

BULLER TO THE FRONT.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAS GONE TO MEET THE ENEMY.

Kimberley Has Plenty of Provisions, Fodder and Water—More of the Sortie—Relief Column to Move on Ladysmith at Once—The Bridge Replaced.

AFRICAN WAR EPITOME.

Dispositions of British and Boer Forces, Strategic Points and Engagements, Gleaned From the Latest Despatches.

Natal.

Durban—British base. Pietermaritzburg—Held by British.

Mooi River—Held by British.

Eastcourt—Held by British.

Frere—British advance of 18,000 men under Hillyard operating from this point.

Reconnoissances, but no general advance up to Thursday. Railroad open to this point. Engineers building bridge.

Coleman—Present Natal strong-centre. Commanded by Boers from Grobler's Hill on north bank of Tugela. Boers expected to make strong stand. River in flood. Railroad bridge wrecked. Road bridge intact. Joubert has returned to Transvaal.

Ladysmith—In British hands. White commands about 11,000 troops, closely invested. Schalkburger commands Boers. Town safe Nov. 29. Assault anticipated. Boer retreat expected if unsuccessful. Boer fire more effective. Food running low.

Cape Colony.

Cape Town—British base for Gatacre's column.

East London—British base for Gatacre's column.

Putter's Kraal—Gatacre's present headquarters.

Nasirpoort—Re-occupied by British Nov. 16. French's cavalry operating from this point.

Stormberg—Occupied by Boers.

Dordrecht—Occupied by Boers Dec. 3.

Colesberg—Occupied by Boers.

Alwal North—Occupied by Boers.

Burgersdorp—Occupied by Boers.

Norval's Point—Occupied by Boers.

Orange River Frontier—Boers in force.

De Aar—British military depot.

Orange River Junction—Starting point of Methuen's advance to Kimberley.

Belmont—Midway between Orange River Junction and Kimberley.

Tested Boers here Nov. 23.

Grass Pan—Ten miles north of Belmont. Methuen defeated Boers here Nov. 23.

Griqualand West.

Modder River—Methuen defeated Boers here Nov. 28. Methuen here up to Friday. No definite news of further advance in force. Lancers found Boers in force six miles north Thursday.

Spytfontein—Boers reported concentrating for final stand.

Kimberley—1,000 British under Kekorri besieged by Boers. Boers here Nov. 28, with British loss of 83. Held out Dec. 2.

Bechuanaland.

Mafeking—Baden-Powell commands 1,500 British. Besieged by Boers. Artillery out Dec. 2.

London, Dec. 8, 5 a. m.—General Buller's arrival at Bechuanaland indicates that all the preparations for an advance to the relief of Ladysmith are complete, and that striking news will soon be received. The fact that Lord Methuen is announced as resuming his command at almost the same moment is interpreted in some quarters to mean that battles will be fought simultaneously in Natal and at Spytfontein. It appears doubtful, however, whether General Methuen's force is yet ready for what will certainly be a heavy encounter.

The construction of the temporary bridge across Modder river has entailed enormous labor, and even near the river's mouth it is to be washed away should a heavy storm come. General Methuen has been obliged to move his camp a mile north in consequence of the incessant flow of the stream, due to the presence of bodies of dead Boers. As the railway bridge was completely destroyed he was compelled to leave a considerable force to guard his communications.

A special correspondent sends interesting information regarding Boer tactics that Commandant-General Joubert has given orders to reserve fire until the British are within the close range of 400 yards. At the Modder River battle, the Boer State business becomes operative, opening fire prematurely, thus revealing their position and frustrating the Boer plans.

The Morning Post publishes an article warning the British public that "the disillusionment already experienced respecting the Boer forces in Natal is likely to be repeated on the western border."

It says that the men are wanted everywhere and asks why the splendid body of 20,000 Royal Mounted is now being employed in sweeping floors and washing paint in England and is not out to handle the guns, instead of the burly transport men, unfamiliar with the weapons, who have gone.

The government has decided to detach South Africa at the earliest possible moment a cavalry brigade of about 4,000 men.

Baron Loch, former governor of Cape Colony, and British high commissioner of South Africa, lecturing in London last evening related some of his experiences with President Kruger. He said the remarks of the Transvaal president years ago showed that he contemplated just the state of affairs which has now resulted.

Mr. Kruger even expressed a desire to have a seaport and said the Transvaal hoped to have a navy some day.

The Times, commenting upon Lord Lourenco Marquis by Reuter, and Gen. Schalkburger is named as his successor in supreme command of military forces around Ladysmith. What military men in London are disposed to believe is that there have been serious discussions among the Boer generals and that Joubert has been sent to the front to see that the council of war is reported to have been held on Saturday, with the state attorney from Pretoria in attendance. The same day the Boers are now known to have existed at Modder River between the Transvaal and Free State leaders are supposed to be in the Orange camp. The Dutch allies, however, fought well against Methuen, and are likely to offer equal resistance to the British.

From Ladysmith there is a fresh series of bulletins and vague reports, one of which hints that the garrison is under half rations, while others describe the continuance of an ineffective bombardment. Mr. Harmsworth's paper has the substance of a private despatch from Ladysmith stating that the Boers were more annoying than the shells; that Col. Conyngham was convalescent and fit for duty, and that Lord Duff's son, Lord Ayr, was well. There were reports that the Dutch forces were moving north from Ladysmith, but these were not credited at the war office.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

A KNITTING FACTORY MAY BE STARTED VERY SOON.

