ious defeat of General White may prove Duke of Devonshire nos you well see

A significant fact is that the war office does not say when Colenso was evacuated, so the statement which emanated on Thursday from Dr. Leyds, diplomatic representative of the Transvaal, who is located at Brussels, that the Boers occupied Colenso, may possible be true.

There is much apprehension that the war office is suppressing bad news.

-0-SITUATION AT KIMBERLEY.

-0-Boers Still in the Vicinity-Firing on Patrols-Supposed Destruction of . Colesburg Bridge.

London, Nov. 4.-The Kimberley correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a dispatch filed on November 1st, and forwarded by the way of the Orange River,

"The Boers are still in force in this vicinity.

"On Saturday evening our patrol was fired on in the neighborhood of Wesselton mine, the enemy expending a quantity of ammunition, ineffectually, however, owing to the long range.

"A Free State burgher with a pass from the enemy has brought 300 exen

into the town. "The enemy is reported to have three siege guns in position at Oliphantfontein,

four miles from Wesselton." Colesburg, Nov. 1 .- (Delayed in transmission).-An explosion was heard this afternoon in the direction of Colesburg bridge, and it is supposed that the Boers have destroyed the bridge.

Movements of Boers.

Burghersdorp, Cape Colony, Nov. 2 .-(Delayed in transmission.)-The Boers crossed Bethulie bridge this morning. About 300 more of them are expected to cross this afternoon.

Skirmishes in Rhodesia. Fort Tuli, Rhodesia, Oct. 29 .- (Delayed in transmission).-There have been a few skirmishes with the Boers, whose main body has retired southward.

Heavy Losses at Reitfontein. Capetown, Nov. 1 .- (Delayed in transand 200 wounded. Three hundred horses

Bridge Intact.

were signals. Long Range Guns.

been mounted here.

FURTHER FIGHTING EXPECTED. ---

Kock's Body Removed to Pretoria-Boers Are Seizing Zululand.

-0-Canetown, Nov. 2.-According to an undated dispatch received here from Lady-Boer commander wounded at the battle mirably, but he may of Glencoe and taken to Ladysmith, where he died recently, has been taken

The dispatch added that the towns people of Ladysmith, including women, helping him by cutting off British relief. witnessed the battle of Ladysmith.

It was also said the resumption fighting was hourly expected.

Boers are traversing Zululand, hoisting flags over the British magistracies.

Patrols Engaged. Capetown, Nov. 2.- A dispatch from Buluwayo, dated October 29th, announces that in the event of reinforcements being needed, volunteers would

immediately be carried out. A Fort Tuh dispatch, dated October 26th, says shots were exchanged between Col. Plummer's column and the Boers at Pont Drift. The British had one man wounded. The enemy's loss is unknown.

A British patrol reconnoitering at Pont Drift on October 27th captured the bluejackets opened the battle. The five Boers. It was believed the bulk of Boers replied vigorously. They fired Tuli, going south, and leaving an out- hit. post.

Two gunners were lost in the bush and it is feared they have died of thirst. Natives are searching for them. Another British patrol on October 28th stampeded a number of Boer horses, capturing five. Col. Plummer was still sending reconnoitering parties up and

down the river, and there was little doubt the enemy retired. Steckley's patrol exchanged shots with the enemy on the 24th. Captains White and Glynn, with 39

men, reconnoitered Kopje and Pont Boers, declined, on being interviewed, to Capt. Glynn approached at one enemy's loss is unknown. The Boers' rifle fire wounded four British. Natives say two Boers were killed in the skirmish on October 28th at Fort

London, Nov. 4.—Gunnery Lieut. Egerton, of the British cruiser Powerful, who was wounded by the explosion of a shell | London, Nov. 5.—The following was isat the bombardment of Ladysmith, has sued by the war office to night:

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 4.-The government is still without a definite reply from the

war office as to the second Canadian dead contingent. · Received With Favor.

