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ABUSING THE CENSOR.

London Papers Complain of Slowness and Say their Specials Are Appropriated.

brief, stereotyped report, which the cen- cisive blow at Ladyemith now or never. brief, stereotyped report, which the censor allows to filter through from
Cape Town. That this condition of things is no longer
due to pressure of work or defective
cables has been amply proved. The
Eastern Telegraph Company reckons
that the real delay in transmission is

pected to commence the case is a significant of the case. Carthough this would be the case. Carthough the relieving force.

It is believed that the Boer retreat the Drakensburg fore Nov. 14 and, without additional guns, an advance from Estcourt would be impossible. No doubt, as lord Salisbury said in a recent except. England will "Muddle where every preparation for provisionpossible. No doubt, as lord Salisbury said in a recent recech, England will "Muddle throught it;" and yet another illustration of muddling has become apparent in the fact that gunnery instructors have only just arrived at Woolwich arsenal for instruction in slege train duties. Al- are in straits for food around Ladysmith and may therefore he obliged to about for instruction in siege train duties. Although hurried preparations are being made to prepare the siege trains the fact dent sege.

London, Nov. 12—The Allan line steaments and Question of the segement of the segement of the segment of the segme that men are at Devomport and the guns at Woolwich seems to show that the idea of the siege train was quite an

afterthought.
The Morning Post cays:— "What will come of such muddling, if we ever come to a fighting foe able to turn it to advantage? Some radical re-forms are still needed in our mobiliza-

tion arrangements."

The statement from Ladysmith that the British guns do not reply to the Boer artillery because the concrete beds for the guns have not yet hardened, is in-terpreted in some quarters to mean simply that the British are husbanding their ammunition, as the Boer fire is only a trick to get the British to waste

Among the few items that have arrived from the Cape today is one saying that the Boers are planting more guns from the hills surrounding Ladysmith. All the correspondents in the beleaguered the correspondents in the beleaguered town are safe and anxious to reopen

Nek after the engagement counted 25 killed and 70 wounded.
The latest advices from Kimberley dated Nov. 2, say that all was well there then. An explosion has been heard and the supposition was that the Boers had blown up the railway culvert south of Dranfield.

The Belgian government, it is said, has warned Dr. Leyds, whose headquarters is at Brussels, that Belgium is a neutral

mounting the heaviest guns. Two bat-tailons of mounted infantry, every man selected for his riding and shooting qualities, will be sent to the front. qualities, will be cent to the front.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The day has brought forth no great events, and little change has taken place either in Natal or in the north and northeastern frontiers of Cape C. lony. The chief fact is the opening of the bombardment of Kimberley of Tuesday by Free State artillery, which proved, according to an official statement, utterly ineffective. The Bosr investment of the town, however, is said to be tightening.

Skirmishing between the Kimberley mounted froeps and the Boers early in the week, resulted in severe Boer losses,

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Advices from Orange River confirm

London, Nov. 11 (4.30 s. m.)—Complete silence has again fallen upon affairs in South Africa. The British public must perforce be content with the total content of the street of the str

about two days. It is evident therefore that the censorship is responsible for the other two days of delay which seems to befall all the despatches.

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Moreover, the Daily Telegraph announces test its "appropriated despatch" from Ledysmith, dated Monday, which the war office published on Tuesday, was not delivered in Fleet street until yesterday (Friday) morning. It is believed that the war office received further despatches last evening, but nothing has been published.

At a banquet in the city of London yesterday the Duke of Cambridge, speakon the war, saic:

"We ought never to bave allowed ourselves to be in the position in which the outbreak of war found us. I could cryover the valuable lives which might have been spared, had we been better prepared."

It is said that Gen. Baller never expected to commence the campaign before Christmas; and it now looks as though this would be the case. Car
The western frontier. All the despatches are holding out ably. Col. Powell reports that all was well at Mafeking on Nov. 6. Ladysmith's latest date is Nov. 9. While nothing adverse is heard from the latter point, and confidence is felt in Gen. White's ability—previous experience having shown that the British are holding out ably. Col. Powell reports that all was well at Mafeking on Nov. 6. Ladysmith's latest date is Nov. 9. While nothing adverse is heard from the latter point, and confidence is felt in Gen. White's ability—previous experience having shown that the Bore artilizing in the very effective—it is beginning to be proved that the acquisition of artillery which has destroy. The former mobility of the Bore that if the Bore had not been hampered by the transport of heavy guns and their rescue from the latter point, and confidence is felt in Gen. White's ability—previous experience having shown that the Bore artilizing on to very effective—it is beginning to be proved that the acquisition of artillery which has destroy. The former mobility of the Bore that if the Bore that if the Bore that if the Bore that the Bore that the Bore that the been in Pletermar

mer Sardinian, from Montreal and Quebec, with the Canadian contingent for South Africa, has arrived at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands.

