilities stated to be about \$7,000, with assets

Forward to Ladysmith

Indications That Preparations for an Advance Are Completed.

Arrival of Generals Buller | other heavy ordnance were working and Clery at Frere.

Two Big Battles Believed To Be Impending.

Boer Dispatch Says Fighting Began Near Modder River Tuesday Morning.

Cavalry Brigade of 4,000 Men Destined for South Africa.

Bodies of Dead Boers in the Modder Made the British Camp Unsanitary -New Bridge Over the River Nearly

Pretoria, Wednesday, Dec. 6.-Fighting commenced near Modder River at 6 o'clock this morning.

THE CAMP AT MODDER. London, Dec.8.-While nothing in the latest message from the British camp at the Bodder River indicated an immediate advance, it appears that Pretoria has news that fighting was resumed Wednesday. It is not shown, however, whether Gen. Methuen has advanced on the new position taken up by the Boers or has merely engaged

in a reconnoissance in force Reports were again current at the Orange River Tuesday, Dec. 5, tha Maffeking has been relieved. It is known through dispatches from Magal, that preparations were completed there to advance in force Nov. 15, from Rhodesia, for the purpose of repairing the railroad line and restoring communication with Col. Baden-Powell. The Boers, however, were strongly entrenched near Gaberones, midway be-

tween Magalapye and Mafeking. GEN. GATACRE REINFORCED. Reinforcements are rapidly arriving

at Sterkstroom to strengthen Gen. Gatacre, including the much-needed artillery. The authorities expect speedy news that Gen. Gatacre has taken the offensive, thus diverting a portion of the Orange Free State forces now obstructing the advance of

A detachment of Cape Police had a skirmish with the Boers on Thursday, Dec. 7, near Indwe, while Gen French

IMPORTANT RECONNOITERING on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from Naauw Port, showing preparations to attempt the recapture of some of the British

towns occupied by the burghers. A war office dispatch from Gen. Buller confirms the statement that heliographic communication has been fully established with Ladysmith, and that Gen. Buller and Gen. White had been conferring as to their future

TWO GREAT BATTLES IMPENDING New York, Dec. 8.-In discussing the present status of the war in the Transvaal, a cable from London to the Tribune says that two great battles are impending at Ladysmith and Kimberley, and the hotspurs are impatient to have them come. One leading British journal, impressed with the conviction that the situation of White's well-nigh raises a cry of "On to Ladysmith!" It has also published evidence of large reinforcements which Gen. Cronje has received from Natal and Mafeking to enable him to make a strong stand at Spytfonitein. The war office, however, is satisfied to allow Gen. Buller a free hand. The gravest feature of the situation in Natal is the marked improvement in the artillery practice of the Boer batthe artillery practice of the Boer bat-did not use our searchlight for fear teries around Ladysmith. While the Boer guns would wreck the appar-naval gun had knocked out a big atus. Five hundred and thirty British Creusot and a howitzer,

TWO MORE SIEGE GUNS had been brought up, and, according to the London Times' dispatches, three Creusots, four big howitzers, two bat-teries of long-range field gune and constructed by the engineers, is re-

steadily. The rations, moreover, had been reduced all around the garrison. Gen. Buller not only knows these facts, but has provided so strong a relief column that the siege will be practically raised as soon as Clery is ready to strike the first blow. The British forces in Lower Natal are now estimated at 27,000, and Gen. Clery will have not less than 20.000 men for operations on either flank of Colenso. DISSENSIONS IN THE BOER CAMP The New York Herald today prints the following advices from special cor-respondents to the London Daily Tele-

graph: Modder River, Monday.-It is reported that serious dissensions have broken out in the Boer camp between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters. Gen. Cronje insists upon putting Transvaal officers in command of the Free State forces, and says that the latter

will not fight. Kimberley, Monday, via Modder River, Wednesday.—A trustworthy native, who escaped from the Boers, states that he drove his master, Andrew Cronje, and Head Commandant Wessels, away in a cart ofter the battle of Modder River. They quarreled all through the journey. Wessels severely blamed the Transvaalers for not coming to the assistance of the Free

Ladysmith,

London, Friday, Dec. 8, 5 a.m.-Gen. Buller's arrival at Frere is taken to indicate that all the preparations for an advance on Ladysmith are comploted and that stirring news will soon be recorded. The fact that Lord ters to mean that battles will be

It appears doubtful, however, ready position for what will evidently be a heavy encounter. The construction of the temporary bridge across the Modder River has entailed enormous labor; and even now the structure is liable to be washed away should a heavy storm come. Gen. Methuen has been compelled to

move his camp north on account of the insanitary state of the stream, owing to the presence of the bodies of dead Boers.

As the railway bridge was completely destroyed he has been compelled to leave a considerable force to potect his communication.

