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Saturday and Sunday were Fighting

For those Advancing to Ladysmith's Rescue-Boers Driven from Ridge to Ridge, and are being Out-manoeuvred by Buller-Warren and Clery Had Stiff Fighting-"I think we are making substantial progress," says Buller-The finale Near.

CLERY TAKES RIDGE AFTER RIDGE.

one hundred wounded had been brought one by 6.30 p. m. The number of killed has not yet been ascertained."

SATURDAY'S FIGHT.

Point After Point of the Enemy's Position

A London, Jan. 22—The Daily Telegraph has the following despatch, dated Saturday, from Spearman's Camp:

"General Warren's forces have fought a deliberately planned and successful battle.

This important engagement occurred to the west of Spion Kop and practically resulted in our securing the rough table land which constituted the key of the

Boer position.

"After a fierce cannonade had been directed against the Boers lines for some time, the British troops assembled near an eminence known as Three Tree Hill, an eminence known as Three Tree Hill, which forms the centre of the semicircle of crests, crowned with the enemy's works and some six miles long. Steadily and with great dash the British infantry went forward in the face of a heavy fusilade from Mauser rifles. Our troops were disposed as follows: Major General Woodgate's brigade on the right, Major General Hart's brigade in the centre and Major General Hillyard's brigade on the left.

"Our force is bivouacking upon the ground it captured so gallantly. During the action today the enemy brought into play new guns, one of which was a quick-firer. Tomorrow ought to settle the matter. In today's fighting our losses were trifling, but the Boers suffered heavily. "While General Warren was fighting his engagement, an effectual demonstration was proceeding at Potgieter's Drift, the enemy's positions near there being vigorously shelled by the British batteries.

WARREN FORCES THREE POSI-

Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21., 9.30 a. m. Gen. Warren's engagement continues. He has forced the enemy from three positions. The Lancashire and Irish brigade are advancing steadily. The fire is very

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Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21—10.20 p. m.—
After ten hours of continuous and terrible fire yesterday, Generals Hart and Clery advanced 1,000 yards. The Boers maintained an irregular fire during the night, but the British outposts did not reply. This morning at daybreak the Boers opened a stiff fire. The British stood to the guns where they had slept and the engagement was resumed vigorously. The field artillery poured skrapnel into the enemy's trenches.

A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved enlivened the British, who sent up a ringing cheer. This was taken for an advance. The first kopic was carried at the point of the bayonet and the Boers retreated to the next kopic, which, like most others, was strewn with immense boulders, surmounted by mounds on the summit.

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REGONNAISSANCE BY LYTHLETON

London, Jan. 21.—The war office has authorised the formation of a converted the following from Gen. Bulley dated Spearman's Camp. Jan. 21, 8.55

"In order to relieve the pressure on Gen. Warves and to meartain the strength grant from the colonials.

Cape Town, Jan. 19.—Recognizing the importance of colonials under General Brabant. It is intended to raise in Cape Town additional mounted irrigulars. As a further mark of favor, Lord Roberts, it is said, intends to select his own body-grant from the colonials.

Officers Staff Col. B. Hamilton and Major C. McGregor; Second Lancashire Fusiliers, Captain R. B. Blunt and Sec-ond Lieuts. M. G. Crofton and E. J. M. Barrett; First Border Riffer, Capt. C. D. Vaughan and Second Lieut. Murior; First York and Lancashires, Second Lieut. A. H. Keirroy; Second Dublin Fusiliers, Capt. C. A. Hornsby (since dead) and Major F. English; Second Gordons, Second Lieut. P. D. Stewart and 279 non-

WARREN'S LEFT SWUNG FORWARD A COUPLE OF MILES.

London, Jan. 21-General Buller cable to the war office:—
"Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21—9 p. m.—
General Warren has been engaged all day, chiefly on his left, which he has swung forward about a couple of miles. The ground is very difficult and as the fighting is all the time up hill it is difficult to say exactly how much we have gained, but I think we are making substantial progress."

"Soon after midday the battle on the afternoon until six the fire from both cannon and rifles was extremely heavy. Point after point of the enemy's positions was seized by the British troops, and eventually the Boer right broke and was forced back toward Spion Kop.

"Our force is bivouacking upon the ground it captured so gallantly. During he action today the enemy brought into the spin hard been done. Three of the British force have been bombarding more vigorously for the last few days, though little damage has been done. Three of the British force have been wounded. The troops are jubilant over General Buller's successful advance. His guns can be heard distinctly and the bursting of shells can be seen.

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London, Jan. 21.—A third supplement-ary list of the British casualties in the at-tack on Ladysmith on January 6, was pub-lished by the War office today. It shows 23 non-commissioned officers and mea killed and five dangerously wounded. This brings the total of casualties in that en-

LITTLE CHANGE IN FRENCH'S SITUATION. London, Jan. 21.—The War office has

received the following from Lord Roberts dated Cape Town, Jan. 21:— "General French reports a demonstra tion with cavalry and two guns towards Hebron on Friday, but that otherwise his

HONOR FOR COLONIALS.