How the Offer Was Declined. is a copy of Mr. Chamberlain's despatch of the troops are good. refusing a second, contingent for South

"LONDON, Nov. 7, 1899. Your minister's generous offer to send without delay a second contingent for service to South Africa, has received the attentive consideration of the secretary attentive consideration of the secretary of state for war and his military advisors, but they regret that under existing circumstances they are unable to accept it. The offer will, however, certainly be borne in mind and her majesty's government will have no hesitation in availing themselves of it should future events make it desirable to do so. Her majesty's government attach great im-

"A report having appeared in the South African papers that our artillery fired on the Geneva flag, General Buller will accompany the siege train to the incident given to the Standard and Dig-Cape, and the men will be used in gers' News by the Ray. My Manualing the heaviest gups. gers' News by the Rev. Mr. Martene, a Dutch dergyman, with the Boers: 'Directly after the first cannon shot the railway station and fired there. They were not, but one of the shots went

> London, Nov. 10-The Prince of Wales. the Duke of Cambridge and Lord Wol-

s lay reviewed three squadrons of the Advices from Orange River confirm the report of the Free State troops' advance upon the north of Cape Colony; but owing to the retirement of the British forces from the borderland, no serious collision has yet occurred. The coming week, however, is certain to see important developments in this district.

An official despatch recorded a skirmish near Beimont, in which Colonel Falconer was killed, three other officers were wounded—one dangerously—and two privates elightly wounded, is far

from Ladysmith left them outside the pickets. When the party separated the Boer guns fired on it before it reached our pickets. Major Gale, of the Royal Engineers, was wounded today while sending a message. The entrenchments are daily growing atronger and the sample, of provisione is ample.

Were then in support of Col. Turner, but the enemy's gans had ceased firing after the enemy's gans belonging to General division will not have arrived cavally, in open order began to circle by then, the advance from Esteourt may be delayed, but if it is deemed essential to open communication with the began to did not come into action. The enemy's gans at the north end. As the plant of the cavally in open order began to circle by Monday next.

If all the troops belonging to General did not cere into action, the first of the plant of the plant of the

From the Extreme North. London, Nov. 10-The war office this

evaning issued the following:-"From Baller, Cape Town, 12.40 p. m. by message from Bulawayo dated Nov-3—A small couvoy and escort under Speakley, of Piumer's force, was attacked by Boers Nov. 2. Six men missing and

Another Transport.

CAPE Town, Nov. 19 - The British transport Moor, having on board the staff of three divisions of the British army corps on its way to South Africa, arrived here at 9.30 o'clock this morning.

A German Joins the Boers.

BERLIN, Nov. 10-It is asserted that Major Von Reitzenstein, winner of the long distance military ride from Berlin There are signs of greatly increased to Join the Boers.

London, Nov. 10 .- The troopship Bavarian sailed from Queenstown this evenarian sailed from queens two this even-ing for the Cape, carrying the Connaught Rangers; the first batts lion of the Royal Dablin Fusiliers, and a contingent of miscellaneous troops, altogather over 2,000 men, and a large quantity of stores. Urowds witnessed and cheered the de-parture of the vessel.

Mobilization Orders Issued

London, Nov. 10. - Orders for the nounced yesterday by Lord Wolseley, were issued this evening. The men will join between Nov. 13th and Nov. 20th. for the supplementary division an

kishting at Mafeking.

CAPE IGWN. Nov. 8-News received from Maf king, undated, says that, Monday, the Boers shelled the town. One Boer gup, it is added, was knocked out of Tuesday they shelled the Cangan Copis, with little damage. Wednesday there was a general attack under the cover of artillary, but it was are in straits for food around Ladysmith and may, therefore, be obliged to abandent trees.

