Two Days'

British Troops Capture Important Position on the Road to Ladysmith.

Boers Driven From the Kopjes at the Point of the Bayonet.

London, Feb. 8.-A combined attack spon the Boers seems to be in progress. General Buller has gained a footing on the plateau north of the Tugela, after two days' fighting. On the far western berder Lord Methuen has begun a turning movement against the Boer flank, thus relieving the pressure on Lord Methuen's front. Lord Roberts, who, secording to an informant, is in close with the war office, is in the mide of the theatre of war, and has begun march on Bloemfontein. The Boers have taken the initiative against Gen.

"It really looks as though the general forward movement so long talked of was progress. Alam

THE ADVANCE IN NATAL

Attack on Boer Positions Began on Monday Seventy-two Guns at Work.

London, Feb. 8.—The correspondent of Daily Telegraph at Spearman's Camp, in a dispatch dated Monday might, says:

"Under the personal direction of Gen-Buller, the attack on the Boer positions was begun this morning by nearly the whole of our batteries. 72 guns. sheling the ridges where the enemy have their trenches and redoubts on the Brakfinitein, and the low crest facing Potgieter's Drift. The enemy suffered severely. Several hills were smoking like volcanoes from the effects of the bom-Bardment, which set on fire their stores

"While the third pontoon bridge was being constructed under fire near Skith Drift, the Eleventh Brigade, now under the command of Colone! Wynn, made a demonstration against the Bakfontein ridge marching across the meadows with the apport of seven batteries of artil-

11 o'clock the enemy opened a her annonade of shrappel, common sike told pompon shells, chiefly from Sp. Kop. This was accompanied by ing musketry fire. Our gunners tich all admirably, and were as cool as if on parade.

"The demonstration having gained its effects, the real attack upon the Boer left was delivered at 4 o'clock. The Burham Light Infantry carried Vaal Frantz, the key of the lowed ridge, Thele General Hildvard's brigade assailof the higher ridges. The general and are bivouacked u of battle. Our bosses are triffing.' Two Days' Fighting.

The following dispatch, dated Spears-

Me Standard: "The force under General Buller is again advancing to the relief of Ladyith, and after two days of severe senting, it may fairly be said to have made a good first step on the road to the besieged town.

"The movement was begun at an early Lour on Monday morning by way of Potgieter's Drift. The Eleventh Brisade, forming a part of the Fifth Division under General Warren, made a feint attack upon the kopjes immediateon our front. The assault was de-Evered at the outset under cover of naval guns on Mount Alice, and subsequently under that of field batteries. The infantry advanced steadily towards the Boer entrenchment at Brakfontein, and kept the enemy busily employed.

"While this diversion was being made the remainder of the infantry told off for the attack, who had bivouacked Sunday night under Mount Alice, moved along at the foot of Swarts Kop in the direction of our right.

"A pontcon bridge was thrown across the Tugela by the Engineers under the fire of the enemy. The first battadion move across in the forenoon was the Burham Light Infantry of Gen. Lyttleton's brigade. They advanced against Waal Krantz, which lies on the most Arect road to Ladysmith, and after two hours' splendid work they got within charging distance of the Boers. The first of the kopjes was carried

by them at the point of the bayonet with the utmost gallantry. "Almost simultaneously the First Batmilion of the Rifle Brigade cleared the second kopje, and after moving across the long ridge they bivouacked on the

"The feint attack at Potgeiter's Drift having served its purpose in preventing the concentration of the enemy at the witical point, the Eleventh Brigade fell back to the river. In the course of the operation both the infantry and the ar-Allery had been subjected to a severe

"Yesterday (Tuesday) at 4 in the afternoon, the enemy, encouraged doubtless by their success at Spion Kop, en-deavoyed to recapture the position taken by us at Vaal Krantz. They were beaten with loss

The work accomplished so far has been magnificently done. The shell and Maxim fire poured in by the Boer has been extremely severe, but our losses are, comparatively speaking, small. The Durham Light Infantry took a few prisoners in the course of their charge.