Promoters Will Not Yet Reveal Their Identity—There Will be a Big Cut on the Nashwaak This Year—Detective Ring After Jewellery Stolen in St. John.

Fredericton, Dec. 6.—It is estimated that the lumber cut on the Nashwaak and tributaries during the present season, will be in the neighborhood of 30,000,000 feet or an increase of about 6,000,000 feet over last year. There is considerable snow in the woods at present and the conditions for lumbering are most favorable.

BOER GENERALS NOT HARMONIOUS.

New York, Dec. 7.—The most important rumor circulating just now relates to Gen. Joubert, says a London cable to the Tribune. His illness is reported to have been aggravated by Reuter, and Gen. Schalkburger is named as his successor in supreme command of military forces around Ladysmith. What military men in London are disposed to believe is that there have been serious discussions among the Boer generals and that Joubert has been sent to the front to see that the council of war is reported to have been held on Saturday, with the state attorney from Pretoria in attendance. The same day the Boers are now known to have existed at Modder River between the Transvaal and Free State leaders are supposed to be in the Orange camp. The Dutch allies, however, fought well against Methuen, and are likely to offer equal resistance to the British.

SHIP LABOR QUESTION.

An Effort to Amalgamate the Two Societies the Chief Topic among the Steamship Men.

THIS LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS.

Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 5.—General Buller and his staff have started for the front.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Fears that Angus McLean of Cape Breton, Has Been Foully Dealt With.

THE GREENWAY GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—The election today witnessed the most desperate efforts by Conservatives assisting the opposition to win, and tonight it looks as though they were successful. Returns in many cases are incomplete, but indicate the return of Macdonald with twenty-one followers, and Greenway with fifteen.

COACH DRIVER DROWNED.

Sherbrooke, N. S., Dec. 6.—A coach with mails from Antigonish, which left at 7 o'clock, was overturned in a brook and the driver, Tommy Sears, was drowned. The coach, which left here in charge of Alex. Hattie, at 8 o'clock, was the first to arrive at the scene of the accident. He found the coach upside down in a brook, with young Sears under it in about three feet of water and one of the horses dead. The mails arrived here this morning very wet and it is with great difficulty they are being assorted.

OTTAWA NEWS.

SUB-STRUCTURE OF THE CORNWALL BRIDGE TO BE RE-INFORCED.

The Standard of Lumber to be Caught in the Bay of Fundy to be Raised—Government Will Not Carry Out Gen. Hutton's Recommendations.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—R. Douglas, engineer of the department of railways and canals has given official sanction to plans submitted for protection to the piers of the Ottawa and New York railway bridge under construction at Cornwall over the St. Lawrence river. Investigation following the accident to the piers revealed the fact that the bottom was solid enough to hold the weight but owing to the depth of water and the rapid current it was deemed advisable to reinforce the sub-structure.

TREASON TRIALS.

Guerin and His Associates Prove Noisy Prisoners.

WHITNEY AGAIN.

In a Combine to Run All the Automobile Carriages in New York.

GIVEN TWO YEARS.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Judge Wurtelle, late this afternoon, sentenced William Weir, president of the defendant for the attainment of the law, to two years, less one day, in jail for furnishing false and deceptive returns to the government. The one day was deducted from the sentence because of Weir's leniency and Judge Wurtelle, in a calm and severe, but just words, pointed out the enormity of the crime, by which hundreds, if not thousands, of poor people lost a million and a quarter dollars. Mr. Weir is 77 years of age. He wept bitterly in the dock.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

Rome, Dec. 6.—Monsignor Donato Sbarrotti has been appointed Bishop of Santiago de Cuba.

RELIEF FOR INDIAN FAMINE SUFFERERS.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Rev. Dr. McKay, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, has called a special meeting of the executive to consider the aiding a special relief fund for sufferers from famine in India. The wheat and maize crops are about a total failure throughout India and the distress is terrible.

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Intercolonial Railway.

On and after MONDAY, the 16th October, 1899, trains will run Daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:—

TRAINS WILL LEAVE ST. JOHN. Express for Campbellton, Pictou, Pictou and Halifax... 7.25 Express for Halifax, New Glasgow and Pictou... 12.00 Express for Sussex... 18.40 Express for Quebec and Montreal... 17.30 Accommodation for Montreal... 22.10

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PREMAT URE EXPLOSION.

Three Men Killed in a Nova Scotia Gold Mine.

Married at Harvey Station.

Baxter Station, Dec. 6.—O. Hurley last at the residence of Rev. Father O'Leary, King's Clear, Mr. Dan P. Sullivan, of Edson, State of Washington, was united in marriage to Miss Frances Chausse of Hanwell daughter of Mr. Ephraim Chausse of this place. Miss Chausse attended the bride and Mr. Wm. T. Donohue of St. Mary's acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to Baxter where they were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents. The happy pair will spend the honeymoon in this neighborhood and in Edson. They expect to leave for their future home in Washington about the New Year. Mr. Sullivan is a son of the late John Sullivan, merchant, of Cork station.

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