SPION KOP OCCUPIED I turn in file to the left and wheel to the right to double about half a mile to the right flank of the guns, and when a bullet whizzed very close to him he began to play antics and skip about, laughing and cracking jokes the while. The bullets were as thick as

The nilitary expert of the Times

"It is exceedingly difficult to arrive

at any exact estimate of the advan-

tage gained. A definite tactical ob-

ject has been attained and definite

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ment of the strategic plan. It is ne-

cessary to await fuller information

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successes thus far attained. At least,

The Kildonan Castle reached Durban

yesterday (Thursday) with 2,000 addi-

tional troops for Gen. Buller; and

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the war office are confident that Gen.

daily expected. A despatch to the

standard from Rensburg describes

Gen. French's dispositions as now for-

VICTORY RIDICULED

latest news from the seat of war, most

of the German papers ridicule the

"Probably this British success, like

all prior successes, will dwindle with

GENERAL FRENCH

Is Gradually Drawing His Lines More

Closely Around the Boer

Position.

LONDON, Jan. 26.-A despatch to

the Standard from Rensberg, dated

"Gen. French, with the utmost de-

liberation and the greatest caution, is

drawing his lines more closely around

the Boer position. Every day he

tightens the net, greatly to the alarm

and uneasiness of the enemy, who

have made several attacks on out-

posts. The tactics of these engage-

ments are a repetition of those em-

ployed at Majuba Hill, but everywhere

they have been pluckily repulsed. The

Boers have been out-generalled in

this region. Individuals frequently

desert to our lines. The latest ar-

rivals say that the Boer strength is

now 7,000. Three weeks ago they were

smith, and 600 from Myersfontein.

The centre of their position appears

to be at Colesberg Junction. Their

lines of communication are strongly

protected to Norval's Pont, while they

still command the road to Colesberg

and the wagon bridge. Gen. French's

position, as viewed from Coles Kop,

"The Boer kopjes are lower than

is a great semi-circle.

reinforced by 1,000 men from Lady-

the receipt of further news."

British victory. The Vossische Zeit-

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Discussing the

miles away, at any time.

ung says:

there has been steady progress."

General Warren's Troops Made a Night our sand are commanded by our guns. Our hyddite shells have apparently stlemed the Boer artillery for good and all. Gen. French could undoubtedly take Colesberg, which is two miles away, at any time he pleased, but he has refrained nitherto from bombarding the town because of the non-combatants, including warren and children." Captured the Position.

Miles of the Enemy's Entrenchments Rendered Untenable by the Capture of the Big Hill.

General Buller Says "The Men Are Splendid"-Feared That the Casualties Were Considerable — Large Reinforcements Have Arrived at Durban for Buller.

SPION KOP CAPTURED.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The war office has issued the following despatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Jan. 25, 12.10 a. m.: "General Warren's troops last night occupied Spion Kop, surprising the small garrison, who fied. It has been held by us all day, though we were heavily attacked, especially by a very annoying fire. 1 fear our casualties are considerable, and I have to inform you with regret that General Woodgate was dangerously wounded. General Warren is of the opinion that he has rendered the enemy's position untenable. The men

GENERAL REVIEW.

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LONDON, Jan. 26,-Nothing can yet be added to the brief news of General Warren's success, which has brought intense relief to Great Britain. Some recognize the possibility that the British may be unable to retain what they have so hardly won in view of the very annoying shell fire mentioned in Gen. Buller's despatch, and that the hill may have to be retaken, but assuming that the position is permanently held, and that the Boers are driven from the remainder of the plateau, dominated by Spion Kop, there is no illusion respecting the gravity of the task involved in covering the twelve or fifteen miles separting the hill and the Boer lines outside Ladysmith. There is complete gnorance here as to the ability of the Boers to obtain reinforcements, and as to whether they, have prepared a second line of defence. The ignorance prevents any forecast of the operations. The critics continue to bid the public to prepare for a long casualty list, they attaching the fullest significance to Gen. Buller's intimation. No list of the losses in the fighting previous to the attack on Spion Kop has yet been received, though each day brings additions. Gen. Barton's force, which is holding Chieveley, had a few killed and wounded on Jan. 23, which indicates an engagement which hitherto has not been reported. It was probably only a reconnaissance. It is not improbable that the scarcity of news from the front is partly owing to the light field telegraph, which at present is the only means of commu-