The Britsh manoeuvring, and the accuracy of aim on the part of the British artillery during the fighting on Monday were beyond praise. There is not the slightest like shood that the Boers will succeed in dislodging us from the positions we have gained, and the prospects for the relief of Ladysmith are decidedly

British Recapture Krantz Kloof. Spearman's Camp, Feb. 7 .- (Wednesday)-The war ballon has proved a most useful adjunct, making ascents daily and getting information as to the Boer positions. The Boers directed a heavy

shrapnel fire in the endeavor to destroy the balloon apparatus. The artillery behaved spendidly throughout, ably covering the infantry retirement from the front attack, in the face of a heavy Boer shell fire. It is believed that the Boers suffered

very heavily, as their ambulances were hard at work. The Boer position consisted of a line of kopjes, strongly entrenched, extending three miles from Spion Kop and curving sharply at the eastern end to the south, about opposite to Swarts Kop, which is a steep hill south of the Ta-

gela that the British occupied before the seizure of Potgieter's Drift. After the capture of Krantz Kloof the heavy Boer fire prevented a further ad-

vance on Monday. The next morning the Boers indulged in long range shell fire, but in the afternoon, they made a vigorous attempt to recapture the position. Their assault was made upon the northern end of the kopje, and, at first, it was successful. Reinforcements were, however, hurried up, and the British recaptured the position at the point of the bayonet, and advanced along the ridge.

As the British have a large force of troops the outlook is hopeful.

A Disappearing Cannon Spearman's Camp, Wednesday, Feb. -(6 p.m.) General Buller commence advance for the relief of Ladysmith on Monday. The naval guns opened at 7 in the morning and a feint attack was made in front of our position. Three battalions advanced toward the Brakfontein with six batteries,

At 11 o'clock the Boers opened with artillery fire and sent several shells among the British infantry, who retired an hour later.

Meanwhile a vigorous attack was made on the extreme right, where the Engineers expeditiously constructed a position: Several pieces of cannon, hidden among the trees on Swart's Kop, bombarded heavily. The British infantry advanced and the Boers were entirely surprised.

At 4 o'clock a high hill, a continuation of the Brakfontein, had been taken. The operations were excellently planned. The ame of the hill taken is Krantz Kloof. The bombardment of the outer position was resumed yesterday morning. The Boers worked a disappearing cannon from the high Doorm Klof range, on the right of the captured hill but

the British shells exploded its magazine,

and the gun was put out of action until Musketry fire was intermittent until afternoon, when the Boers made a determined effort to take the hill. Reinforcements rushed up cheering, the Boers were repulsed, and the British advanced along the ridge.

The Casualties. London, Feb. 8.-A special dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Wednesday, Feb. 7th, says: "Our further advance is at the mo ment prevented, as the Boers enfilade us from their positions on Spion Kop and

Doorm Kloof. "Our casualties, although estimated at 250, are triffing, considering the importance of the move just concluded."

Boer Report. Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Feb. 6.-(11 a.m.)-Further reports of yesterday's fighting at the Upper Tugela River show that the British lost heavily at Pont Drift, but took an unimportant position on a small kopje on the Molen man's Camp, Feb. 7th, is published in still in possession of the kopje, and the guns have ceased firing.

THE CANADIANS.

Pomeranian, With Mounted Rifles, Has Passed Cape Verde.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—A special dispatch to the Star, dated Feb. 3rd, but delayed by the censor, announces that the Canadian contingent, except A and G companies, representing the Western provinces and New Brunswick respectively, have gone on to Graspan. The panies named will remain as part of the garrison at Belmont. In view of Macdonald's reported flanking movement at Modder River, it is regarded as likely a battle is impending and the Canadian are apparently likely to be in it.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.-The militia department received information to-day stating that Pomeranian, on which is the second battalion of the western mounted rifles, passed Cape Verde at 8 o'clock this morning. Seven horses were dead There were fourteen horses dead on the Laurntian at Cape Verde, which shows that western horses have stood the journey best.