Toronto, Nov. 4.—The Globe's London cable says Canada's reported offer of a econd contingent is received with much favor there.

Special Service Officer. Quebec, Nov. 4.-Capt. Dobell, son of the Hon. R. R. Dobell, who is in the Im-

lered to South Africa as a special service officer. London, Nov. 4.- News from the isolated Neck of Natal is eagerly awasted, but days, perhaps weeks, may pass before any word is received. Whatever may be the justness or otherwise of ...e Thursday afternoon, says: criticisms passed on Gen, White, it is palpable that he no longer possesses the

ontidence of the public. He may be fully able to withstand attacks of superior forces, and may be ready at any mo ment to execute a masterly retreat, but as long as he is cut off from communication with the outside world there will

regarding the welfare of seven or eight thousand men. The most optimistic believe a fortnight is the minimum in which a force of any

potentiality can be pushed to Lady smith, and then it may be too late. It is this interim, embittered by vivid memory of recent disaster, which will try the temper of the British nation. As a matter of fact, granting that Gen

White possesses the qualities of fair generalship, there are many reasons to believe he will be able to hold out till reinforced, even if completely surrounded. It is presumed that he has employed the past weeks in strengthening his position with earthworks and trenches, which, when manned by such fighters as the Gordons and Irish regiments, cannot be taken without a struggle. His artil-

lery has been reinforced by The Naval Brigade, and if it is not a match for the Boers, should be able to keep the enemy from coming into too close quarters. He has abundance of stores and apparently has truism that the opportunity to selece your shell into the camp, inflicting terrible own position is half the battle won, it loss and spreading panic among the ens said that there seems Gen. White has emy. fairly even chances of holding his own, in spite of the report that he is out

numbered by two or three to one. The evacuation of Colerso testifies to the complete investment of Ladysmith by the Boers, which makes the relief of Gen. White an extremely difficult opermission.)-The Cape Times says the ation. Colenso is the point where the Boer loss at Reitfontein was 70 killed railway from Ladysmith crosses the Tugela river, which is now in flood. The town itself is of small importance. It is dominated by the hills on the side from

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completely investing Sir George White at in addition to Mausers. White for some time. M.

immediately. Sir Redvers Buller's force north of Colenso. enters the Orange Free State, but the latter cannot be far on his way for at least three or four weeks, and even then Gen. Joubert may not ldesire to intercept the British on the Free State open smith, the body of General Kock, the fields, which would suit the British ad-

Wait Until the Last Moment and then proceed by trains to Pretoria. Thus Gen. Joubert might remain in Natal several weeks longer, endeavoring to force Sir George White into capitula-Moreover, another Boer force is expected to have reached the Natal frontier. Thus it will be seen, the position in Natal, taking into consideration a possible uprising of the disaffected Dutch, is most disquieting, and, in fact, may be de-

scribed as critical. British reinforcements in any number annot reach Durban before the end of next week.

Artillery Duel.

London, Nov. 5 .- A! Ladysmith dispatch, dated November 2; morning, says: "During the night the Boers moved close to the British positions and mountvorable positions near the town and by Gen. Buller, says: ommanding some of the Boer batteries. "At 6 this morning Gen. White order-

"A terrible artillery duel has been proceeding for over three hours. So far have engaged"the enemy." Another special dispatch, dated Nov | the ember 2, says the artillery duel is proceeding splendidly. The British guns are firing three shots to the Boers' one.

Prisoners at Pretoria. Capetown, Nov. 2 .- (Delayed in transnission) A 'telegram from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, says Col. Moeller, who comanded the Hussars captured by the give the details of the misfortune, but side and Capt. White on the other. The | praised the treatment he had received at the hands of the Boers. The British

> The officers are anxious to be exchanged. BOER CAMP CAPTURED.

