

Big Guns In Action

Artillery Duel in Progress

Ladysmith All Day Thursday.

Naval Brigade Fire Three Shots to Every One by the Enemy.

Some of British Hit by the Boers—Enemy Occupy Minor Stations.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 5.—A special despatch from Ladysmith dated Nov. 2, morning, says: "During the night the Boers moved close to the British positions and mounted guns in fresh places. Meanwhile the naval guns have been moved to more favorable positions near the town and commanding some of the Boer batteries. At 6 this morning Gen. White ordered the bombardment of the enemy and the bluejackets opened the battle. The Boers replied vigorously. They fired straight and some of the British were hit. A terrible artillery duel has been proceeding for over three hours. So far the naval guns are the only ones that have engaged the enemy."

Send More Men Says Beresford.

To Meet Probable Contingency of Cape Dutch Joining the Boers.

Lansdowne Shows Why Great Army Could Not Be Despatched Earlier.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 2.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, was the chief speaker at the Cadets' feast in Sheffield this evening, the function being attended by the usual distinguished assemblage. Replying to the toast to Her Majesty's ministers he went over the usual ground in explaining the causes of the war and defended the military preparations were not abreast of the negotiations. He said: "The diplomatic messages went by wire, reinforced by ship. Moreover, in order to keep abreast, the army and navy would have had to commit most provocative and threatening acts. The Boer ultimatum followed British mobilization, and if Great Britain had mobilized earlier the ultimatum would have been earlier. Lord Lansdowne explained the promptness of the mobilization, and the fact that five cavalry regiments, ten batteries and thirty battalions got far away on the sea. During the earlier part of the war, he went on to say, had had the superiority of numbers and the advantage of a choice of ground. This phase of the war, he said, was approaching its conclusion, for in less than a week the first instalments of the Cape Dutch forces would arrive at Capetown, to be followed at a steady rate by the remainder.

A BANKRUPT CAPITALIST.

He Endorsed For Others and Now Owes Half a Million.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Liabilities amounting to \$500,000 are scheduled in a petition filed in the United States district court today by Levier Doty, a capitalist, who seeks relief under the national bankruptcy act. The petitioner is president of the Northern Fuel Co. and the Lehigh Coal & Coke Co. His scheduled assets aggregate over \$400,000, consisting primarily of capital stock. The heavy liabilities result from the failure in 1893 of several large coal companies in which Mr. Doty was interested. Much of the indebtedness results from the purchase of which Mr. Doty took himself by endorsing notes for other persons. The credits are not secured except by notes which they hold.

ANOTHER HOSPITAL SHIP.

Princess of Wales Taking Personal Interest in Its Equipment.

London, Nov. 2.—The Princess of Wales has placed at the disposal of the Red Cross Society a considerable sum of money, balance of a fund collected at the time of the Sudan campaign in 1885, for the equipment of a hospital ship to be designated by a committee including Viscountess Wolsey, Lady Westgate and the Marchioness of Lansdowne. The committee are making arrangements to secure the British steamer Midnight Sun, which will be renamed the Princess of Wales. Her Royal Highness will personally contribute £1,000 towards its equipment.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Resolutions at the Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Branch.

Vancouver, Nov. 2.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Alliance, held last night, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. B. Cunningham; vice-president, S. H. Robinson; secretary, Rev. Mr. S. H. Robinson; and treasurer, Rev. Mr. S. H. Robinson. Resolutions were read, calling upon the Alliance to secure the passage of the 100,000 people to vote for no candidate who will not pledge himself to do all in his power, if elected, to obtain the immediate enactment of such legislation as will secure the total prohibition of the liquor traffic, at least in such provinces as are majorities with special reference to the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

FIFTY YEARS' MINISTRY.

Aged Presbyterian Ministry Announces Well-Earned Retirement.

Toronto, Nov. 2.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Parsons, pastor of Knox church, has announced his intention of resigning his charge at the end of fifty years in the ministry and pastor of Knox church since 1850. He will be given a retiring allowance of \$2,000. The resignation takes effect in April next.

TRANSPORTING TROOPS.

Steamer Kildonan Castle Sails With More Than Three Thousand Men.

London, Nov. 5.—The sailing of transports for South Africa loaded with troops is now an event of daily occurrence. The steamer Kildonan Castle from Southampton last evening carries more than three thousand men, 3,000 souls on board, with their kits and weapons, balloons, bridge pontoons, machine guns, ammunition wagons and hundreds of tons of other military necessities. The transport also takes a mascot goat presented to the First Welsh Regiment by Her Majesty the Queen.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Saturday Review Comments on the Position of Negotiations.

