The Sortie Was Unsuccessful

Baden-Powell's Report of the Affair at Mafeking.

Gallant Struggle in Which the British Lost 48 Men -- The Enemy's Position Virtually Impregnable=-Boers Used Explosive Bullets and Robbed the Dead-Effective Work of Enemy's Sharpshooters.

Gen. Buller's Army Eager to Advance-Bombardment of Ladysmith Continues-British Naval Guns Command the Boer Lines at Colenso-Boer Attack on Colesburg Repulsed-The Canadians at Belmont-No Change in the Modder River Situation

sortie from that place, as first announced from Pretoria, Dec. 30. The Mafeking dispatch says: There was a sortie today with the purpose of capturing the Boer outworks, but it was unsuccessful. The works were

OFFICIAL REPORT. Gen. Forestier-Walker at Cape Town dressing the wounds, a majority of the following dispatch from Col. Baden- which appeared to have been

Powell, dated Mafeking, Dec. 26: We abtacked one of the energy's works this morning, endeavoring to push back the cordon northward. Our force consisted of three guns, two squadrons of the Protectorate Regiment, one of the Bechuanamand Riffies, and armored train, etc. The enemy had strengthened their works during the night and doubled the garrison since yesterday's reconnoissance.

A GALLANT STRUGGLE. Nevertheless our attack was car out and pressed home with the greatest ossible gailantry and steadiness, under a very hot fire. But all efforts to gain the interior by escalade failed. e fort being practically impregnable. Our attack only withdrew after six of our officers had been hit and a large number of men. Nothing could have exceeded the courage and dash dis-

The general situation remains unchanged, and the health and spirits of the garrison are very satisfactory. LOST 48 MEN

I regret to report the following cas-Killed-Capt. R. J. Vernon, Capt. H. C. Sanford, Lieut. H. C. Paton, 18 noncommissioned officers and troopers.

Wounded-Capt. Charles Fitzclarence and 23 non-commissioned officers and Prisoners-Three troopers.

Gen. Fores fier-Walker points out that, while the dispatch gives all the names, it fails to show that six officers

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT. London, Saturday, Jan. 6. - The Times publishes the following dispatch from Mafeking, dated Dec. 26: At dawn today Col. Baden-Powell organtzed an unsuccessful attack on a strong position of the enemy at Gametree, two miles from Mafeking, from which the Boers have been maintaining a desultory but annoying shell and rifle fire for several weeks. The rail-way has recently been reconstructed etween the town and Gametree, wher the Boers had destroyed it, the final repairs being made in preparations for the sortie. During the night the armored train, with Maxims and Hotchkiss guns, under Capt. Williams and troops, took up positions for attack from two sides. Capt. Lord Charles Bentinck and a squadron were in reserve upon the left, while the extreme left wing was occupied by artillery under Major Panzera and a galloping Maxim of the Cape police, the whole being un-der Col. Horo. Emplacements were thrown up during the night, the orders being to attack at dawn and the artillery fire to desist upon prolonged tooting from the armored train. At daybreak the guns opened fire, and rapidly drew the reply of the enemy, our shells bursting within effective range. Capt. Vernon gave the signal to cease

TO ADVANCE his squadron leading off. Gemetree is surrounded with scrub, which contained many sharpshooters, and their results.

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London, Jan. 6. — A Maseking dis-patch, just received, but dated Dec. 26, non, and who saw him and his brother officers killed. Being without com-manders, they were driven off at one point, but they endeavored to scale the fort at others. They found the posi-tion of the Boers, however, almost im-

When we retired under cover of the armored train, so many men had been wounded that a suspension of hostilities occurred under the auspices of the crowded with Boers, repelling the assault, and a hail of bullets forced the British to retire, killing and wounding short radius of the fort. We had all it completely surrounded it, and had it been so extraordinarily well protected, we should have been in posses-

CAUSED BY EXPLOSIVE BULLETS While the wounded were being attended to several tattered and dirty, but physically fine men, came came up. Many of them were undersized, and all wore beards. They referred me to the field cornet, numbers of Boars left their contrarch. numbers of Boers left their entrenchments and gathered round. I spoke to an officer, who denied the use of ex-plosive bullets. On being shown the horrible wounds he admitted that one time explosive bullets had been served out, but he said he was certain they had all been previously expended and that none could have been used on that occasion. He then produced a bandolier, filled with dum-dums, and I pointed out that so far as Mafeking was concerned, these had been recalled. Later on I called the attention of the field cornet to four of his own men, who were

RIFLING DEAD BODIES. He expressed his regret to a British officer that, despite his instructions to respect the dead, the younger Boers were unruly and beyond his control, and he accused the British soldiers of stripping Gen. Kock and leaving him naked and wounded, thus indirectly

causing his death.