Engagement at Bester's Hill-Burghers Routed with Heavy Loss,

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wounds. The officer is a nephew of the Duke of Devonshire. The way of the Duke of Devonshire was the state of Devonshire. The way of the Duke of Devonshire was the state of the Duke of Devonshire. The way of the Duke of Devonshire was the state of the Duke of Devonshire. The state of the Duke of Devonshire was the state of the Duke of Devonshire. cavalry and field artillery and effectively shelled the Boer laager, without loss on our side.

> "Lient. Egerton, of the Powerful, is "General Joubert sent in Major Kinnine wounded prisoners. Eight Boers were sent out in exchange, no others be-

ing fit to travel. "Col. Brockelhurst, with cavalry, field artillery, the Imperial Light Horse and the Natal Mounted Volunteers, was enperial service at Hongkong, has been orshell being pitched into the town, spirits, and the wounded are doing well.

Boers Surprised, A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated

"While the naval brigade was pounding away at the Boer battery this norning, a party of British cavalry and volunteers were sent out. Creeping found the hills they surprised and captured one of the enemy's camps." Another special dispatch from Ladysmith, in describing the engagement at Bester's Hill says the Boers were completely, routed and suffered heavy, Their entire camp was captured. correspondent goes on to say: tillery duel is in progress. A British shell struck a Boer 40-pounder and completely wrecked it."

. An Important Victory.

A correspondent at Ladysmith; describing the fighting, says: "The artillery duel at dawn, in which the Bcer guns were silenced, was intended to occupy the Boers and to enable

"For this purpose, the Lancers, Hussars Natal Carbineers and Natal, Bor-der Rifles, started under Gen. French at sunrise and got within striking distance before the enemy was aware of their presence. A field battery was also sent, secured a good position. commanding the enemy's camp, which was a large one, and laagered with army wagons and other vehicles.

"Bester's Hill was fortified and provided with good guns. "At 9 o'clock the British opened fire, been favored by good weather, and com- the Boers replying with spirit, but bad bining these advantages with the military aim. The British quickly sent a 42-pound

> "Our cavalry then stormed ithe position, the Boers fleeing precinitately leavthe whole came and equipment, in the

hands of the British. This success will upset the plans of the Orange Free State commanders and probably will prevent them giving the British further trouble from the west."

Shelling Colenso. 1112 Colenso, Nov. 2 .- 2 p.m .- Delayed in transmission)-Heavy firing is" progress at Ladysmith, which the Boers are shelling from positions on Grobles-Colesburg, Cape Colony, Nov. 2.—(Delif the Boers have advanced, as they seem kloof Hill, this side of Ladysulfth. Two layed in transmission.)—The bridge is intact. The explosions heard yesterday intact. The explosions heard yesterday at Colonso The explosions have a colon to the explosion of the explosion o at Colenso. The seriousness of the eva- were fired on by Boers, but were not in cuation, however, lies in the fact that serious danger. Train guards report that Commandant-General Joubert, while Nordenfeldt quick-firing guns were used

Ladysmith, Nov. 1 (afternoon), via the Ladysmith can seize this Tugela bridge The Boers continue to shell Colenso

Militarymen optimistically predict that 2.000 strong, but without field guns, are Gen. Joubert will withdraw from Natal marching in an easterly direction to the

metal) and No Further News, London, Nov. 5.-The colonial noffice aninformation had been received regard- this morning. No demonstration was praise the firm attitude of the British Seem a dirge sung o'er a bler? ing the retirement of the British forces from Colenso, and the reported rising of

the Basutos had not been confirmed. According to a special dispatch from Capetown it was reported there that the Basutos had risen against the Orange Free State Boers.

Many Boers Killed. patch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, from the Cape and went to Winchester.

dated November 3rd, appears in the He told friends that his personal rela-Times: relatives of Natal Dutch residing in this Reitz and State Attorney Smutz. place. The English residents have no He had little to say about the situaknowledge of any engagement."

BULLER'S PROBABLE PLANS. Action in the Campaign.

