

THE ADVANCE ON KIMBERLEY.

Methuen Expected to Resume the March Today.

Relief of Ladysmith Will Be the Beginning of the Campaign.

Transvaal Likely to be Invaded From Natal Instead of the Free State.

Gen. Joubert Is Ill and Has Gone to Volksrust.

British Loss in the Kimberley Sortie of Nov. 23 Was 22 Killed and 31 Wounded.

News From Ladysmith Up to Wednesday Last—The Garrison Strong, but Suffering From Confinement—Boers Preparing to Withdraw.

New York, Dec. 6.—A feeling of anxiety and irritation was in the air last evening, at the clubs, hotels, theaters, and wherever men were congregated, and was reflected in the columns of several great London dailies in criticism of the manner in which the war censor is holding back the news, says London cable advices. What makes the suspense more difficult to endure is the knowledge that it is caused, not by the natural circumstances of the case, but by the deliberate determination of the military authorities. From Natal comes word that the Boers have retired from Weenen, southeast of Colenso. It looks as if part of Sir Francis Clery's division had been detached to make a wide detour on the east of Frere station. The first result of such a movement would be to drive any outlying force of Boers across the Blaauwkrans River. Its subsequent object would be to work around so as to menace the enemy's position at Colenso from the east.

THE BOER POSITION.
The Boer position on the Tugela has been made exceedingly strong as against any front attack, while the character of the country in this region largely helps Joubert's dispositions. The Boers are reported to be in very great numbers at Grobler's Kloof and elsewhere around Colenso. From a British point of view it is hoped that the Boers will stand and await the attack in a given position. Should they spread themselves in mobile bodies for miles along the course of the Tugela the result will be something like guerilla warfare.

THE DELAY.
The delay which has occurred in the British advance can be explained not only by Gen. Buller's desire to get up an overwhelming number of batteries, but also by some carefully planned and extensive movement, whereby the Boers' position at Colenso can be simultaneously cracked from the north, south, east and west.

The Boers are said to be confident of capturing Ladysmith, unless their lines can be turned. The conflict will be a most desperate one, and will task Buller's resources.

ON KIMBERLEY.
Gen. Methuen, it is reported, resumes his advance towards Kimberley today in personal command of his column. His delay is explained by the need of bringing up more ammunition and concentrating large supplies for Kimberley, which is in great straits for food.

FIGHTING AT ARUNDEL.
It is reported that fighting has taken place at Arundel between Gen. French's force, which is advancing from Naauw Port, and the Free State commandos. The two relief expeditions now in progress ought not to be confused with the general scheme of invasion of the Boer republics. When Kimberley is relieved most of its inhabitants will go south, and it will become the advanced base for the invasion of the Free State. Stores of every kind will have to be brought from De Aar to Kimberley before any advance toward the east can begin. This is a matter of weeks, not of days.

The relief of Ladysmith will be the beginning of the Transvaal campaign. The Natal operations will be directed mainly against the Transvaal Boers. It is quite possible that the defeat of Gen. Roberts' force will be followed by the invasion of the Transvaal, not from the Orange Free State, as originally intended, but from Natal.

GEN. JOUBERT ILL.
Pretoria, Saturday, Dec. 2, via Lorenzo Marquez, Monday, Dec. 4.—Gen. Joubert is indisposed, and has arrived at Volksrust, across the Transvaal border (not far from Charlestown, in the extreme north of Natal), for medical treatment.

A dispatch from the head laager, where Gen. Buller is in supreme command during the absence of Gen. Joubert, announces that a council of war was held Dec. 2 with reference to assaulting Ladysmith. The state attorney has arrived at the camp to advise the Boer commander. Everything is quiet at Ladysmith. Dispatches from the west report that there was a heavy artillery duel at Mafeking during the morning of Dec. 2.

ALL IS QUIET AT KIMBERLEY.
Comfortable wood and iron houses have been erected at Waterfall, a few miles from Pretoria, for the rank and file of the British prisoners. Count De Ville Leblond, a colonel in the French

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army, has joined the Transvaal forces as an authorized military attaché.

THE POPE INTERESTED.
New York, Dec. 6.—Leo XIII. follows the vicissitudes of the Transvaal war with the keenest interest, and every morning before attending to the usual affairs of state with the cardinal, secretly insists on hearing the latest war news, translated from the English papers, says the Rome correspondent of the World. The Holy Father strongly disapproves of the war, as he has more than once said to the cardinals and prelates of his court. That his sympathies incline towards the Boers is proved by his own words, and by the attitude of the official Vatican press. Leo XIII. has not relinquished the idea of intervening, even at the eleventh hour, to mitigate the disastrous effects which the present war may ultimately have for the Boers. Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal's representative in Europe, wrote a long letter to the Holy Father last week, inquiring whether in the event of an attempt on the part of Great Britain to suppress the South African republics, the Holy See would raise its voice in protest. The pontiff directed Cardinal Rampolla to answer in the affirmative.