The correspondent then describes a scene of angry recrimination between the field cornet and the Boers regarding the existence of orders about robbing the dead and also about the facts themselves, some of the Boers asserting that they only took arms, despite the arrival at that very moment of the bodies of five British, under Boer escort, with the pockets of their uniforms turned inside out. The correspondent says: "We believe that spies carried the news of our contemplated sortie to the Boers. The field cornet admitted that he was reinforced during the night by 100 mounted men, and acknowledged withdraw-

ing his guns." With reference to the Boer reports that Lord Cecil and Lord Charles Bentinck were recently wounded at Mafeking, inquiries have been made through the correspondent of the Associated Press at Pretoria, with the result that it has been ascertained that neither took part in the sortie, and Lord Bentinck's troops were not en-

An undated dispatch from Mafeking, which was sent from Machudi, Dec. 27, says: "Col. Baden-Powell has delivered several surprise attacks at dawn. The enemy is disheartened and silently sulking. The health of the town is improving.

REVIEW OF THE FIELD. London, Saturday, Jan. 6-4:50 a.m.-Military activity in South Africa is confined to points of subsidiary importance. In the central theater of the British apparently have secured no substantial gains. The only dispatch of dramatic interest is the narrative of gallantry at the sortie from Mafeking, where the stormers threw themselves against a strongly defended Boer work with disastrous

takes almost the paramount place in the thoughts of the public; the vague possibility that these may be made pretext for continental Intervention disturbing official and private ob-servers. The government's undeviating purpose to enforce strictly the right to search has been set forth in detailed instructions, dispatched by the admiralty to the British naval commanders in South African waters, giving them weighty warnings, without exception to uphoid the government's measures for the suppression of the importation of contraband by way of Delagoa Bay.

Lady Georgiana Curzon has received a dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson at Mafeking, dated Dec. 25, saying: "Both referring to herself and to her husband, who had been reported as

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Rensburg, dated Jan. 4: Some Free Staters sent a petition to President Steyn, asking to return home. He replied that they had crossed the border without permission, and as they had no money to pay damage done, they must pay for it with their blood.

From Frere.

EAGER TO ADVANCE. London, Jan. 6.- A dispatch to the ville. Ont.

Daily Telegraph from Frere camp, dated Friday, Jan. 5, says: There has been firing today at Ladysmith and at Colenso. A strong cavalry reconnoissance, under Lord Dundonald, proceeded westward this morning toward Springfield, where firing is proceeding. There is a revival of the report that the Boers are short of provisions. Gen. Buller's army is eager for the advance.

Frere Camp, Natal, Thursday, Jan. 4.—The lieutenant, sergeant and five men who were reported missing from Capt. Thorneycroft's patrol, which found the enemy in some force at the

Capt. Thorneycroft's patrol, which found the enemy in some force at the Little Tugela bridge, Jan. 3, when they were hotly chased, eluded the Boers and have returned to camp.

The Boers continue to bombard Lady-mith

Our big naval guns today shelled their Colenso lines. One shell burst in the trench causing the Boers to scramble rearward. Another exploded among a drove of horses, killing several and stampeding the rest.

Nineteen Kaffirs, who escaped from

the Boer lines, came in from Colenso yesterday. They say the enemy were short of everything, and the commandants treated them so badly they could stand it no longer. Parties of our scouts now proceed daily toward Tugela, engaging the Boer guards.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

London, Jan. 6.—A special dispatch from Rensburg says Major Harvey, of the Tenth Hussars, was killed, and that Major Alexander was wounded while the Hussars were pursuing the retreating Reason after the attack to retreating Boers after the attack on the British left, Jan. 4, near Colesburg. About a thousand Boers, while leaving Colesburg last evening, made attack under cover of darkness on Gen. French's forces. At 5 o'clock yesterday morning, the Royal Horse Artiflery, with four guns, compelled the Boers to retire upon a kopje. After considerable rifle and shell fire the mounted infantry dismounted and charged the Boers successfully, and took 19 prisoners. The Boers' casualties were 50. The English losses are reported to be slight. Dur-ing the fight the Enniskillen Dragoons effected a surprise and charged on the retreating Boers. They killed seven and cut their way clear through. Two British officers, who mistook the Boers for New Zealanders, were captured. Lieut. Gibson, of the Enniskillens, was

