

on the 30th day of July. The day was excessively hot. The sun was shining in the face of the Kimbri, and the wind was blowing the dust in their eyes. The Romans also managed to attack them before they had fully drawn up in battle array. The battle was fierce and obstinate. The Romans, however, won the day. The Kimbri were almost annihilated. One hundred and forty thousand of them, including, of course, women and children, were left dead upon the field. 60,000 of them were taken prisoners. Amongst those who fell was the brave King Boiorix. The Tigorini were not present in the battle. They had been left behind to guard the passes of the Alps.

The Kimbri came from the country about the mouth of the Rhine. The tradition that they had been driven away from their homes by an inundation of the sea points to this locality. Then, Strabo tells us "that there were Kimbri in that district in his own time; that they sent an embassy to Augustus with a present of their sacred caldron; that they supplicated his friendship and an amnesty for past offences; and that, having obtained their request, they returned home." (Strabo VII., 2, 1.) Tacitus, who wrote about 98 A.D., says that there were Kimbri then in the Peninsular of Jutland or the southern part of Denmark. He speaks of them, however, as a small state, "*parva civitas*."

But what, it may be asked, have the Kimbri to do with the Kimmerians? They have a great deal to do with them. The Kimbri of the Romans and the Kimmerians of the Greeks are the very same people. They are to be looked upon as the same people for the following reasons:—

1. The Kimmerians were a numerous and powerful nation in Southern Russia at the time of the Skythian invasion, about the year 671 B.C. It is reasonable to suppose, that some of them had pushed their way as far west as Germany and Gaul long before that date. We know as a historical fact, that when attacked by the Skythians, a large body of them, under Teispes, fled into Armenia and Asia Minor. But, as a general rule, nations attacked from the east sought