Active negotiations are going on between the Vatican and the French Republic concerning a joint action of Catholic powers to prevent the obliteration of the South African republic. The French ambassador of the Holy See has been recalled suddenly to Rome and is a daily visitor at the Vatican, where he has long interviews with Cardinal Rampolla.

Ladysmith Strong

London, Dec. 6.—A budget of news from Ladysmith, which arrived this morning, brought the history of the beleaguered garrison up to Nov. 23. In spite of rumors of a retrograde movement upon the part of the Boers the stories just received show the garrison, although still strong, was suffering from confinement, restricted diet and the increasing volume of the Boer artillery fire, especially that of the additional heavy-calibre gun placed in position 5,000 yards from the western defenses. The dispatches relate that the Boers had discovered the most vulnerable positions of the garrison, and that the shelling was becoming disagreeably effective. The rations had been reduced, and there was

A GREAT DEAL OF SICKNESS.
Nevertheless, the troops of the garrison were in every way preparing to meet the assault, which it was anticipated the Boers would carry out in a final effort to reduce the city. The belief was current in Ladysmith that the Boers were preparing for a retrograde movement after another attack. Several bodies of burghers were reported to have been seen on Nov. 23 moving in the direction of the Drakensburg range, while on Nov. 22 detachments were observed journeying northward with wagons.

Discord between the Transvaalers and Free Staters is also reported. There was no indication that the Boers were preparing to dismantle their gun positions, but the idea was prevalent in some quarters of Ladysmith that the continued shelling of the place was intended to cover the retirement of other Boer forces towards the Transvaal frontiers.

The Pretoria dispatch of Saturday, Dec. 2, via Lorenzo Marquez, Monday, Dec. 4, however, announced that a Boer council of war of Dec. 2 was planning a renewed assault on Ladysmith.

CASUALTIES.
A dispatch from Frere, dated Sunday, Dec. 3, reports that in Col. Turner's reconnaissance, near Colenso, fifteen Boers were killed and many were wounded. The road bridge across the Tugela River is intact. The same message reports that President Kruger is anxious that the burghers leave Ladysmith in order to oppose the British marching in the direction of Pretoria from the west. Advice from Putter's Kraal, the headquarters of Gen. Gatacre's division, dated Saturday, Dec. 2, say the Boers entered Dordrecht this morning. This is probably Gen. Grobler's force of 1,500 men from Stormberg.

LOSSES AT KIMBERLEY.
The war office has received the list of casualties during the sortie from Kimberley, Nov. 23, as follows:

Killed—Major Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch.

Lieut. C. Wright, of the Kimberley Light Horse.

Twenty non-commissioned officers and men.

Wounded—Capt. Wallack, Lieut. Clifford and Lieut. Watson, and 23 non-commissioned officers and men.

VICTIMS OF THE WEATHER.

Georgian Bay District Thankful for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Kincardine, Dec. 4.—This month has been the worst in years in the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay districts. Victims of rheumatism who probably keep their claws on the climate of the coast, other people, are all bound in their assertions as to this season being a record-breaker for dampness and raw biting winds. If these good people, instead of keeping tabs on the weather, would follow the example of Herbert Brown, of Watson & Malcolm's furniture factory, Kincardine, they would be conferring a blessing upon themselves.

Mr. Brown says: "I had been feeling very bad with backache from my kidneys (Lumbago, a form of rheumatism). I have taken three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and the pain has left me."

FIGHTING IN VENEZUELA.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 6.—After a fight lasting 15 hours, the town of Maracaibo, capital of the State of Suila, is in the power of the Hermandad revolutionary forces.

MILLER STILL AT LARGE.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Wm. E. Miller, the fugitive manager of the Franklin syndicate, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has not been arrested in Montreal or Quebec, as reported. Five detectives are here looking for him. One of the local detectives, who is working with New York men, states that they have trace of the fugitive in this city. The visiting detectives are said to be working for a New York newspaper.

CRIME RAN IN THE FAMILY.

Toledo, Dec. 6.—Capt. E. A. Abbott, of the United States secret service, identified in Cyrus Davis, arrested here on Thanksgiving day, as Charles Johnson, one of the last of the Johnson family, who have been counterfeitters through three generations. The grandfather of the Toledo prisoner was the first counterfeiter of Canadian currency, and died in a Dominion prison. John Johnson, father of Charles, was an expert engraver, three years ago Johnson was arrested at Detroit for uttering "Grant fives." He escaped, fled to Canada, was arrested and served ten years for counterfeiting the "Commercial tens." Capt. Abbott found an outfit in Johnson's possession.