LONDON, Jan. 26, 4.15 a. m.—Gen. Buller's phrase, "The men are splendid," thrills England with pride and confidence. His taking and holding Spion Kcp are considered permanent

Sir Charles Warren's opinion that miles of the adjacent Boer entrenchments are untenable is accepted by most expert observers as obviously true, because of the height of the position, although some point out that it may lack adequate gun platform to resist artillery fire from the two ex-

It is not likely that Gen. Warren will let go anything he holds; and news of further success is calmly

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Daily News' escaped prisoner as saying that two British shells burst near Colesberg, sending shrappel into the streets. Rifle bullets penetrated several houses

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 24, 10 ment of Ladysmith this morning. Gen. Warren's flank movement continues. The Boers did some lively sniping and shelling this morning, but the casualties were not heavy.

Details of Lord Dundonald's engage-

ment west of Acton Homes, on January 17, show that the American Colt gun did great work for the British. As previously cabled, the British and Boers made a rush for a kopie which, unknown to either, had been previcusly occupied by a detachment of won the position, and then turned their Colt gun on the enemy, who could not stand against its withering fire. Twenty-three prisoners attals and being attended by the best were taken. They fraternized with uses, with every comfort that money the British and showed no signs of animosity. The British troops displayed great consideration for the wounded Boers, and everything possible was done to alleviate their pain. Gen. White, commanding at Ladythree troopships have arrived from smith, had heliographed that a strong force of the enemy was advancing toment of Lancers. Beyond these it is wards Hunter's Spruit to attack the British cavalry. On returning, the not publicly known here how heavily Gen. Buller has been reinforced, but mounted troops crossed the sone that those having certain connections-with was exposed to the shell fire of the They galloped independently Buller vill have as many more men as this dangerous territory and he may need to make his work easier. safely reached the shelter of a coni-The situation in the neighborhood of cal hill. This was a good example of the other armies is uncharged, but a forward movement of Gen. French is

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

ming a great semi-circle around the BERLIN, Jan. 25 .- The North Ger-Boer positions. The correspondent man Gazette this evering publishes says he could take Colesburg, two

"The Royal Dragoons send their respectful greetings on the anniversary forcements were advancing from the of the birthday of their colonel-in-

The emperor replied: "The colonel-in-chief sends the Royal Dragoons his best thanks for their

WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LONDON, Jan. 26, 1 a. m.-At mid-

(Signed). WILHELM I. R."

night the war office announced that nothing further had been received from the front for publication tonight.

BATTLE OF COLENSO As Described by an Officer Who Took Part in the Engagement.

LONDON, Jan, 17 .- The following account of the battle of Colenso, written by an infantry officer present, was

received by today's mail

"After that most terrible and sided battle of Colenso last Friday, I fainted when I got to camp, from sunstroke, and on Saturday morning I found I had dysentery. How anyone escaped on Friday is a marvel to me. We were nine and one-half hours under fire, and it was like a severe hail storm on a tin roof. I could not put glasses up without hearing "phit," "phit." From the very first I saw it would be no go. Directly we got under fire, a corporal said to me: 'I wonder how many Boers there are hidden in that wood opposite along the Tugelt?' I said: 'I expect it is full of them, as Buller has never shelled it all.' I was right. Two companies of the 23rd went in and jolly soon came out through us and exposed our four companies to a double fire, and I don't see how we escaped at all. Then I saw about three companies of the Seventh Fusiliers go in on the left of the taken guns and they soon case out of it. After that we were told to advance a bit, and eventually we were told off as escort to the lost guns, with the result that we retired (when ordered to, and Tommy does not like that word at all),