At Belmont.

among the wounded.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADIANS. London, Jan. 6.-The Canadians, with Col. Pilcher, have arrived safe and well at Belmont, having marched 22 miles during the night.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent says that the Canadians at Cape Town are jubilant over the success of the Toronto company of the Canadian contingent with Col. Pilcher at the capture of the Sunnyside laager. The penny stamp issued by Cape Colony bears no indication of Imperial connection, contrasting badly in that respect with Canada.

The London Telegraph has the fol-Modder River, Thursday, Jan. 4.-I have just returned here with the cavbrigade under Babington. We left here Monday to act in conjunction with Col. Pilcher's column from Bel-mont. We moved out about sixteen miles to the west on the south side of the river in order to prevent Cronje from sending a force to attack the Belmont column. This we succeeded in doing. Six hundred Boers started out, but they were forced to head to the west to avoid us, and we never came in contact with them. There is no change in the situation

THE ZULUS. London, Jan. 5.—A dispatch to the Central News from Durban says that the Government of Natal, in response to repeated petitions made by the Zulus for permission to fight against the Boers, has given its consent to the arming of part of the Zulus. They are, however, only to act in the event of being attacked by the Boers.

IN SWAZILAND. Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 6.-There is trouble in Swaziland. It was recently reported that King Bunu was dead, but refugees now assert that it was queen who died. They say that Bunu's brother, Nococco, has assumed power, and is killing the populations of entire kraals. There is a reign of terror in the country.

UNFOUNDED REPORT. London, Jan. 5 .- The British foreign office has no knowledge of any private message having been sent by Emperor William to Queen Victoria, supposed to be connected with the seizure of German ships or any other matter. The officials point out that even if dispatches have been sent by his majesty to the Queen, any indication of their contents must be purely suppositious.

SATISFACTORY. Washington, Jan. 6.-Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Am-bassador Choate at London, stating that he had an eminently satisfactory interview with Lord Salisbury, relative to the seizure of American goods

CANCER ATTACKS THE MIDDLE-AGED

It has long been recognized by the

Men and Women Between 40 and 10 the Most Frequent Subjects of the Deadly Lisease.

medical profession that cancer is chiefly a disease of mid-life. Welch, the noted author, in his System of Medicine, says that in "2,038 tabulated cases of cancer of the stomach, threefourths occurred between the ages of 40 and 60." So, too, cancer of the breast, cancer of the lip, cancer of the womb, cancer of the bowels, and, in fact, all cancerous growths, in whatever part of the body they may be found, occur most frequently in middle-aged persons. That being the case, would it not be wise for persons getting up in years, to consider carefully any lumps or growth on any part of the body, however insignificant these may appear to be? They may not cause much trouble now. What may they develop into a year hence? At this early stage we would strongly advise everyone to take treatment, as it a simple matter to have these growths removed by our remedy, and much subsequent suffering averted. If you have let things run on till the cancer is well pronounced, it will take a while longer, but still we can effect a perfect and permanent cure. If you are in the last stages of cancer we cannot positively promise a cure, although we have cured quite a number of cases. Yet we can always help you and give you a great deal of comfort and ease. Our treatment is a con-stitutional remedy that attacks can-cer at its origin in the system, and as the cause is removed the cancer lumps or growth gradually fade away, till not a vestige remains. We have cured dozens of persons in Canada these last few years, and if you would like to know something about their cases and more about our treatment, send 4 cents in stamps and we will give you full information. Stott & Jury, Bowman-

by British warships. Lord Salisbury listened intently to the representations on the subject made by Mr. Choate, by direction of the senate department, and took them under consideration, promising voluntarily to give the matter immediate attention and to return a speedy decision speedy decision

GERMAN GUNS FOR BOERS The Hanover Courier, concerning further reports regarding the ship-ments of areas and ammunition from Germany, asserts that German rifles have been sent to the Transvaal since the outbreak of the war. It says: "We know from a tustworthy source that 40,000 German rifles of the newest and best construction have arrived at Pretoria in good condition. They reached Lorenzo Marquez by way of China, having been deceptively packed, and declared as furniture, in which pianos placed the chief role."

played the chief role."