London, Nov. 12—The Allan line stea
London, Nov. 12—The Allan line stea-British loss was slight. Thursday, shelling by a heavy gun was renewed and the Boers massed with the intention of making an attack, but this was prevented by a thunder storm. Friday there was a decultory rifle fire and an occasional shell, but there was little loss of CTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 10—The following life, due to the excellence of the sheller in the trenches. The health and spirits

Kimberley Vigorously Attacked. CAPE Town, Wednesday, Nov. 8 (night) -Despatches from Kimberley show that the town was vigorously attacked at two different points. It is reported that one of the British force and six Boers were killed. It is believed here that the Boers surround the town in

CAPE Town, Nov. 11-The following despatch, undated, has been received from Kimberley by despatch rider, via Hope Town, Nev. 4, (Morning):

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The British opened fire with a Maxim, The enemy replying with rifies. By mistake our fire went down into the valley, killing a member of the Cape police and wounding another. The British insular yesterday where two guns were brought up to shell the Boers. The result is not yet knowr.

Meanwhile some Boers had occupied Kemper's Dam, firing with one gun on Meanwhile some Boers had occupied Kemper's Dam, firing with one gun on Ottoskopje, but not getting the range.

They did no damage. It is believed that six Boers were killed in the first

"The Boers now surround Kimberley 'Directly after the first cannon shot the English thought our men were at the in great numbers, and are bent on 'littrial' way station and fired there. They were not, but one of the shots went New alarm signals were scuuded at 10 o'clock this morning, the enemy having been office this morning, the enemy having been office and in greater numbers and closes to our outposts. They fired on a patrol under Major Peakman, which engaged them, but the firing was at long range. The only casualty was the wounding of Major Ayleff, of the Cape

police.
"The enemy "lifted" forty cattle north east c: the sanitarium, subsequently firing eight shells in the neighborhood of Telemead's Farm, at Kenilworth.
They did no damage and retired. Later
they fired on a number of convicts who
were working near the sanitarium, and
eventually went off with a large num-

ber of cattle and donkeys.
"The Boers are well mounted and from the dips in the veldt they appear and disappear with marvelous rapidity. The demonstration made to the southwest today was coly a feint to cover the un-

did not come into action. The enemy's artillery fire was not damaging and his shooting was bad.
"Our cosualties in the Kenilworth engagement were limited to Major Aylefi, of the Cape police, who was wounded in the neck. He is expected to recover. Later in the day our pickets say, the Boers carried off six dead from one spot, probably killed by our Maxim. The total Boer loss was probably heavy, but had not been estimated by Col. Keke-wier.

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"About 5.30 p. m., Col. Turner was again in contact with a new body of the enemy on Schnest Drift road. From the conning tower a large number could be plainly seen about two miles to the north of the Kimberley reservoir, and others held a walled enclosure on their own right flank. Colonel Turner opened with a Maxim and two guns of the Diamond Field stillery sent in support. He came into action at 5.47 p. m. and continued firing until dusk.

"Our further casualties there were Private Lubbe of the Cape police, who was shot through the head and who died on arriving at the hospital, and Sergeant Watermarge, of the Kimberley division of the Cape police, who was wounded, but is doing well.

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"Col. Kekewich is unable to estimate "Col. Kekewich is unable to estimate the enemy's losses, but believes they must have been severe, judging from the precipitate retreat of the Boers. At 6.10 p. m. the enemy opened fire with one piece of artillery from Kampers Dam on Ottoskopje, the latter being held by the Cape poice. The enemy inflicted no damage."

Dispatches from Esteent say it has

Despatches from Estcourt say it has been ascertained that the British have laid concrete beds for firing the Lyddite navel gaus, showing that there is no foundation for the fear that the lyddite ammunition at Ladysmith has been exis also reported from the
same quarters that some fires have been
seen in Ladysmith, indicating that the
Boer bombardment has been to some ex-

A special despatch from Cape Town confirms the earlier report that it was Gen. Buller who ordered the British evacuation of Stormberg and Naauw Poors, as he considered the frontier line too wash and the problem. oo weak and too much extended. It is ood, however, that Nasuw Poor will be occupied again as soon as the advance from Queenstown is ordered.