ICE FORMING IN LAKE ERIE

Northwest Gale and Cold Weather at Amherstburg.

Michigan Gets the Full Benefit of the Storm.

Boaters Are Shivering—Natural Gas Supply at Cawdorville, Ind., Has Failed—Cold Wave Reaches Florida.

Amherstburg, Ont., Dec. 5.—Ice is making rapidly in the head of Lake Erie, where navigation was first blocked last December. There is a northwest gale, and the weather is very cold. The unknown steamer reported aground at Bar Point last night was the Progress. She was released this morning, but in the work the steamer got a line in her wheel. A diver will cut it out as soon as the weather permits.

BLIZZARD AT SAGINAW.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 5.—A blizzard has struck Saginaw, and it has been snowing all morning.

Coldwater, Mich., Dec. 5.—Eight degrees above zero this morning; six inches of snow.

St. Joseph, Mich., Dec. 5.—Robert Henry, of Austin, Tex., was found in a semi-unconscious condition along the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad tracks in the snow early this morning. He had both feet frozen.

SNOWSTORM AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Dec. 5.—A heavy snowstorm has prevailed here all day, accompanied by high winds. Street car traffic has been delayed. The storm has not yet interfered with street cars, but they are running with much delay.

HOOSIERS SHIVER.
Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 5.—The natural gas supply of Crawfordsville has failed completely, and the distress yesterday and today has been great. The city has depended solely on gas for years, although last winter the supply ran short. When the cold wave struck Crawfordsville yesterday the gas supply suddenly failed, and the fires in hundreds of homes went out, and today the supply has failed completely. There is much actual suffering from cold.

COLD WAVE REACHES THE SOUTH.

Detroit, Dec. 6.—The cold wave has extended over the Southern States, and there is a heavy frost over Northern Florida. All over the lake region cloudy skies will prevail today, with snow flurries.

The Michigan Central has received reports to the effect that there are fifteen inches of snow at Buchanan, in Berrien county.

Fires are now burning in all the street cars. The average cost of heating cars is 16 cents a day. It is just a year ago that all the wires on Grand River and Michigan avenues were swept down by the severe storm of Sunday evening.

MERELY MENTIONED

A starch works may be established at Kingston.

The Dominion steamship Ottoman has been requisitioned by the British Government for use as a transport ship.

Yellow fever has developed among a detachment of 600 troops from Buena Ventura, who were bound for Carthage.

George Nicholson, foreman in a Brooklyn foundry, had one of his legs badly shattered by the explosion of a tank beside which he was working.

Ignace Paderevski and Madame Paderevski, who were in the city to arrive from abroad by the steamship Oceanic today (Wednesday).

Mr. James Ross, the well-known Montreal millionaire, has been elected a director of the Bank of Montreal, to succeed the late Mr. Hugh McLennan.

His Excellency Lord Minto Sir Sanford Fleming and Dr. John Thorburn have been invited to attend the celebration of the centenary of the Canadian Institute, of Toronto.

The steamers Monarch and United Empire, of the Northwest Transportation Company, both arrived at Sarnia Monday on their last trip, after a most successful season's business.

Thomas Powell, residing at Summit Station, near Ancaster Station, is dying of blood-poisoning, the result of a knife wound, sustained while whittling a stick with a rusty jack-knife some weeks ago.

A dispatch from Burlington, Vt., says that Julia Marlowe Taber, the well-known actress, has applied for a divorce from her husband, Robert S. Taber, on the grounds of intolerable severity and neglect and refusal to support.

Colonial advices say several Jamaicans have been impressed by the cold government and have been compelled to go to the front and fight the insurgents. It is expected that a British diplomatic inquiry will be made into the statement.

Two hundred and twenty samples for examination were received in the mineral assay office at Belleville, Ont., during November, of which 98 were assayed for gold, 23 for gold and silver, 35 for copper, 3 for nickel, 1 for platinum and 1 for zinc.

The Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada on Saturday evening, at Toronto, re-elected by acclamation President C. E. Kyle, and elected by acclamation Mr. C. Ellis, first vice-president; Wm. Canfield, second vice-president, and J. C. Black, treasurer.

Joseph W. Millette, son of Dr. J. D. Millette, of Quebec, who has just returned from Dawson City, a year ago, according to what he says, paid the last dollar he had for a meal. He is now the owner of three rich claims within a range of twenty miles from Dawson City.

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