The Lipzig Neuste Nachrichten asserts that Herr Krupp is making steel shells for Great Britain at Essen. Another newspaper makes a similar

The Berliner Tageblatt has a dispatch from Pepenburg, Hanover, the home of Capt. Muhimann, of the German bark Hans Wagner, of Hamblah was sained by the Pait burg, which was seized by the British at Delagoa Bay on Dec. 21, saying that the bark had powder and dynamite in her cargo.

THE CANADIANS.

List for Postal Army Corps Completed.

London and Guelph Volunteers in Earracks at Ottawa-Changes in the Second Battalion.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.] Ottawa, Jan. 6.-Hon. Wm. Mulock has completed his list for the Canadian postal army corps for South Africa, and the minister of militia has ordered accommodation for them on the Montezuma, which sails from Halifax on the 18th. The names of the trained officials who have been appointed, and who will join the British army postal corps, are: Rowan Johnstone, of Wannipeg; F. B. Bedeil, Perth: W. R. Ecclesion, Hamilton; R. A. Murray,

Woodstock, and J. Lallier, Quebec. The London and Guerph detachments of D Battery, numbering 18 and 54, respectively, arrived here yesterday, and took up their quarters at the temporary burracks at the exhibition grounds. The guns have been painted khaki

CHANGES.

Major James Walker, Calgary, has resigned the position of major in the 2nd Battaion. Supt. Sanders, who is captain, will be appointed major, and Inspector MacDonell, who was named as lieutenant, will be appointed captain. This vacancy will be filled by appointment of Inspector F. L. Cosby, Northwest Mounted Police.

AT QUEBEC. Quebec, Jan. 6.—In addition to the detachments from Montreal and Granby for E Battery, some 20 men arrived from Montreal for No. 3 troop, B Squadron, Mounted Rifles, and they are comfortably quartered in the citadel.

AT KINGSTON. Kingston, Ont., Jan. 6.—Not in a great many years has such activity been witnessed at the barracks here. When the Picton and Princeton contingents arrive today at Tete du Pont Barracks, the establishment of C Battery will be complete. Since recruiting ceased upwards of 50 volunteers have applied at the battery for enlistment in

the second contingent. FOR THE RED CROSS. Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 6.—A rousing concert was held in the opera house here in aid of the Red Cross fund for the relief of our soldiers in South Africa. A good sum has been raised for the ladies. The concert was given by the ladies of the town, assisted by

local talent. WILL LEAVE IN A WEEK. Montreal, Jan. 6.-The Peterboro men and the Montreal section of the second contingent for South Africa will be here another week, and will leave direct for Hallfax. They will hold a church parade next Sunday.

PORT DOVER'S ENTHUSIASM. Port Dover, Ont., Jan. 6.-When it became known that H. Leigh Stringer, a popular townsman, was on the Hamilton evenig train, to say good-bye parents and friends prior to leaving as a member of the second South African impromptu meeting in the town hall, which was packed to its utmost capacity by the most enthusiastic and patriotic gathering ever assembled there. Tremendous cheering greeted the entry of the young volunteer, escorted by the band, the council and a host of citizens. A collection, amounting to \$75, was taken, as well as sufficient to pay the premium on a year's life, policy.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 6.-The second draft of ten men for the artillery division to South Africa left for King-ston last night, and were given a big send-off by the military and civilians. Six more men were sworn in yesterday morning, and Hamilton will be represented by 28 men on the second division. Six Hamilton men, who could not get on here, went to Guelph to try and get on the contingent from that city. The Hamilton patriotic fund, for the benefit of the men and their fami-Mes, has now reached \$6,018 50, and will be up to the \$10,000 mark in a few days. Twenty-six fine horses have been purchased for the artillery brigade, the average price paid being \$128.

FUNDS FOR A HOSPITAL. London, Jan. 6.-The Duchess of Mariborough, the Countess of Esser, Lady Georgiana Curzon, Madame Von Audre and the leading members of the Imperial Yeomanry hospital fund, appeal to the people of the United States to equip anh maintain a hospital with a base at Cape Town. The Duchess of Marlborough said to a press representative: "The hospital scheme has the sanction of Lord Lansdowns and Lord Wantage. We have already secured \$50,000, and need \$150,000, to provide 150 beds for the duration of the war. It has occurred to the ladies of the committee that we may properly count on the assistance of the American and Canadian people in onr efforts to establish a hospital at Cape Town, and as the matter has not been presented to their notice, we believe they only need to know our wants to grant us generous aid."