New York, Nov. 5.-The Tribune's close to the British positions and mount- New York, Nov. 5.—The Tribune's ed guns in fresh places. Meanwhile the London correspondent, cabling as to the was supported in these feelings by Mr. was supported in these feelings by Mr. Swim in never-ending throng, and that he was supported in these feelings by Mr. Crooms a sleepy, slumber song?

"Gen. Buller's plan of campaign is a secret which is not known even at the Cape Colony, had been mostly responsimany offers of privateers, including a In the depth of Arctic winter ed the bombardment of the enemy and war office, and it certainly has not been ble for the catastrophe which had overnumber from ship-owners in the United South Africa.

Cape Colony, had been mostly responsible for the catastrophe which had overnumber from ship-owners in the United South Africa. Boers. It was believed the bulk of Boers replied vigorously. They fired Boer army had retired from Fort straight and some of the British were Lord Wolseley and Sir Evelyn Wood Last Englishmen to leave Johannesburg. before leaving London, but retained ab-

solute liberty of action. "The military, experts here can only the naval guns are the only ones that hazard surmises respecting his probable course and the tactics in dealing with situation now that he has mastered the details on the ground. They begin by assuming that he will take from what has happened in Natal and not arow the colonial authorities to influence his action. It is now well known that Natal officials are largely responsible not only for the separation of the field forces into two camps forty miles

> Ladysmith as a post which Must Be Defended

at all hazards, and it is alleged that men of all arms. the hands of the Boers. The British at all hazards, and it is aneged that prisoners were playing football at the they made strenuous efforts to have the first streak of dawn till post they made strenuous efforts to have the first streak of dawn till post they made strenuous efforts to have the first streak of dawn till post the providing funds for the defence of the streak of the

the occupation of Laing's Nek. manded by several concentric circles of active and resourceful. Out of all these Boer attitude, have thus far been Wales. It is now confidently affirmed outlying hills, are the results of provin-cial control over military plans. Skill- "The mounted men were the first un-

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nated another bitter pill for the British public and services in the field. His legs
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Tugeli, destroying the bridges and drawcampaign until the arrival of the army

caid, of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and to any suggestions or entreaties from the Natal officials. He will deal with Boer gunners. Through my field glasses the situation on military lines and with an inflexible purpose. Experts studying the military problem expect him to send at deast

Ten Thousand Men to Durban gaged to-day with the enemy to the south-west of Ladysmith. The fighting lasted as soon as the earliest battalions of the army corps arrive at the Cape. Probab-to their guns, army corps arrive at the Cape, Probab- to their guns, several hours. Our loss was very small ly Lord Methuen's division will be de "The bombardment of Ladysmith con- tached for this purpose, and possibly tiqued yesterday and to-day, many Boer will not land in Captown. In this way it is considered possible to have 10,000 ing the places of their dead and wound-"Our troops are in good health and fresh troops in Lower Natal by Novem- ed companions as fast as they fell. Half

"The bulk of Buller's force, when as- shells flying all around them. sistance to White's garrison has been at De Aar Junction for operation for the became terribly hot. relief of Kimberley and the direct move-

"The Dutch allies are evidently anticipating both features of Gen. Buller's appointed time, they were to take a hand probable plan, for they are threatening in crushing the enemy. Pietermaritzburg from the Zulu border, and have also crossed the Orange river

at two points, Colesburg and Bethulle. are now cut off from Gen. Buller's he dquarters and depend upon native run-Sir George Stewart White to achieve his unbroken with the exception of a few hills. Altogether, it was a beautiful ly devoid of politics and will treat Bri purpose, the capture of the Boer camp belated dispatches sent before the wires belated dispatches sent before the wires panorama of nature at peace, while man were cut. These indicated that the gar- was at war."

rison was

Not In Immediate Danger, ing the investment of the town by throw- on Monday night, immediately after the ing a large force between it and Colen-so. The colonial office has also received did not arrive at the Examiner's London information that the British forces have the bridge over the Tugela at the mercy the action of the censor or to the crush

"The latest press dispatches before is now working between that city and communications were broken reported a South Africa. The dispatch itself has renewal of the artillery duel at Lady- undoubtedly been cut by the censor. Mr. smith. The best military experts agree that Gen. White cannot have less than Examiner detailed accounts of the move-12,000 or 13,000 men available for the ments of the armies in Natal, probably defence of Ladysmith."