"I never was in such a veritable fix and hope I never shall be again; and then, to add to it all, they peppered us with shot, shell and those beastly one-pound Maxim-Nordenfeldt shells and Mausers until we had retired well out of range. But poor Tommy was simply grand. The troops went through it all. They never hesitated one moment; never flinched. On they went with destruction and death and agony all round them. I shall never forget the sight. A man was hit; on the line went. A shell fell between two men at six paces; on they went. A shell blew a poor captain of the Cannaught Rangers to bits. A subaltern of the Inniskillings close by looked back, but could see absolutely no trace of his comrade left; and I see he is reported as missing, as they could not find him; and yet on went the lines. My own company was most light-hearted. One old soldier who used to be the quartermaster's

and had six officers taken and over

100 men killed, wounded, missing or

prisoners, out of a total of 13 officers

and 372 men with which we started

my head. Directly we halted and lay down, showers of bullets came, two pitching about half a yard in front of my head. It was truly a one-sided game, as we could see one to aim at. Just before we lay down a private behind me said: 'Sir, I don't know how we got through all that without one of us getting hit. I thing God must be good to us today.' I was much impressed by what this

man said.' "I can assure you all of us carned our wretched clasp at Colenso; but to make a frontal attack with the whole army, just like an Aldershot field day,

ent, in his account of the battle Colenso, dwells on the effect of the Mauser bullet, which he says is "no doubt a very humane one," and inflicted some wonderful wounds.

"The Boers treated our wounded well, and, in fact, did not take them prisoners, as they said they could not be bothered with them. They took the wounded colonels, as they like colonels, and would prefer one with a title, but they rifled their pockets and went for bread in the haversacks with greed. I don't think they can be getting much bread now. They also stripped our dead of all clothing, for they have no pimlico behind them, and officers' breeches were highly treasured "The wounded were picked up almost at once and within twelve hours they were comfortably settled in hos-

PROM LADYSMITH.

buld precure."

LONDON, Jan. 26.-A despatch to the Morring Post from Ladysmith, cated Jan. 22, and sent by runner to Frere, says:

"Our principal occupation is watch-

ing the shells of the advancing col-umn bursting. The observation tends to raise cur spirits. The heavy artillery makes a joyful sound. The bombardment of Ladysmith has practically ceased, although a gun on Bulwana Hill fires sometimes. The creusot gun the advantage of having mobile on Telegraph Hill fired today a single shell, which wabbled remarkably, Probably our howitzers have again damaged the gun. The Boers recently began to shell Observation Hill from Surprise Hill with an old fashman Gazette this evering publishes the following:

The commander of the British First (Royal) Dragoons has sent a telegram to the emperor from Spearment.

The estward from Bulwana Hill and Commander of the Royal and Commander of the British First to the emperor from Spearment. Lombards Kop. It was probably intended to make us think that re-ineast, though it may possibly have been from scouts of some irregular force to whom it is understood Gen. Buller has given a roving commission. We heard sharp firing in the same direction Saturday night. The general health of the town has been much

DO NOT WANT ADVISERS.

LONDON, Jan. 24.-The Cape Town correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Monday, says:

"In view of the exaggerated ideas current that the Boers have been largely helped by foreign military advisers, it is worth while quoting the statement of a gentleman who has just arrived from Delagoa Bay. He says that the Boers are at a loss to know what to do and that the advice tendered them, being based upon opposing ideas of tactics, is valueless, and only leads, when adopted, to loss of life. It appears that during General Joubert's illness, General Schalkburger wired to Dr. Leyds to send men able to shoot straight and experts to make explosives and work

mines, but not useless advisers. "From what I saw myself of the Boer forces at the outbreak of the war, I know that the Boers have a profound distrust and contempt for European military methods; and, with the exception of Commandant Albrecht, they have practically no foreign officers, even in the artillery.

"The Transvaalers, however, acknowledge that they have learned several useful tactical devices from the Free Staters, especially in making entrenchments in least expected places and at the foot of kopjes instead of on

The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marques, telegraphing Tuesdey, says: subjects now remaining in the Transveal is expected next week. Schutte, military commandant of the Rand, is maintaining his reputation as an unscrupulous and vindictive official. His latest move was an attempt to break open the vaults of the Rand Safe Deposit company, estensibly to

dents. "It appears that all the bridges the Natal railway and in Laing's Nek tunnel, and the bridges on the Free State line, have been undermined so as to enable them to be destroyed at a moment's notice, in the event of a Boer retreat.

obtain their securities for all resi-

"The French liner Gironde has arrived here crowded with military-looking foreigners, bound for the Transvaal. These include fifty Russian ambulance men, with Germans, Frenchmen, Italians and Greeks. Herr Potts the Transvaal consul here, has ar ranged for their conveyance to Pretoria by a special train."