FROM BOER HEADQUARTERS.

Boer Headquarters, Upper Tugela, Tuesday, Jan. 16, (via Lorenzo Marques, Friday, Jan. 19, Afternoon).—It became known today that 300 English had crossed

throughout Sunday, and the knowledge that a great battle was proceeding brought

appointment that the news was no better.

Mr. Chamberlain will dine at Osborne
House with the Queen today and will re-

fiable severity of the censorship at the present moment prevents the special correspondents from giving additional information to supplement General Buller's latest despatch. plement General Buller's latest despatch. The successes of the movement depends almost entirely upon how far he proves able to outmanoeuvre the Boers, whose available forces are doubtless larger than his own. The chief difficulty lies in the ability of the Boers to transport men, stores and ammunition quickly and to entrench new positions. Secrecy regarding General Buller's progress, therefore, is essential; and the public here is quite content to wait patiently.

From the information which the censor has allowed to pass, it is yet impossible to

has allowed to pass, it is yet impossible to form a correct notion of the British tac-tics. One thing, however, is quite clear. The British commanders have profited by more judicious use of artillery. The general idea is that General Buller, with some

hard work in front of the British forces. The news from other places is of slight interest. General Kelly-Kenny's division has been sent by General Gatacre to form an advanced base at Rosemead Junction.

KRUGER HAD ORDERED ATTACK ON METHUEN.

to Market Square. We have made up our minds to stick it out and have food for another three months. The whole gartison is enraged at the enemy for firing upon the women's laager.

Mafeking, Jan. 10, via Gaberones, via Gorenzo Marques, Jan. 21.—The enemy continues the bombardment with field guns and an occasional 100-pound shell. They have again fired at the women's laager, but without hurting anyone.

Iront walked deliberately across into the Boer lines. The same thing happened at the bottle of Colenso. It is presumed they were spies who had succeeded in enrolling themselves in the ambulance corps. "It is asserted that the Boers deserrated the convent church at Newcastle in an indescribable manner."

London, Jan. 22.—The Times has the following, dated Sunday evening, from Spearman's Camp:—

THE MAINE AT CAPE TOWN.

Cape Town, Saturday, Jan. 20—The American hospital ship Maine, from the West India docks, London, Dec. 23, ar-

eral idea is that General Buller, with some 8,000 men and 18 field guns, is holding the northern bank of the Tugela at Portgieter's Drift, while Sir Charles Warren, with about 12,000 men, 30 guns and a large force of cavalry, is working around the right flank of the Boers, eight or 10 miles away.

One account of Saturday's fighting says that the British had few killed. Little reliance can be placed upon these reports and although the main position of the Boers has not yet been attacked and nothing is known as to its strength, Saturday's

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The Boers are following their old-time tactics—making a show of resistance and then retrenting in good order to prepared positions, and as they are working from the interior of their ities, they may be able to bring strong forces to detend the main position.

Nothing is heard regarding any counter attack by Sir George White from Ladysmith, and General Buller's "I think we are making substantial progress" remains the last word.

This shows that there is still some very and a receipt of the amount taken. Officers will be held responsible for the observance of the rule that soldiers are never allowed to enter private houses or to molest the inhabitants on any pretext whatever and every precaution must be taken to suppress looting or petty robbery by persons connected with the army. "When supplies are absolutely necessary for the subsistence of the army and the inhabitants are unwilling to meet such demands, commanding officers may, after having satisfied themselves by careful personal investigation that such supplies are necessary and available, order these in matters affecting either their own interests or those of the troops. "In all cases where supplies of any kind are required these must be paid for on delivery and a receipt of the amount taken. Officers will be held responsible for the observance of the rule that soldiers are never allowed to enter private houses or to molest the inhabitants on any pretext whatever and every precaution must be taken to suppress looting or petty robbery by persons connected with the army. "When supplies are absolutely necessary for the subsistence of the amount taken. Officers will be held responsible for the observance of the rule that soldiers are never allowed to enter private houses or to molest the inhabitants on any pretext whatever a

necessary and available, order these in such cases to be taken by force, full re-ceipt therefor being given."

FROM NATAL ADVERTISER.

Durban, Jan. 21.-The Natal Adver-Camp, dated yesterday:—
"Gen. Warren's column attacked ON METHUEN.

London, Friday—This despatch from its special correspondent is published by the Daily Mail:

Modder River, Wednesday—You will see by the perfunctory reports from this camp that we made a demonstration in considerable force last evening. As the Boers made no reply until we were returning we may regard it as principally a demonstration on their frontal position,

even in South Africa the plans of a general drawing a feeble fire from their Norden- STUDY feldts and rifles.

The British naval guns and howitzers

STATEMENT FOR DR. LEYDS.