Dr. Borden stated to-day that the full ist of officers for Strathcona's Horse would not be ready for publication for several days yet.

The Pomeranian. (Associated Press.) Montreal, Feb. 8.-Messrs. Allan have received a cable from the captain of the Pomeranian, with a second portion of the second contingent, which sailed from Halifax on Saturday, Jan. 27th, at Cape St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, this morning. The captain reports all well.

"Great Haste is Not Always Good Speed."

Many people trust to luck to pull them through, and are often disappointed. Do not dilly-dally in matters of health. With it you can accomplish miracles. Without it you are "no good."

Keep the liver, kidneys, bowels and blood healthy by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the faultless blood purifier. Rheumatism-"I had acute rheuma-tism in my limb and foot. I commenced treatment with Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills and in a short time was cured." WILLIAM HASKETT, Brantford, Ont. Scrofula-"I was troubled with scrofula and impure blood. A cut on my arm would not heal. Hood's Sarsaparilla was recommended and after I had taken three bottles I was well." DANIEL ROBINSON, 52½ Treauley Street, Toronto, Ont.



Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the nor only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsapar

Pursuing The Boers

Burghers Retired When Troops Arrived to Reinforce Gen. Gatacre.

And Are Now Being Chased by Cavalry--Situation in Cape Colony.

Gen. Buller Holds His Position North of the Tugela --British Casualties

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 8 .- 2:15 p.m .- Presumably Gen. Buller is fighting again to-day in his third attempt to relieve Ladysmith, and news of the greatest importance may arrive at any moment. Yet there is more doubt here than exultation. for even if the recollection of Gen. Buller's two disastrous failures after auspicious starts were not keen in the minds of the public, the list of casualties published to-day would be a sufficient reminder of the tremendous difficulties of

The fact that he occupies Vaal Krantz, the key to the lower ridges, while praiseworthy and gallant achievement. by no means signifies that he and Gen. White will inevitably join hands. Before Gen. Buller there are

Several Days of Hard Fighting.

The British forces are smarting under defeat and will undoubtedly be nerved to more desperate efforts than ever before, and if furious gallantry can carry continues. Gen, Buller over the kopjes that face | The outposts report that the Boers him, Ladysmith will be relieved within are making advanced trenches in the

It is more than likely that Gen Barton at Chieveley is strong enough to advance on the Tugela and render valuable assistance from the southeast, while Buller shall have overcome

The Initial Difficulties in the kopjes immediately north of the

est in Ladysmith, the whole war area and they shelled Porter's Hill yesterday presents a scene of important activity, ineffectually. The Boer attack of Gatacre's forces, reported on February 7th, fizzled out. Drift side. Four Boers were killed. The artillery of the burghers, after In Tuesday's Fighting There Were 233 The British loss is unknown. They are shelling the camp, retired upon the arrival of the British reinforcements. The skirmish. The British casualties were one man killed and four wounded.

The latest advices from Sterkstroom announce that Gen. Gatacre's cavalry is n pursuit of the Boers. While nothing has resulted from this affair, it indicates Durham Light Infantry. that the burghers are fully alive to the importance of the concentrating which is on the verge of occurring between Artillery, and Lieut. Sir T. A. A. Cunthe forces of Gatacre, Kelly-Kenny and ningham of the Rifle Brigade. French, and they do not hesitate to

Take the Aggressive against established positions in an attempt to thwart it, though it is believed that a sufficiently large body will soon be massed at Colesburg to ensure the blockade of more than two weeks. unopposed advance of the invading army when it is ready to start.

That it is not prepared for this move at present and that all this activity is merely a preliminary to what is known as Field Marshal Lord Roberts's main movement, is evidenced by a dispatch from Capetown, under the date of February 7th, announcing that the director of transports was advertising for ox wagons and drivers. Without these it would be hopeless to think of carrying

The Invasion.

and it must be a month more before they are ready.