FIGHT AT FARQUHAR'S FARM. ing many dead and wounded, as swell as Eight Hundred and Forty-Three Soldiers Are Missing.

Durban, Nov. 5.—Delayed in transmission.)-The official roll call shows that 843 members of the Gloucestershire Regiment and Royal Irish Fusiliers are on Farquhar's Farm.

ed have been brought.

Wounded Soldiers. Capetown, Nov. 2 .- (Delayed in trans

mission.)-The arrival of the British Cape. Four naval long range guns have been mounted here, and send them south on Pietermar- is futile. They have placed heavy guns been mounted here. itzburg, and in any case by destroying in position, but their shots are all falling popular enthusiasm on the part of a the bridge and railroad, can prevent any short. the bridge and railroad, can prevent any snort.

Snort.

9 n.m.—Colenso at this hour is threat-ness the landing. As the poor fellows large crowd that had assembled to wit- ments. ened. Patrols in advance of Boer forces were brought ashore the crowd cheered and sang "Rule Britannia" and "God boil or with fury against England, and sang "Rule Britannia" and "God over day these contain libellous and the wounded men were beneated by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Where the elder drake is mating; doing, well. ounced at 6 p.m. to-day that no further A batch of Boer wounded was landed

> STEYN FAVORED WAR. And Was Supported by Dutch Afril kanders in Cape Colony.

London, Nov. 5.—Mr. Conyngham Greene, who was the British agent at London, Nov. 6.—The following disar Pretoria, arrived in Progland yesterday as not improbable, and says: 'From a Salleth by on whisper-wings? "The Dutch residents here have tions with President Kruger were en- cause it would cause a proportionate in- In the torrid noonday heat; received news of a sanguinary battle tirely satisfactory to the last moment of fought yesterday, probably between his stay in the Transvaal, but his man-Ladysmith and Colenso. A large num- ner implied that as much could not be would be to our advantage on the day Where the cattle in the foot-hills ber of Boers were killed, many being said with reference to State Secretary when, perhaps without allies, we may Wade knee-deep in grain and grass

tion, which had passed out of the sphere of diplomacy. His health was greatly improved during the voyage. same ship. probable plan of campaign to be adopted Hofmeyer, but that Reitz and Smutz, The Paris L'Eclair says that the co-operating with President Steyn and certain Dutch Afrikander leaders in of marque and has already received The long, weary, winding way;

> reported that the general opinion there was that Steyn was possessed dreams, in which he beheld himself dictator of a great Dutch republic.

THE FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH. Special Correspondent Tells of the Stirring Events of Monday Last.

follows to the San Francisco Examiner: "Ladysmith, Oct. 30.—Looking back on this day, so full of moving incidents, apart, but also for the selection of one thing stands out clear and pleasing to the mental view-that is, the forti- Boers being victorious, they will imtude and endurance displayed by our mediately order the disarmament of all

prevailed except in the single detail of noon. They had to execute difficult and Republic, will be abolished. dangerous movements, always under "The retreat from Glencoe and the de- rifle and artillery fire, always under the duce Dr. Gavin Brown Clark, Liberal fence under the worst possible conditions fire of an enemy numerically stronger, member of parliament for Caithnessof Ladysmith, where the town is com- invariably as courageous, and amazingly shire, to resign on account of his pro-

sometimes when mounted and as often when acting as infantry.