British Treatment of Prisoners. DURBAN, Natel, Nov. 8-Wednesday-The warships have landed a naval brigade with 20 guns, for the defense of the

town, amid the greatest enthusiasm. DURBAN, Nov. 11-The government has PURBAN, NOV. II—The government has requived letters from Col. Schiel, the Gérman officer captured at Elaandagaste, in behalf of the Holander prisoners, expressing gratitude for their kind and humane treatment. The Boers and the British, he says, are treated exactly alike. The colonel further expressed his appreciation of the civility and humanty of the British authorities at Lacy

British Wounded to Cape.

DURBAN, Natal, Nov. 8-Captain Perry Scott of the first class protected cruiser Terrible has been appointed commandant here in the place of Major Bethune, who will assume active command of the

mounted Outland corps.

The march of the naval brigade with twenty guns, through the town was an napiting scene. The band of the Terrible, stationed outside the town hall, rlayed popular airs and the crowds along the line of march exhibited intense enthusiasm. Another batch of Boer prisoners has arrived. The British wounded will go to Cape Town tomor-

Since hostilities began there have been small fractional fights along the Pendoland border, but otherwise the natives have been quiet. The natives at Marizburg, however, owing to the situation at Ladysmith, are becoming nervous and beginning to seek places which they think safer.

Lieut. Wood of Halifax Dead. London, Nov. 11-The war office has

eccived the following despatch from Gen. Buller, under date of Cape Town, "With reference to my telegram of the

10th, Col. Gough, with two squadrons of the Tenth Hussars, a battery of field artillery and one and one half companies of mounted infantry, found about 700 of the enemy with one gun in position, about 9 miles west of Belmont.. He engaged the enemy with his aviillary and about 9 miles west of Belmont. He engeged the enemy with his artillery and sent the mounted infantry to the enemy's left flank to discover their lasger. The losses raported yesterday occurred during this operation.

"Col. Gough engaged the enemy for about three hours and then returned to

camp.
"The death of Lieut. Wood has just been reported."

London, Nov. 11—It is officially announced that the troopship Hawarden Castle has arrived at Cape Town with

Dondon, Nov. 13-The war office an-

nounces that the troopship Roslin Castle has arrived at Darban and the the troopship Gascon at Cape Town.

Bombardment of Ladysmith.

miles about noon to observe the bom-bardment of Ladysmith, could see a Long Tom, a forty pounder, posted on the railway side of the Bulwara, firing at intervals of 6 to 8 minutes. Another gun was observed in operation a little distance away. Puffs of smoke were discernitle on the opposite side, showing that Ladyemith was withstanding a big bombardment. The locality of the term was rething but a house could

Heavy firing is now proceeding in the direction of Ladysmith. It began at

believed that the Dutch farmers, especially in Prequethery district, armed with Mausers are watching the Course of events before joining the Boers.

The wounded are recovering in a remarkable manner. The Mauser wounds are small and heal quickly. Many of the wounded apply for permission to return to the front.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 8-A despatch from

Pretoria dated yesterday, says that the foreign consuls hold weekly meetings at the residence of the Italian diplomatic agent to discuss matters of international

interest.

According to the same correspondent the Rose Deep and Foreire Deep, with ten other mines are working. White and black labor is plentiful and the mint

noitered today in a southeasierly direction, returning by way of Pecaeville, without incident. The excursion had the effect of quieting the inhabitants of

Boers Hold Colenso.

ESTCOURT, Natal, Thursday evening, Nov. 9-An armored rain company of the Reyal Dublin Fusiliers started at ject of preventing two Boer forces from half past one this afternoon and reached the break in the railway line, about half a mile from Colenso, without incident. Capt. Hensley, with several men, recon-noitered and met a native who said the

Boers were occupying the town. While the conversation was in progress the Boers opened fire from Fort Wylie, but did no injury. Captain Hensley thereupon retired upon the train after the Fusiliers voil yed

bit ording to the retirement of the British strong from the borderland, no serious consciolision has yet occurred. The company was proved as constructed as the serious of the sentence of south Africa. The Prince of South Africa and the party were greeted with a roys salute. After the parade with a roys salute and the theory of the sentence of the southwest of t

dle of the plateau out of ithe infantry fire.

The enemy began by firing at our cavalry from a gun at the north end. As the cavaly, in open order began to circle around them, the bills seemed full of sharpshootars. The mounted infantry endeavored to cutfiank the enemy's left in order to discover the lasger, coming under a heavy and unexpected fire from a few akirmishers.