A special correspondent sends the Station says that Gep. Cronje, who is concentrating below Spytfontein, about interesting information regarding Boer tactics that Commandant Joubert has given general orders to reserve until the British are within the close range inforced by 3,000 Boers. of 400 yards. At the Modder River battle the Free State burghers became nervous, opened fire prematurely, thus revealing their positions, and frustrated the Boer plans. MORE DISILLUSIONMENT PROM-

ISED. The Morning Post publishes an article, warning the British public that the "disillusionment already experienced respecting the British forces in Natal is likely to be repeated on the western border." It says that men are wanted everywhere, and asks why the splendid body of 20,000 Royal marines is now being employed in sweeping floors and washing paint in England and is not sent out to handle

the naval guns instead of the hurriedly trained men, unfamiliar with these weapons, who have gone? 4,000 MORE CAVALRY TO BE SENT. The government has decided to dispatch to South Africa at the earliest possible moment a cavalry brigade of

about 4,000 men. Baron Loch, former governor Cape Colony, and British high com-missioner for South Africa, lecturing in London last evening, related some of his experiences with President Kruger. He said the remarks of the Transvaal president years ago show. ed that he contemplated just the state of affairs which has now arisen. Mr. Kruger even expressed desire to have a seaport, and said the Transvaal hoped to have a navy some day. The Times, commenting upon Lord Loch's reminiscences says that they prove up viction that the situation of White's to the hilt the Dutch ambition for army is critical, deprecates delay, and Dutch supremacy in South Africa.

MODDER RIVER. London, Dec. 8 .- The Daily Mail publishes a dispatch from Mr. Julian Ralph, at Modder River, who says the Kimberley people are troubled by the necessity of feeding 10,000 Basutos in the diamond fields, whom the Boers refuse to allow to depart, and who, should they fail to get enough meat, would become discontented and restless. On the night of the battle at Modder River, Kimberley, missing the accustomed signals from here, was in great anxiety, fearing that we had been defeated. The fact was, that we were killed or wounded in the battle here. That number has already been accounted for, and the enemy's losses were probably much heavier.

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216 Dundas street. pidly nearing completion. Gen. Methuen is waiting on this to get the artillery across, when he will be in condition to advance on the last stage to Kimberley. Some naval guns, with lyddite ammunition, are expected here shortly. Methuen has been reinforced by the 12th Lancers, and five field guns have arrived, together with tents and stores. It is expected the rest of the reinforce-

ments will be here in another week. DEATH AND FEVER. Twelve of the British wounded died yesterday. A few cases of fever have appeared, probably because of the corpses in the river; consequently the camp has been shifted back. The morale of the troops is excellent.

ALL QUIET AT KIMBERLEY. Kimberley, Monday, Dec. 4, via Modder River.-Everything has been quiet here during the last three days. The theater and the convent have been fitted up as hospitals. A number of our cattle have been captured by the en-

Modder River, Monday, Dec. 4.searchlight message from Col. Kekewich at Kimberley says the town is provisioned for 30 days, with forage for 30 days, and has a plentiful water

THE SORTIE OF THE 28TH. London, Friday, Dec. 8 .- A special dispatch from Kimperley, dated Nov. 29. says: As a result of signals from the relief force to the south, and of certain movements on the part of the Boers, Col. Kekewich determined to make a sortie, with the view of keeping a large force of the Boers employed here. Yesterday afternoon a portion of the garrison, with artillery, under Major Chamier, and mounted troops, under Major Scott-Turner, advanced southwest toward the Boer position, and captured Carter's farm, completed the line it was intended to Methuen is announced as resuming hold, in view of Lord Methuen's early his command at almost the same approach. Major Scott-Turner then turned his attention to the Boer laager, which he captured in fine style, in Major Scott-Turner then spite of the enemy's fire. All the camp ters to mean that battles will be equipment was captured or destroyed. fought simultaneously in Natal and Finally the British stormed the ridge, and captured three redoubts after severe fighting. In leading the men who were storming the third redoubt, Major Scott-Turner and Lieut. Wright were whether Gen. Methuen's force is in a killed. It is alleged that they were struck by explosive bullets. The death of Major Scott-Turner compelled the

British to retire upon Carter's farm, the whole affair having lasted four

hours. THE BOER ADVANCE. London, Dec. 7 .- The Boer advance in the northeastern portion of Cape Colony is becoming remarkable, The local farmers are flocking to the Boer laagers, the townspeople in many instances welcoming the invaders with every demonstration of joy. The annexation of British territory proceeds daily. The reported Boer successes have made a great impression among the Basutos.

A dispatch from Worcester River

six miles north of here, has been re-FUN FOR THE BESIEGED. George W. Steevens, in a dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 1, informs the Daily Mail that only two of the besiegers' big guns are dangerous, and his account of sports and festivities in the camp show that the beleaguered troops are cheerful enough to play cricket, football and polo, to have mule steeplechases and hold a championship sculling match on the Klip River between a canvas boat and a rubber bath-tub, to relieve the monotony. Gen. White, on St. Andrew's Day, presided at a banquet of the Gordon Highlanders, at which salmon, haggis, turkey and fruit figured. In a speech Gen. White said it was unpleas-ant to be bombarded without stirring. but everybody had the satisfaction of knowing they were playing the cor-rect game. There is plenty of food

water and ammunition. The Canadians.

LETTERS FROM THE CONTINGENT Montreal, Dec. 7.-Mail matter from the Canadian contingent reached this city this afternoon. Several families are in receipt of welcome letters in consequence. Toronto, Dec. 7.—Over 200 letters from

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