

Defense of Ladysmith

Heavy Naval Guns Mounted on the Surrounding Hills.

35 More Battalions of British Militia To Be Mobilized at Once.

General Buller Is Still at Cape Town.

Kimberley Safe and the Wounded Doing Well.

The Boers Big Guns Have Not Damaged the Diamond Town.

French Sympathy Largely With the Enemy—Cape Afrikanders Are Loyal—Another Contingent From New South Wales.

London, Saturday, Nov. 4.—4:45 a.m.—There is very little fresh intelligence today, but it is believed the Delagoa Bay route, if not already restored, speedily will be, thus giving quicker communication with the Cape. The situation is still hopeful. The accounts that continue to arrive regarding the fighting on Farquhar's farm only confirm its serious nature, and the narrow escape Gen. Buller had.

The war office received a cablegram at 9:16 p.m. yesterday, announcing that communication had been restored with Ladysmith, and that messages from that place were coming through. A later dispatch indicates that the above is premature, as only belated dispatches are coming through.

BRITISH LOSSES AT FARQUHAR'S FARM.
London, Nov. 3.—The following is a detailed revised report of the total casualties among the rank and file at Farquhar's farm:

	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.
Artillery	4	29	85
Cavalry	2	9	21
1st King's Rifles	2	23	21
2nd King's Rifles	8	29	16
Leinster Regiment	2	18	4
Dublin Fusiliers	0	0	16
Manchester Regiment	0	0	1
Irish Fusiliers	0	4	1
Gloucestershire Regiment	0	83	330
Engineers, Naval and Colonial Forces	0	7	0
Totals	57	227	473

The last-mentioned does not include the Irish Fusiliers.
The list of casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men at Farquhar's farm shows the Gloucesters lost thirty killed and fifty-one wounded, and the 16th Mountain Battery two wounded before they surrendered. The captured were given under the head of missing, are divided as follows: Gloucesters 19 officers and 330 men; 16th Mountain Battery, 5 officers and 84 men; Fusiliers, not reported.

Of the officers 6 were killed and 9 wounded.
A significant fact, indicating the hasty character of Gen. Buller's retreat upon Ladysmith, is the number of men captured, apart from the members of the Gloucesters and Irish Fusiliers taken prisoners.

NONE TOO SOON.
It now appears as if it were only the arrival of the naval contingent from the Powerful, which prevented a worse disaster. It seems that when it was seen that retreat was imperative, two naval contingents volunteered to carry a dispatch across the Boer lines to Major Buller, asking him to retire, but the risk was considered too great, and flag signaling was employed instead. The distance was too great and the ground too high for cavalry to go to his assistance.

NAVAL GUNS IN POSITION.
According to dispatches filed on Tuesday, defensive works will be constructed on the hills around Ladysmith, and it is expected that there the big naval guns would be mounted the following days. The Boers were threatening to attack the town in force on Wednesday and Thursday, and the women, children and other non-combatants were being sent by train to the south. Ladysmith is provisioned for two months.

The London Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday morning: "Matters here are quiet. The Boers are apparently mounting more heavy guns to the north and northeast, which are likely to give us trouble. A Boer contingent, 1,500 strong, and clearly visible from the camp, is streaming away for the south. The inhabitants of Ladysmith continue to leave the town."

GEN. BULLER'S MOVEMENTS.
A delayed dispatch from Cape Town says: Gen. Buller is still here, and it is not likely that he will leave here for a few days. It is rumored that martial law will shortly be proclaimed in Cape Town.

Sir Alfred Milner, in his capacity of viceroy of the Cape district, has issued a proclamation establishing a naval prize court during the continuance of the war. This is aimed at foreigners who might try to land supplies for the Boers.

AT KIMBERLEY.
A delayed dispatch from Orange River, Cape Colony, dated Nov. 1, says: Kimberley is still safe and the wounded are doing well.

AT MAFKING.
The Cape Town Press says it has reliable information that there have

been no casualties among the British at Mafeking since Oct. 13. After the heavy bombardment, Gen. Buller asked the town to surrender. Col. Baden-Powell was asleep when the messenger arrived, but on being awakened, received him hospitably, and politely replied: "I will let you know when we have had enough."

The special correspondent of the Daily Mail at Mafeking, under date of Oct. 27, says: "Gen. Buller's bombardment of Mafeking was monotonous. The Boers fired 62 shells, but did no harm; the whole town, even the ladies, laughing at the affair. He threatens to bring a 40-pounder from Pretoria. Gen. Buller is sorry for the women's sake, that he should have sent them to the front, but the game to send dynamite trucks among his men. Fifteen hundred of his command have since departed to the southward. Small parties of our garrison are sent forth nightly and harass the Boer outposts. I hear that the Daily Mail's correspondent at Lobatse is a prisoner in the hands of the Boers."