London, Nov. 4.—The Saturday Review in an article on the Alaskan dispute reiterates the statement that Canada has always been willing to submit to impartial arbitration which, it adds, was refused by the United States. The weekly then comments on Anglo-American relations, declaring that "England is permanently identified in the minds of one-half of the people of America with the imperialism which sways the other," and that "the designs attributed to us in consequence are so Machiavellian that it is unnecessary to emphasize them."

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THE ROAD TO TRANSVAAL.

London, Nov. 3.—The report comes from Rome that Portugal will permit the landing of British troops at Lorenzo Marques. This coincides with views strongly prevalent in some quarters here, that the British invasion of Transvaal will be made from that point.

GERMANS IN BOER RANKS.

Berlin, Nov. 2.—The Vossische Zeitung publishes an appeal signed by a committee of the German corps in the Transvaal calling upon German citizens to contribute to the support of the families of German volunteers who have taken up arms in just cause. The Ham-

Too Much For Boers

Losses Heavier Than Compensated for by Advantage Accidentally Secured Them.

Bluejackets Saving British Position—Attempt to Block Reinforcements from Durban.

Carlton's Troops Gained Their Position With Bayonet—Lost 200 Before Surrender.

burgische Correspondent, in the course of a semi-official article which cautions those who desire to embroil Germany in a conflict with Great Britain, says: "Germany is not going to pluck chestnuts for other people out of Great Britain's fire. Such a policy would drive Germany so closely into the arms of Russia that she would hardly be able to breathe."

HOWARD VINCENT'S OFFER.

London, Nov. 2.—Mr. George Wyndham, under secretary of state for war, has replied to Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent's offer of a thousand volunteers and marksmen for South Africa that it would be against the regulations to send volunteers abroad or to enlist them for a shorter period than three years. He adds, however, an assurance that in the event of a crisis requiring a large increase of the home garrison, of which at present there is no sign, the volunteers will be used and enlistments will be permitted for a short term.

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LOST YUKON MAILS.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Owing to the wreck of the Yukon steamer Stratton, the trunk departments have been asked to duplicate all letters mailed by Dawson between Sept. 22 and Oct. 7.

Leaving Colenso.

Retirement of the British Gives the Enemy a Considerable Advantage.

Joubert Can Now Delay a Relief Expedition Going to General White.

Probability that Boers Will Withdraw When Buller Reaches Scene.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 4.—The following has been issued by the war office: The colonial office has received information to the effect that the British troops have withdrawn and have concentrated further south, but have no news of any engagement in that neighborhood. The evacuation of Colenso is undoubtedly a most serious matter for the British in Natal, as it now only testifies to the complete investment of Ladysmith by the Boers, which makes the relief of Gen. White an extremely difficult operation.

Bravery In Misfortune.

Without Artillery or Reserve Rifle Cartridges British Made a Gallant Fight.

No Relief Arriving They Had to Surrender When Ammunition was Exhausted.

THE DISASTER.

"The circumstances which attended the movements of the column are not yet fully known, but from reports received the column appears to have been ordered to march on to the hill and a few rifle shots stopped the infantry ammunition mules. The stamped spread to the battery mules, who broke loose from their leaders and got away with practically the whole of the gun equipment and the greater portion of the regimental small arms ammunition. The reserve was similarly lost. The infantry battalions, however, fixed bayonets and accompanied by the personnel of artillery, seized a hill on the left of the road two miles from the town, with but little opposition. There they remained unmolested until the morning, the time being occupied in organizing the defence of the hill and constructing a trench and walls as a cover from the fire."

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Privateers Accepted.

Paris, Nov. 5.—L'Edoair says that the Transvaal government has issued letters of marque and already received many offers of privateers, including a number from ship-owners in the United States.

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To Isolate Ladysmith

The Offer Is Made.

Boer Efforts Centre in That Idea and British Make Defensive Works.

Canada Ready If Permitted to Send Second Contingent to South Africa.

Movement to Destroy Railway to Block Kimberley Relief Expedition.

Warships for Durban to Land Guns If Required—Africkers All Right.

Volunteer Applications Pouring In But Ottawa Awaits War Office Reply.

Would Like to Contribute of All Arms and Give Permanent Corps a Chance.

DEFENCES FOR LADYSMITH.

According to despatches filed on Tuesday, defensive works were being constructed on the hills around Ladysmith, and it was expected that there the big naval guns would be mounted the following week.

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