Another preliminary is that Roberts has only just sanctioned the formation of the new colonial yeomanry, consisting of a troop of one hundred men for each district of the colony to protect the loyal farmers. This force will be officered from among the local yeomen.

Opinion is divided as to whether Field Marshal Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener have gone to the Modder River or

Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, the former Premier of Cape Colony, has cabled to Mr. J. Chamberlain in behalf of the Imperialists of Cape Colony congratulating him on the government's overwhelming majority in the House of Commons, and declared the government's policy of steadfastness of purpose would secure Africa British supremacy and permanent prosperity.

Short of Big Gun Projectiles. The Times says this morning: "Pri-

vate advices reached parliament yesterday to the effect that the Boers who are running short of big gun projectiles, have been making desperate efforts to secure fresh supplies.

Natives Assist the Boers.

London, Feb. 8.-A dispatch to the London Times from Spearman's Camp says that when the Durhams reached the top of Vaal Krantz, over fifty of the enemy who were still definding the those were armed natives.

Buller's Position.

London, Feb. 8.-A cable dispatch in this city from Spearman's Camp, under to-day's date, says: "Buller holds his position. Relief is certain.'

Later-The cable dispatch saying tien, Buller holds his position and that relief is certain, presumably refers to the rehef of Ladysmith. No further news was made public here up to 7 p.m. regarding Gen. Buller's operations.

WESTERN BORDER.

British Troops Are Operating Towards Douglas - Burghers Building Trenches Near Magersfontein.

Modder River, Feb. 7.-Gen. Macdonald maintains his position at Koodoesberg Drift. His movement has evidently disconcerted the Boers, and at the same time safeguards the operations of a portion of the Belmont garrison in the direction of Douglas, where there are still a few Boers.

The British casualties are two men. The 9th Lancers made several attempts to draw out the Boers, but were unsuc-

The British hold the highest portion of the kopje. It is impossible to mount artillery. The usual daily shelling here again.

open plain in front of Magersfontein Drift, presumably to prevent the British horse and field artillery from approaching within range of their positions.

Near Colesburg

Rensburg, Feb. 8.-The Boers' posithe beleaguered garrison itself, according tion was vigorously shelled with lyddite to the last dispatches, should be able to for an hour early this morning, eastward create a potential diversion, when Gen. from opposite Slingerfontein and westpound shrapnel gun paying special attention to the sights of Boer guns, which have been unusually active lately.

The Boers held a position on the direct Turning from the transcendental inter road between Rensburg and Colesburg,

> THE CASUALTIES. Killed and Wounded. London, Feb. 8, 1:18 p.m..-Gen. Bul-

affair scarcely warrants being called a ler has cabled to the War Office that the approximate British casualties in the Angual Meeting at Toronto-The Visit to fighting at Poitgieter's Drift up to noon on Tuesday were: Officers, two killed and fifteen wounded; non-commissioned officers and men 216 killed ad wounded The officers killed were Major Johnson Smyth and Lieut. Shaft, both of the The officers wounded include Col. Fitz-

gerald, of the Durham Light Infantry; Col. A. J. Montgomery, of the Royal

> THE LINE CLEAR. (Associated Press.)

Seattle, Feb. 7.-The White Pass & Yukon railway has resumed the through train service between Skagway and Lake Bennett on January 30th, after a snow

remark of a young woman visiting a

The Jolly Gipl Often changes to the jaded woman. can't see what's come over Mary; she used to be such a jolly girl," was the

married school-



back her former she was a maid. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription gives back the ost strength by re-establishing the health of gans. It dries the drains and stops the pains. It cures ulcera-tion, inflammation and female weakness.

women strong and sick women well.

"For two years I had been a sufferer from chronic diseases and female weakness," writes Mrs. Allen A. Bobson, of 1125 Rodman Street, Philadelphia, Pa. "I had two different doctors, and they gave me medicine which only relieved me for a time. My niece advised me to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I concluded that to open a correspondence with you for your advice would be safest, so I did, and have been highly benefited. I find that after taking six bottles of Favorite Prescription and five of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and following your advice in regard to local treatment, I am now a strong woman. Accept my sincere thanks for the interest manifested in my case and the happy results obtained."