BOER PLANS.
The London Standard publishes a dispatch from Luxemburg, which says: Until within a very few days Dr. Leyds has been in telegraphic communication with Pretoria, through an indirect diplomatic channel, by means of which he has been able to inform the Transvaal of the supposed British plan to advance through the Orange Free State. With a view to anticipating this movement, the Boers will endeavor to capture or isolate Ladysmith and then to press on to Durban, which would prevent a British debarcation, while the main Boer army would hastily take steps to defend the line of the Orange River.

A delayed dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated the 2nd, says: Five bodies of Boers, totalling 4,000 men, with field guns, are concentrated at Bethulie bridge. They have collected much food.

A dispatch bearing the date of Cape Town, Oct. 31, to the same effect as the above, appeared in the war news received Thursday afternoon. Bethulie, a small village near the border between Cape Colony and the Free State, is about 170 miles from Kimberley.

SURMISE.
London, Nov. 4.—While rumors of Boer and British victories are taken here to indicate that more serious operations have been commenced, it is generally recognized that most of the news at present is largely surmise, and must be accepted with great caution.

A dispatch from Colesburg, dated Nov. 1, announces that six policemen who were stationed at Colesburg Bridge, were surrounded and captured. This is probably the origin of the story that the Boers had occupied Colesburg.

THE BOERS' GUNS.
The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: I learn that the Transvaal and the Free State government, before the war, placed large numbers of the gunmakers of Le Creusot, but that not near all the weapons could be delivered, owing to the suddenness with which the hostilities began. The guns the Boers are actually using are Creusot—75 millimeter quick-firing and 155 millimeter siege guns, mounted on carriages and adapted in every way for use over muddy roads. They had two months' firing practice under competent Creusot agents. If they could have had another month's practice no European artillery could have withstood them.

SYMPATHY WITH THE BOERS.
The military council at Paris passed resolutions offering its entire sympathy to the Boers, "who are struggling for independence," expressing regret that the European powers had not intervened to prevent the conflict, and hoping that peace would be speedily secured.

Paris and Berlin continue to supply statements of British reverses, the latest being that Mafeking has fallen. The Paris correspondent of the Daily News asserts that since the war began the Boer secret service fund has increased to £10,000 monthly. None of these rumors is yet confirmed, and little attention is paid to them here. The rumors of continental anti-British coalition continue to occupy the French papers. Referring to the alleged Anglo-French understanding, said to be an outcome of the Hispano-American war, the Figaro says: "The Washington cabinet is convinced that had it not been for the resolute action of Great Britain the McKinley administration would have had to face a European coalition in Spain's behalf to deprive the United States of the fruits of victory. The English played the part of this string that the present moment if Europe did not remain in a position of strict neutrality it would not be long before a United States fleet would show its flag on the eastern coast of Africa. It is the Kaiser's nightmare, and it will be used as an argument in favor of the increase in the German navy. The inference may be made from the view of the conclusion of an alliance between Great Britain, the United States and Germany."

AFRIKANDERS LOYAL.
The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "There is not the slightest indication here of Afrikaner disloyalty."

MORE BRITISH BATTALIONS.
London, Nov. 4.—An army order, issued last evening, instructs the proper authorities to mobilize 35 battalions of militia at their respective headquarters on various dates after Nov. 20. At Plymouth it is rumored that the channel squadron will be ordered to the Cape, where a great naval force is to be collected with a view of establishing a cordon from the mouth of the Orange River to Delagoa Bay to prevent the landing of supplies for the enemy, and with a view also, if necessary, of landing guns to intercept the Boer forces.

ANOTHER NEW SOUTH WALES CONTINGENT.
Sydney, N. S. W., Nov. 4.—Tremendous enthusiasm was displayed yesterday on the occasion of the embarkation of the second detachment furnished by the colony of New South Wales for

South Africa. The colonial government is seriously considering doubling the contingent. The premier, Mr. Lyne, has communicated to the other Australian premiers a suggestion that the colonies should dispatch to South Africa another body of troops, to be called the Australian contingent. He says that if necessary 10,000 men could be sent.

CENSORSHIP.
The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company is advised that all messages passing over the Aden-Zanzibar cable are subject to censorship; also that no dispatch to or from the Transvaal, except consular telegrams, are allowed to pass via Cape Town or Delagoa Bay.

INCIDENT AT A LONDON THEATRE.