GARRISON NOT REINFORCED.

LISBON, Jan. 25.—The minister of war, Tilles, replying to a question in the Cortes today, declared that the government had not reinforced the garrison at Lorenzo Mar-

TOLSTOI DISAPPROVES.

who used to be the quartermaster's storeman at Chatham, was in front of me, while we once were ordered to denounces the war in South Africa as showof me, while we once were ordered to

Ladies' Jackets at half price and many at less than half price to clear.

15 BLACK CHEVIOT JACKETS, sizes 32, 34 and 36, \$1.00 each. Some in the lot were as high as \$6.00. 12 MIXED TWEED JACKETS, unlined, sizes 22, 34 and 36, \$2.00 each. Some in the lot were as high as \$8.90. 10 MIXED TWEED JACKETS, Sateen lining, at \$3.00 each. Some in the lot were as high as \$9.90. 15 NAVY BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, unlined, at \$3.50 each. Some in the lot were as high as \$9.90. 16 BLACK BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, same price.

ined, at \$5.00 each, worth \$10 and \$12.

10 NAVY CURL CLOTH JACKETS, Silk lined, at \$4.00 each. Some in the lot were as high as \$3.90.

6 DARK GREEN BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, unlined, at \$4.00 each. Some in the lot were as high as \$8.90.

2 BLACK BRAVER CLOTH JACKETS, last year's, very long, sizes 32, \$2.00 each. One was \$12.90, the other \$16.90.

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ing the "sordid and souliess commercialism that rules the world."

He says: "I hope daily to hear of a fresh British reverse. It is incomprehensible to me that England, boasting herself to be the land of freedom, should wish to crush out small republics which have never done hor the slightest injury."

GENERAL WOODGATE DEAD.

I.ONDON, Jan. 28.—Advices have been received from Spearman's Camp that Gen. Woodgate has succumbed to the wounds he received in the attack upon Spion Kop. [Note.—A Halifax despatch says Gen. Woodgate is a cousin of Mrs. Robie Uniacke of that city.]

AT MODDER RIVER.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 24.—Gen. Hector Archibald MacDonald has arrived and as-sumed command of the Highlanders.

IN CANADA. AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 25. - The latest orders, issued this morning were that the first battakion of C. M. R., consisting of the Winnipeg, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia detachments would assemble at the exhibition grounds tomorrow morning. The orders are that this battalion will then parade to the North Common, and line up at sharp 10.30, when Major Gen. Hutton will inspect them. The second battalion (the western volunteers) will form up in the armories at the same hour tomorrow, and they also will be inspected by the major general.

One of the mounted rifles, who had been quartered at the exhibition grounds, was sent to the infectious hospital today, suffering from a mild attack of scarlet fever. There are no other cases at the camp.

PROMPTLY TABLED.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 25.-At meeting of the executive of the Women's Council today, a letter was read from the Peace Society of the Hague, Holland, signed by Madame Wassklekiez Van Schilfgaarde, askirg the council to petition Queen Victoria to "put an end to fratricidal strife in Africa." The letter was promptly tabled, on motion of Miss Fitzgibbon, the historian, who drew up a strongly worded resolution, to the effect that the war had been forced upon Great Britain for the maintenance of the empire.

OTTAWA.

Lord Strathcona's Horse Will Concentrate at the Capital.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—A decision of the customs department states that trunks containing travellers' samples are subject to duty on first importation, but may be allowed free entry on re-importation if identified to the satisfaction of the customs officer. Commercial samples which are not Canadian product or manufacture are, however, subject to duty at each time of importation.

The work of erecting cold storage buildings for the preservation of bait for fishermen is making considerable progress. One local association in Antigonish county has already erected its building, and several storage houses are in course of construction in P. E. Island.

A Canadian Club, similar to those existing in Toronto and Hamilton, has been organized here, with a good membership.