Sick women are invited to consult Dr. makes weak Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free. Correspondence private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. V.

Experience

Two Men Cling to an Upturned Boat for Thirty-six Hours.

position fled, and more than half of One of Them Died an Hour Before Assistance Was Rendered

> Murderous Assault by a Chinaman-Boy Scalaed to Death.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 8.-One dead man and another who was picked up just before he expired, were brought to the city last night by the steamer Comox. The two men, Geo. Clarke, nearly 60

years old, and Chas. Johnston, a brawny logger, had a terrible experience in the storm that swept up the coast on Monday night. They were in a fishing sloop and were overturned at seven o'clock (0.951. After voting various amounts that evening. They succeeded in getting on to the top of the boat and remained there all through the night, being nearly swept off by the waves several times. They were carried into Desolation Bay, Kinghorn Island, and were not picked up by the Comox until Wednesday morning, after they had been on the boat for 36 hours without food or drink.

The old man's sufferings were terrible. He went practically insane early on Tuesday and gradually succumbed. On Tuesday afternoon Johnston tried to swim ashore, but the surf was too rough and he just had strength to pull himself on to the bottom of the upturned boat

On Tuesday night the Comox passed them on the way north, but the men ital is \$800,000, and the authorized capicould not make themselves heard.

An hour before the Comox found them on Wednesday morning, Clarke died. Johnston pulled the body up on the boat and hung on to it until the Comox appeared, when he was found too weak to Alex. Holland, bartender of the Av-

this morning by Tim Lung, Chinese port to Mr. Murphy. He repeats his cook. Holland had a quarrel with the assertion, and specifies several cases: Chinaman and was paying him off when One, a cook on a Venezuela steamer. ward from the top of Colekop, a fifteen the latter broke a tomato catsup bottle living in an East Side tenement house; over Holland's head. This stunned the a nurse in Bellevue hospital; two Chinabartender, and as he sank to the floor men; two freaks in a Bowery museum; the Chinaman stuck the jagged piece of a Cuban mulatto cigarette maker, and bottle into his face many time. Both a young Southerner, who is a guest in a were drenched in blood before the Chinaman was pulled off by a man who hap pened to step in.

Prof. Christol was entirely outclassed by McKell in a boxing bout last night. and was just saved from a knockout in the third round. The two-year-old son of Harry Hodg-

PRESS ASSOCIATION. British Columbia.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Feb. 8.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association convened here this morning. Reading a paper on "Sheldon's Ideal," T. H. Preston, M.P.P., proprietor of the Brantford Expositor, de clared the Montreal Witness went beyond Sheldon's ideal, and proved that such a daily could be not only conducted without loss, but with profit. He urged Canadian editors to make their papers more ideal. Retiring President Dingman, in his anmal address, said the pressmen, after their visit to British Columbia last autumn, eral committees to supervise arrangeeame back impressed with the possibilities of Canada. He urged the members to which they count on coming this sumtalk more about their country, even brag mer.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

about it.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 8.-A delegation is here o-day seeing the government with a view Hon. J. I. Tarte is still confined to his bed, in the House of Commons. He has been too ill to be removed to his residence, and has had to spend the last two nights

operation which he had performed while in Paris. Hon, W. Mulock has given notice of redistribution bill. It is understood that sequence of its provisions will be the same as last year. she'll be as cedent, all governments being free to act jolly" a wife as they may see fit.

IMMIGRATION. (Associated Press) Ottawa, Feb. 8.-S. Christopherson, rominent Icelander from Manitoba, is going to Iceland in the interests of the Immigration Department, with the intention of inducing thousands of his fellow-counthe delicate: trymen to settle in the Dominion. NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

(Associated Press.) Halifax, Feb. 8.—Nova Scotia legislature was opened this afternoon by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Daiy. Among other matters referred to in the speech from the throne was the war in South Africa, and Canada's sympathy with the Motherland. THE BEST MEDICINE FOR RHEU-MATISM

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Herminie, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have Bitters. got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale by Henderson Bros. wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancou-

A NOISY MEETING. Mr. Labouchere, Editor of Truth, saulted at Northampton.