There was a remarkable incident at the Palace theatre, when Mrs. Berbohm Tree was reciting Kipling's "Absent-Minded Beggar" for the benefit of the families of the reservists. The audience was patriotic and one man threw a half crown on the stage. In a minute Mrs. Tree was in the midst of a rainstorm of coins and gold from the boxes and coppers from the galleries. In the midst of the outburst of charity a distinguished appearing man stepped on the stage, and with an aristocratic drawl said it was not quite the proper thing to throw money on the stage, and that it should be sent at the proper time to the proper place, and besides it might hit Mrs. Tree. He was hissed for his trouble, but the shower stopped.

ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL

Christian Workers Discuss Evangelical Union.

Cause for United Action—Leading Ministers Constitute Able Papers on a Subject of Universal Interest.

Toronto, Oct. 3.—Ministers and members of various churches, assembled in the Y. W. C. G. Hall yesterday at the second annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Christian Unity, and frankly discussed the best means of uniting the various denominations together for the common cause of Christianity, irrespective of doctrinal differences. The spirit manifested by the speakers was such as to augur well for the success of the organization. The aim of the society is to promote the reunion of Christendom, to which end it is proposed to form a federation of the various churches.

The opening paper was read by the president, Rev. Herbert Symonds, of Ashburnham. He dealt most exhaustively with the subject, quoting numerous passages of Scripture, in which unity of Christ's people was emphasized. They had a certain union at present, inasmuch as they worshipped the same God, entered the same Saviour, and were travelling toward the same heaven. The political union in the federation of the Dominion was illustrative of the condition they aimed at. He said that the success of the movement depended on the sincerity of a lot of unfederated states. They could be united for the Kingdom, and be still working for their particular denominations. The Northwest movement, which was a good thing, was being independently. The rivalry between denominations was worse than commercial competition.

SOME OBSTACLES.
Rev. Wm. Hincks, of the Central Methodist Church, gave a splendid paper on "Some Obstacles to Christian Unity." He pointed out very pertinently that putting disagreeable families under one roof was not a pleasant thing. They were all more or less affected with the doctrinal rigidity. A federal union, however, was quite possible, almost impossible. The Canadian people had been frequently united in order to avoid disastrous competition. Denominational overconfidence was one of the serious obstacles. The object of too many churches was to put up institutions rather than to carry out the divine law. Another difficulty was the lack of genuine respect for each other's conscientious differences. Clerical intolerance was also a drawback.

"Canada as a Suitable Field," was Rev. J. A. Macdonald's theme, and he pointed out many strong reasons why Canada was the best possible field for such a movement. In the first place there was a great need of it here. They were duplicating and triplicating their work. In this country they had stood on one another's necks, and there was a great advantage to such a movement. They honestly differed in political matters, but were united against a common foe, and so the Church of God should be.

VISIBLE UNION DESIRABLE.
The Hon. George W. Ross was announced to take the chair at the evening session, but he wrote stating that he was unable to be present on account of public engagements. In his absence the duties of chairman were discharged by Principal Cayton of Knox College. In his opening remarks he said the Christian churches were essentially one in spirit, but that union should be a spiritual union, a union of heart and organic unity. It was sometimes urged that denominationalism was necessary on account of the variety of temperament of church people, and that this was a good thing, and a church as near as possible to their own taste. There should be room, however, within the Christian Church for every legitimate variety of temperament.

Rev. R. P. Bowles claimed that the common purpose of the Christian religion justified the unity of the different denominations. He said that once in his early life he did not think it was possible for any to reach the Beautiful City unless they had attended class meeting, but of course, he was long since out of the narrow idea. Many thought there was a taint of earth in all the churches save theirs. He thought there was a taint of earth in every one of them.

Rev. A. Crapsey, of New York, had prepared a lengthy paper on the subject, "The Disappointment of Jesus Christ." As it was too exhaustive for a meeting, he gave the audience the substance of his paper. There was, he held, one great petition in the Saviour's prayer just before he suffered death that was not answered yet. He prayed that the people might be one, as he was one with the Father. He came to be a great unifier, and his plan was the most successful of any in the history of the world, yet his own people had disappointed him. They were continually at war with one another over trivial matters. The speaker held that one of the great causes of disunion was an improper theory of officialism, whereby the outward organization was considered the church.

THE NEW OFFICERS.
The following were elected the coun-

cil for 1900: Rev. Principal Cayton, Rev. W. Frizzell, Rev. T. Hamilton, Presbyterians; Rev. H. Symonds, Rev. C. H. Shortt, Rev. H. C. Heathcote, Rev. G. O. Thompson, Rev. C. Smith, Rev. W. A. Langton, Anglicans; Rev. Dr. Chown, Rev. F. H. Wallace, Rev. W. H. Hincks, Methodists.