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With the Management of the South African Campaign.

Speculation as to Who Will Be the Next Commander of the Army.

Supremacy of the Conservative Party Seriously Menaced.

Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser. London, Jan. 6.-The winter of discontent to which Great Britain has settled down has been somewhat mollified by the isolated successes which marked the past week, though the seizure of foreign shipping and unfounded rumors regarding Delagoa Bay threatened to bring out a crop of rumors of European interference. The doings of Gen. French and Col. Pil-cher have been made the most of by the correspondents, and are rather magnified editorially by the British press; but anything is acceptable in these days.

POINTMENT. The appointment of the Duke of Connaught to command the British forces in Ireland has led to a lot of speculation as to whether he will succeed Lord Wolseley, whose term expires in No-vember as commander-in-chief. Lord Roberts is his logical successor, but until he was chosen to command in South Africa the general impression was that he would be too old to be selected for the office when it became vacant. Gen. Buller was a hot favor-ite, but his defeat at Colenso seems to have irrevocably ruined his chances.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S AP-

ROBERTS THE COMING MAN. It is more than probable that Roberts, if successful in South Africa, will fill the office of commander-in-chief for a short period, and that he will then be succeeded by the Duke of Connaught, whose popularity and military knowledge are strong enough to overcome the prejudice against a member of the royal family holding the The abuse of the war office and Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, and Lord Wolseley continues unabated in the press and among the public. By the time Parliament reassembles, it promises to have gathered such force that it is more than

STORMY SCENES

will mark the debates, while many people declare that unless Lord Lansdowne resigns or exculpates himself, the Conservative party will be seriously menaced. So far the criticism emanates from the patriotic Britisher,

begins to be drained to support the war, then, truly, the criticism of the military officials will begin to reach its

The Times, which, with the rest of the British press, has been under the impression that America was unanimously supporting Great Britain, today prints a letter from Toronto saying the anti-English press in the Unitverses the empire is at present enduring, and adding: "It screams its delight, and speaks sneeringly and tauntingly of Great Britain's decadence, and the uselessness of her colonial sons." SPORTING GOSSIP.

The decision of Mr. Edward Corrigan to bring over a string of American horses is hailed here with interest and pleasure. One sporting authority writes that Mr. Corrigan never does things by halves, adding that it is safe betting that such a collection of racers as he will send has seldom, if ever, been gathered together by an American own-

From Melbourne comes the news that Lord Brassey, on the eve of retiring from office as governor of Victoria, mounted an Episcopal pulpit, and preached a sermon to the congregation. Lord Brassey is coming home on the

famous old yacht Sunbeam. Both the theatrical and book worlds are in a bad way on account of the war. Not more than three theaters in London are making money, and publishers are alarmed at the absolute stagnation of their business.

FIRST TIME IN THIRTEEN YEARS

Queen Will Open Parliament in Person Feb. 14-Accident to Foxhall Keene.

New York, Jan. 6.-A London dispatch is printed here to the effect that the Queen will open parliament on Feb. 14 in person. It is alleged that this is at the urgent request of Lord Salisbury. The last similar occasion was Jan. 22, 1886, when Mr. Gladstone presented the Irish home rule bill. ORDERED TO SANTO DOMINGO.

Paris, Jan. 6.-The French government has cabled the commandant of the naval squadron in the Atlantic to proceed immediately to Santo Domingo. This order is probably in connection with the recent demand upon the black republic to pay an indemnity to a French citizen in the matter of a local damage claim. ACCIDENT TO FOXHALL KEENE.

New York, Jan. 6.-A London cable says that while hunting with the Quorn hounds, Foxhall Keene had his collar-bone broken. This is the third sporting accident to Mr. Keene since 1895. It is feared Mr. Keene has also

sustained internal injuries. SEARCH RENOUNCED. Berlin, Jan. 6.—A dispatch received here from Aden, the British fortified

port at the southern entrance of the Red Sea, says the authorities of that place have renounced all further search of the imperial German mail steamer whose pride is hurt at the reverses, and from those whose heart-strings have been touched by death.

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