CHURCH BY BOERS.

pied a kopje on the east of the range.
"At 11 o'clock Gen. Hart's brigade ad-

Times at Lorenzo Marques, telegraphing Saturdax, says:—
"I learn from an absolutely unbiased and trustworthy informant that the Boers in Na-

tal are disheartened.
"The Standard and Digger News threatens retaliation on the British officers of Pretoria if the Boer prisoners are not removed to St.

London, Jan. 23.—The Times publishes the following from Frere Camp, dated yesterday (Monday) afternoon:—

"On Friday Gen. Warren began a long, circuitous march from Trichard's Drift westward. This was abandoned owing to the fact that the long ridge which runs west from Spion Kop was occupied by the enemy, who commanded the route, rendering the maintenance of communications for transports impossible.

"He therefore returned and camped for the night about two miles from Trichard's Drift and the Hoers are retiring. The battle will be resumed to-morrow."

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Burghers Alarmed.

The correspondent of the Times at Lourenzo Marquez telegraphing yesterday, says: "News from the republic is exceedingly meagre but it is reported that Pretoria is much perturbed. This is confirmed from different sources and today it is even hinted that the Boers are about to sue for peace.

"This is improbable until they have played their trump card in the shape of sn appeal for intervention. It is an undoubted fact that they are bitterly disappointed at the apparent apathy of the

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DETAILS OF SUNDAY'S FIGHT.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Mail has London, Jan. 22.—The Times has the following, dated Sunday evening, from Spearman's Camp:—

"All yesterday and today Gen. Warren has been attacking the Boers. Their position is a long ridge four miles northwest of Trichard's drift, ascending from the river. At dawn Saturday our guns occupied a kopje on the east of the range.

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"At 11 o'clock Gen. Hart's brigade advanced on the left along a rocky, uneven spur, into the semicircle under heavy fire from three directions. Taking advantage of all possible cover, the troops advanced to a point within 500 yards of the enemy's that six Boers were killed and 18 wounded during the fighting at Kuruman.

"BOBS" ISSUES ORDERS.

"Cape Town, Saturday, Jan. 20—Lord Roberts, purposing not to alienate the Cape Town Dutch and to see that the military respect the rights of non-combat."

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BOERS DISTEARTENED.

"Today the Boers who were driven from their trenches yesterday took cover in dongs and behind rocks with which the henemy's right wing advantage of all possible cover, the troops advanced to a point within 500 yards of the enemy's morning. Much firing took place and our progress was slow but gradually British pluck told its tale and the enemy fire theory fire they are their trenches yesterday took cover in dongs and behind rocks with which the henemy's right wing evacuated to a point within 500 yards of the enemy's morning. Much firing took place and our progress was slow but gradually British pluck told its tale and the enemy fire the enemy's right wing evacuated its position."

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DUNDONALD REPORTED TO HAVE
ENTERED LADYSMITH.

Durban, Natal, Jan. 22.—The statement comes from an excellent source in Pietermanizburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith with 1,600 men.

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"The enemy were on the defensive almost the cutire day, save once when they attempted to outflank our left and were signally checkmated. They relied almost entirely on rifle fire. A few shells were fired from a heavy piece of ordinance but these fell harmless.

"We now occupy the lower creat on the left and are converging slowly but much

maritzburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith with 1,600 men.

This is not confirmed from any other quarter; but it is known that Lord Dundonald's flying column has been acting well to the left of the line of advance.

THE TIMES' STORY.

"We now occupy the lower crest on the left and are converging slowly but surely to the Boer centre. The Boer hose is unknown but must have been heavy. Their killed and wounded a re carried away to the rear rapidly. Str ong rumors are in circulation that the B oers are retiring. The battle will be resumed to-

the enemy, who commanded the route, rendering the maintenance of communications for transports impossible.

"He therefore returned and camped for the night about two miles from Trichard's Drift.

"On infantry are well king over parallel ridges, with Lord Ev indonald's cavalry lying well out on the last finank and awaiting developments. The Boers contest every inch of the grow nd.

"The correspondent then describes Saturday's fighting (already cabled) and adds:—

"The men behaved splendidly under and incessant heavy cross fire in a busining sun for seven hours. Our casualties were months to reach Ladysmith."

LONDON NEWS AND VIEWS. London, Jan. 23 4.15 a. m.-General

London, Jan. 23—4.15 a. m.—General Buller has reported nething of his operations on Monday and official and press intelligence leaves the British hispancked Sunday night on the ground they had wen after two days lighting.

The war office turned everybody out of the lobbies at midnight. Apparently Lord Lansdowne wild as much without news all day yesterday as other persons were.

Military men, assume that fighting must have taken place and that it was propably more severe than on the two proceeding days. General Buller would not be likely to give the Beers leisure to add to the elaborate entremohments, to an range their artillery and to concentrate their forces.

The special correspondents Sunday night were allowed to send the announcement that the battle would be almost certainly [Continued on Page 2.]

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