Lieut. A. L. Webster of the 68th Kings County battalion will take the course of instruction at Kingston in stiff duties, along with the other officers already named.

Officers presenting themselves for instruction at No. 4 Regimental Depot, R. C. R. I., were examined by a board and allotted as follows:

Advanced class—Lieut. Forsythe, \$2nd

follows:
Advanced class—Lieut. Forsythe, 82nd
Batt.: Lieut. Col. Ewan, 78th Batt.; 2nd
Lieut. Oxenheim. \$2nd Batt.: 2nd Lieut.
Watson, 94th Batt.; 2nd Lieut. Johnston,
67th Batt.
Cadet class—2nd Lieut. Allen, 71st Batt.;
2nd Lieut. Bailey, 68th Batt.; 2nd Lieut.
Ross, 68th Batt.; 2nd Lieut. Clarks, 71st
Batt.
An order in council has been passed no.

The officers of Strathcona's Horse will be aken from the Mounted Police or active

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.-It has been decided that Strathcona's Horse will are enrolled and horses purchased they will be sent to the capital and go into quarters at the exhibition build-

as a transport. The str. Monterey has been offered. The militia department has no con-

firmation of the story that Private Jones was killed at Dorers farm. Hon. Mr. Fielding will introduce a till during the coming session to renew bank charters. A provision will be inserted to guard against over issue of bank notes, as in the case of the Ville Marie Bank.

MADAWASKA AND VICTORIA

Nominate T. Medley Richards as Liberal Conservative Candidate.

One of the Largest and Most Representative Conventions Ever Held in the County.

Speeches by Hon. G. E. Foster, Fred Laforest, M. P. P., T. J. Carter and the Candidate of the Party.

GRAND FALLS, N. B., Jan. 23.-One of the largest meetings ever held in the county responded to the call for the liberal conservative convention today. A goodly contingent was present from Victoria, and Madawaska sent a

large and influential delegation. . T. Medley Richards was unanimously nominated. He will have the support of many prominent liberals, who are dissatisfied with the treatment accorded the county by the present gov-

ernment. * J. Fletcher Tweedale was elected chairman, and the nomination of Mr. Richards was made in an able speech by T. J. Carter, and ably supported by Mr. Laforest, M. P. P., who detailed the complete breach of faith of which Mr. Laurier had been guilty in his own case.

The candidate accepted, in a neat speech in both French and English. and was loudly applauded by the audience. Hon. G. E. Foster made an able

Amongst the prominent electors from Madawaska were A. R. Balloch, Géo. Hurd, Felix Hebert, J. H. Mc-Inerney, D. H. Keswick, H. D. Keswick and numerous others.

MILLTOWN SMUGGLERS.

A Calais letter in the Bangor Commercial says: "Wednesday evening Customs Officer John Shaughnessy detected a couple of boys who are employed by a Milltown, N. B., grocer, with a team load of pork, passing through one of the back streets across the line. He overtook and seized the outfit, but the custodians determined not to give up without a struggle, and seizing a sled stake apiece they turn-ed upon the officer. The latter pluckily held his ground and called loudly for assistance, but although it was scarcely 7 o'clock in the evening, no one came to his aid. Realising that wherever the team went, there also would the officer go, the smugglers urhitched the horse and skipped to the American side, leaving Shaughnessy in possession of the sled and its ked, together with a part of the harness, which had been left behind in the hurried flight of the teamster. The officer's hands are bodly swollen and bruised from the blows inflicted in the efforts to make him release his hold upon the outfit. Collector Graham has referred the matter to the minisconcentrate at Ottawa. As the men ter of justice, who will doubtless order the prosecution of the offenders."

into quarters at the exhibition buildings. Complete outfits will be purchased here. The high commissioner will review the force here.

Rarch companies in the territories have offered the pick of their bands for the contingent.

The str. Montrose is not available

Thomas Forhan, owner of brig Mess Glen, from San Domingo. for New York, and which has been reported abandoned prior to Jan. 4, has no information of the disaster, and the correctness of the report is doubted. Mr. Forhan has received a telegram from Captain Suttis, dated San Domingo. Jan. 10, four days after the vessel was reported lost. The captain's despatch made no mention of any accident to the brig.



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