Northampton, Eng., Reb. 8.—The anouncement that Mr. Henry Labouchere editor of Truth, and Liberal member parliament for Northampton, would ad dress a peace meeting in the Northamp ton hall last evening drew a noisy crowd of opponents who swarmed upon the platform and smashed the chairs. Mr Labouchere's arrival was the signal renewed attacks. The promoters of the meeting were forced off the platform and chairs were hurled into the body of the hall, amid cries of "God Save the Queen." Mr. Labouchere was struck or the head, but not seriously injured. He managed to make his exit escorted by the police.

Ultimately the opponents of the peace meeting gained the platform and declared that Northampton had joined York City in repudiating the critics of the government.

TORONTO NOTES.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Feb. 8,-The fourteenth qual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Association convened here yesterday afternoon. The attendance was large and representative. The receipts for the past year were \$17,551.05 several industrial fains throughout

the Dominion and the election of offi-Moulders in Massey-Harris Co. are still on strike. Non-union men are by no means plentiful, and the big works may be brought to a standstill unless a ompromise is arranged. Manager Jones says the company will not give the control of the moulding shop to the union, and will continue to employ union and non-union men, as in the past, dealing with the men as individuals. All of the schools in Toronto Junction have been closed, the result of an out-

break of smallpox in that place. The federation or combine of woollen mills at Hespeler, Waterloo, Lambton, Markham and Carleton Place, was completed to-day, and the company, under the presidency of W. R. Brock, has tak. en over the properties. The paid up captal \$2,000,000

LEPROSY IN NEW YORK.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 8.-Dr. A. S. Ashmead, who was called on by President Murphy, of the board of health, to substantiate the statement that there are many cases enue Hotel, was murderously assaulted of leprosy in that city, has sent his re-

big Broadway hotel. THE NICARAGUAN CANAL. (Associated Press.)

mons to-day, replying to a question as to whether Great Britain has relinquished all her rights under the Clayton-Bulkin was scalded yesterday and died last wer treaty in respect to the Nicaragua canal, and if so what compensating advantages, if any, have been secured in exchange, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. William St. John Broderick, said there had been no question of compensation, the advantages of the former convention relative to the neutrality of the canal and the protection of trade and commerce under conditions of entire equality, having been fully maintained.

CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

(Associated Press.) Ottawa, Feb. 8.-The adjourned Conservative caucus reassembled this morning for consideration of matters of party organization and the appointment of sevments for the Federal campaign, upon

HOW ONE GETS BILIOUS.

A sluggish liver fails to filter the bile from the blood, and when the polsonous matter goes through the body in the circulation, the whole system is tainted and deranged. This is called biliousness, and can be completely cured by Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, which act directly on the liver, making it healthy and in his room at the House. He is suffering active. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box. from a wound in his side, caused by an The cheapest medicine in the world.

THE SAMOAN TREATY.

Washington, Feb. 8.-Assurances have reached the state department from the marriage rob Mr. Bourassa will move a resolution on German government that the Samoan her of all vital- the first occasion on which the House goes treaty, which was ratified by the United Give her into supply declaring the sovereignt; of States senate a week ago, will receive purlament, and that the sending of the the ratification of the bundesrath and strength and first contingent is not to form any pre- the reichstag within a week. There is said to be practically no opposition to the treaty in the German legislative

Eczema Tortured

About three years ago I had to leave school with sore hands. My teacher said it was Salt Rheum or Eczema and told me to see the doctor.

Mother got some medicine, but it did me no good.

After I had suffered with the itching and burning about three months, mother thought she would try Burdock Blood

I only took two bottles, when my hands got completely cured.-Emma Sheridan, Perry Sound, Ont.

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