At a subsequent meeting of the council, Rev. Dr. Chown was elected president.

OVER THE TEACUPS

We are intended to do our best, to make the best of our lives; but there is undoubtedly a scheme beyond our reach, and far above our petty influence or endeavor.—H. Seton Merriman.

Miss Nellie Waterman, of Queen's avenue, is visiting her aunt in Buffalo. A large reception was given for her on Thursday evening of last week, for Miss Waterman is one of this year's debutantes. She is visiting on her way to Rochester before returning to London.

The opening concert for the season of the Women's Morning Music Club will be given Wednesday evening in the Auditorium. A delightful evening is to be given in honor of us all. Mrs. Clara Barnes-Holmes, a favorite Buffalo contralto, and the cellist, Miss Lillian Littlehales, of Syracuse, will assist.

Mrs. Adam Beck was hostess of a small dinner party on Saturday evening last in honor of her guest, Miss Peterson, daughter of T. C. Peterson, of Pullar, in whose firm Mr. Beck's new home of Mr. and Mrs. Beck has been prettily rechristened "Headley."

Miss Mabel Moore left on Monday for a month's visit with Miss Mamie Packham, of Peterboro. Miss Packham, who is one of Peterboro's best-known belles, will return the visit later in the winter.

Mrs. Smallman was hostess of an enjoyable "at home" on Thursday evening last, when a number of young people gathered to drink tea and consume dainty eatables in the lovely rooms of hospitable "Waverley." The chief topic of conversation was the hurried departure of Mr. Fuller, who has been moved to the Montreal branch of the Bank of Toronto, much to our regret. During a year's sojourn in London, Mr. Fuller has been one of our most popular men. Still, we all congratulate him on his promotion. "Another of those distressing good-byes," someone said, "and the day was so merry lately." But then, alas for the faithfulness of us! Where bank clerks are concerned it is a case of "Le roi est mort—vive le roi!"

Mr. Williams, of Petrolia, will be seen to the Bank of Toronto here to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Field taking Mr. Fuller's place.

Mrs. (Dr.) Waugh, of Talbot street, returned this week from Hamilton, where she has been a visitor for some time.

Mrs. John I. A. Hunt, of Kent street, is visiting in Hamilton.

A large and representative audience greeted "The Amer" at the Grand on Tuesday night, and applauded so vigorously that the play was extended rather annoyingly. Enthusiasm, unbounded enthusiasm, is the greatest fault of Londoners. As it was that "nightmare," "the last of the north," the house clerks were unfortunately conspicuous by their absence.

I hear that an amateur dramatic club has been formed by some energetic ladies, among whom are Miss Annie Macbeth, Miss Harris, of Ridout street, Miss Nita Macbeth, who will remain in London for the winter, and Miss Lorna Gibbons. Under the able direction of Mr. Glazebrooke, of the Bank of British North America, they purpose astonishing us in the near future. Of course, the sterner sex are to be represented, and we are anxiously looking for unexpected outburst of dramatic genius. As the club has a view to discovering the "hero-to-be," no more delightful way can be imagined to entertain a winter over which the war threatens to cast a gloom.

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training on H. M. S. Conway, and who was in the American navy during the Spanish-American war, joined the 48th Highlanders at Toronto, and is now with the Canadian contingent in the Sardinian. It was he who was described in the press reports as bidding farewell to Quebec from the loftiest position attainable on the mast of the Sardinian.

U. S. ARMY LOSSES IN ONE YEAR

Foot Up the Startling Total of 10,076.

Washington, Nov. 4.—A recapitulation of the casualties in action between May, 1898, and June 30, 1899, and the volunteer and regular army, contained in the annual report of the adjutant-general of the army shows the grand total of 10,076 men.

The casualty list alone aggregates 5,454, of whom 35 officers and 488 enlisted men were killed, and 197 officers and 2,764 enlisted men wounded. The death list numbers 6,619, and is made up of 224 officers and 6,395 enlisted men. Of this total 38 officers and 488 men were killed, the remainder of the deaths resulting from various causes, including the following:

Wounds, 10 officers and 192 enlisted men; accidents, 6 officers and 209 men; drownings, 3 officers and 88 men; suicide, 2 officers and 52 men, and murders or homicide, 52 enlisted men.

In the regular army the total casualties in actions and deaths amounted to 4,156, and in the volunteer establishment to 5,920. The casualty list of the regulars had 157 officers and 1,830 enlisted men killed and wounded, and the volunteers 105 officers and 1,366 enlisted men killed and wounded.

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