"The volunteer troopers, the Natal ing the Boers further from their base Mounted Rifles and the Border Mounted be hurried to the Cape. The brigade will be be seened to be as good as Hussars or Lancers. Both these irregular corps "Gen. Buller is not likely to pay heed the luck not to lose a single man killed. had several men wounded, but they had "Equal gallantry was displayed by the

watched for some time a Boer battery splendidly posted on the top of a high ridge. Our men had the range to a yard and planted shell after shell right into it, mowing down the Boers who

Firing to the Last, fresh men rushing out of cover and takber 15, and in readiness to protect Pietermaritzburg and push on to the relief of White.

"The weather was beautifully fine. As provided, will probably be concentrated early as 10 o'clock in the morning it The Gloucestershires and the Irish Fument upon Boemfontein. This part of siliers were sent out the night before the plan has been clearly indicated by with an appointed task requiring paaccumulation of military stores at tience and nerve. They were to move secretly to a point in the hills six miles northeast of Ladysmith. Then, at an

You know how the plan.

Beautifully Conceived "Mafeking, Kimberley and Ladysmith as it was, failed and ended in disaster. "The battle ground was a magnificent plateau, interspersed with kopjes, the ners for carrying messages to the outer chief of which were Lombard's kop and world. The latest tidings from Mafe- Culwana mountain, two prominent emiking and Kimberley, received before mid- nences east of Ladysmith, between are equipping the hospital ship Maine night, were meagre, but reassuring, and which passes the road to Helpmakaar. In are making particular efforts to have it the silence from Ladysmith has been the far distance were the Basutoland

The Examiner publishes the following dispatch from London: The above disand that the Boers are slowly complet. Patch evidently was filed by Mr. Dunn bureau until Wednesday afternoon. The withdrawn from Colenso. This leaves delay in transmission was due either to of business on the single cable, which Dunn, having instructions to send the greatly exceeded the number of words the correspondent was permitted to file. and the censor reduced to that point.

FOR TRANSVAAL. Recruiting is Now Proceeding in Paris

-Sympathy for the Boers. New York, Nov. 5.—The Tribune's treasury department for a temporary Regiment and Royal frish rushiers are missing as the result of the engagement Paris correspondent says: "The popumodification of the conditions of transmissing as the result of the engagement paris correspondent says: lar sympathy for the Boers is taking shipment, and Assistant Secretary Thirty-two members of the Gloucester- practical shape under the direction of Spaulding as an international courtesy shire Regiment, ten members of the numerous committees. The efforts of the and under the exigencies of the occasion, Royal Irish Fusiliers and two members Dutch committee at No. 21 Rue Artois, granted the necessary permission to reof the 10th Mountain Battery were are confined to legitimate aid for the press the hay at the port of exporta wounded and the accumulation of funds tion. Between 70 and 100 escaped and, re-turned to Ladysmith, whither 15 would thouse for these in two lays accounted to

more than 100,000 francs. "Recruiting officers under Col. Mon- Do ye know the mountain meadow teil have been clandestinely opened, and Where the sunshine lingers long: a French legion for the Transvaal is in equipments are to be supplied gratuit-ously by partizan clothing establish. And the bighorn sports in play;

"The editorials in Drumont's Libre Save the Soldiers of the Queen." All of every day these contain libellous and And the blue-white bergs from Greenland Save the Soldiers of the Queen. All of the wounded men were benefited by disgusting personal insults to the Queen, Sail so ghostly through the mist?

Connaught. "Conservative papers like the Debats And the winds from dusk to dawning public in the face of disasters which in France would have caused a revolution, Do ye know the flaming forest sweeping away the cabinet and perhaps In the dead of winter's night; the form of government, as was nearly And the shifting, sinuous signals the case at the time of Negrier's defeat | Of the nimbus northern light? in Tonquin, but even the Debats is so When the shadows of the spruces

be at war with England."

War Notes. The Kildonan Castle sailed from Southampton on Friday. She is the He Has Retained Absolute Liberty of Johannesburg, who travelled by the more than 3,000 souls on board, with A prominent Uitlander, fresh from largest troopship in the world and has remarked that President their kits and weapons, balloons, bridge Kruger had seemed honestly dismayed pontoons, machine guns, ammunition Swim in never-ending throng;

The Newfoundland government is con- Ye have heard the sea-fowl cry; sidering a proposal to form half the col- And the glamour of the forest onial police into a company for service | Must be o'er ye till ye die! in the Transvaal. The Canadian government will be requested, it is understood, to incorporate this company with Of the hopeful, patriot band; the second Canadian regiment, New- For your soul has learned the legend foundland paying a proportionate share of the expenses.

At The Hague the enthusiasm over the reported success of the Boers is ex- That would have ye know the meaning Mr. Joseph S. Dunne, telegraphs as treme. All the Dutch newspaper offices are flying the Transvaal flag. Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Transvaal government, authorizes the announcement that in the event of the

The efforts of his constituents to in-

to a purpose over the rest instruction is decreased to be the second of

ber shell. They were constant, nathan A dispatch from Orange River, Cape Colony, reports that Kimberley was safe on Wednesday, but that an attack was expected at any time.

has 10,000 rounds of five-inch lyddite shells awaiting it. According to tests made a single shell falling into a compact body will kill 300 men. A scene of remarkable enthusiasm at tended the embarkation at Liverpool of

the 10th Hussars on the transport Co lumbian yesterday. The acceptance of the offers of Sir William MacCormac, Dr. Frederick Treves and other eminent civilian surgeons for service in Africa has drawn

attention to the serious undermanning of the army medical staff. Deserters from both the army and navy continue to give themselves up in London in order to be returned to their regiments and ships for active service.

London theatres are engaged in a spirited contest of benefits for the war veterans. Mr. Ford, cabling to the New York Tribune from London, says: "An old parliamenter forecasts the return of the Liberals to power as a sequel to the war. John Bull, after his first burst of over confidence and elation over delusive bulletins of victory has awakened to the seriousness of the situation. The truth is now known that the Boers were well prepared for war, whereas too much work was cut out for the British commanders and garrisons, and the ministers

are held to full responsibility for a situation humiliating to British pride. A regiment is in process of formation at Manila, the services of which, when organization is completed, will be offered

to Great Britain against the Boers. · The American women in London who understood that the movement is entire

ton and Boer alike. The news of the British reverses and losses in South Africa has been received in Germany with less demonstrations of joy than might have been ex pected from previous expressions. The mistakes and short-comings of the British preparations are pointed to with much vigor by the press strategists and military writers, but other newspapers

comment on the week's events fairly. A Washington telegram says the Brit ish government recently contracted in Canada for large quantities of baled hay for use in the South African campaign The shipments were to be made from an American port, it being transported through the United States in bond. The treasury regulations under which this was done prescribes that the goods should be exported in the original packings, and when it was found necessary for convenience and safety in stowing the hay on the steamer to change the size and form of the bales, it was found such a course was blocked by the regulations. Application was made to the

THIS CANADA OF OURS Where the robin rears its nestling And pours forth its low love-song? Where the grizzly roams in spring-time; And the brilliant purple aster

Flings its petals to the day? Do ye know the brown reef stretching And the curlew calleth clear;

And the wiry wheat is nodding As the sighs of summer pass? Do ve know the wondrous west-strang With its flords and headlands bold;

And its wealth of mine and metal:

And its forests dense and old?

Where the salmon in the tideway

On the marge of either ocean

Of this fair Canadian land. And the scenes your memory conjures Are the gifts of heavenly powers Of "This Canada of Ours." -Charles A. Bramble, in Canadian Maga

zine. -Mrs. Hewartson, 70 Douglas street, iad stolen from her store on Saturday afternoon a handsome black and gold striped underskirt. The thief must have been an expert one, as she did not notice anything suspicious about anyon who was in. Other store-keepers had better keep a good look out for the light fingerer ladies who now wear capacicloaks.

The gold fever has again broken out it that Montgomeryshire is channelled with

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