"Our guns fired several apparently effective shots, but the enemy did not respond, having withdrawn with the wounded. The enemy did not fire on an ambulance. Col. Couth withdrew his force after a demonstration lasting three hours, and returned to camp the same afternoon near Orange River.

The guns and a few horses were brought in by rail. The wounded were sent to Orange River by rail immediately after the sction. The enemy's strength appeared considerable, apparently 700 with one gun."

Dondon, Nov. 13—The war office an army which, it is asserted, will be caught be tween two British lorges and components our same and components. General white by monday, though it is added, the course to be followed by General white by monday, though it is added, the course to be followed by General white by position and resources and the experts hope General Mathuen will be able to await the concentration of the whole division before advancing and thus have a better chance of dealing a telling blow at General Joubert's main army which, it is asserted, will be caught between two British lorges and components.

whole division before advancing and thus have a better chance of dealing a telling blow at General Joubert's main army which, it is asserted, will be caught between two British forces and compelled either to fight a general action or retire to their strongholds. The Drakensburg Kaffirgram by way of Durban, re-porting a severe defeat of the Boers at Ladyemith, Thursday, may turn to be correct. Bat in view of previous experi-ence it must be received with caution. It appears, however, certain that heavy fighting occurred, and that the lyddita fighting occurred, and that the lyddite of the naval guns must have had a dire effect on the burghers, if it reached them. A belated despatch from Ladyemith, dated Nov. 6, by way of Esteourt under date of Nov. 9, confirms the idea that the temporary cessation of the Boer bombardment was due to Ger. Joubert swaiting the arrivel of other position guns before tackling the work in earnest.

the town was nothing but a huge cauldrou of smoke.

ESTCUET, Natal, Nov. 9 (morning)—
Heavy firing is now proceeding in the done little damage. Yesterday the Boers sent in eight wounded from Dundirection of Ladysmith. It began at daybreak. Some reports are so much heavier than any previously heard as to lead to a general belief that the British naval gans are again active.

The safe arrival at Ladysmith of Lieut. Hooper of the 5th Lancers shows that communication with the garrison is possible. He was anxious to rejoin his regiment and started hence, accompanied by a Natal policeman. They aucceeded in traversing the Boer lines.

Boers sent in eight wounded from Dundee. We have been by train to the Boers' advanced post. The Boers consider their success due to the justiness of their cause. They have been guilty of abusing the Red Cross flag. News from the south is scanty. A number of guns are in position all ground us. It was difficult at first to locate them, as they use smokeless explosiver, but a balloon managed to discover all the positions."

All the news from Kimberley and All the news from Kimberley and Mafeking continue to point to the ability of these places to hold out until the plans of relief now maturing can be consummated. Captain, the Hor. D. Duglas Bay and Delogoa Bay.

The fact that the latest two official despatches were received from General Sir Forestier Walker and not from General Buller seems to indicate that the latter may have already left Cape Town. A Brusse's telegram asserts that he has actually reached Durban.

Strong bids are being made by the Boers for the support of the Cape Dutch, but without much success, although it is believed that the Dutch farmers, especially in Pequetberg district, armed

Petchell, also mentioned in the same despatches as among the killed, had seen considerable service in India, including Chitral.

The stopping of the French sieamer Cordeba, by the British cruiser Magacienne, near Lorenze Marques, Deloga Bay, is bound to be much commented on.

London, Nov. 13—The colonial office today gave out the following extract of the telegram received from governor of the telegram received from governor of Natal: -

"Lieut. Lethbridge, of the Rifle brigade, who was dangeronaly wounded Nov. 7 at Ladysmith, Lieut. Nesbit, of the Gloucester regiment, and the pris-oners at Pretoris, are reported by a refuges to be doing well."

Betrayed by a Subordina'e.

9-Father Matthews, who has arrived here from Pretoria, says with reference ORANGE RIVER. Cape Colony, Nov. 9—
A squadron of the 9th Lancers, with a company of mounted infantry, reconsidered in the Colonest space of the Light Fusiliers and the Gloucestershire troops at Nicholson's Nek that, after the mules stampeded the force got hard pressed by the enemy. They would have held out. however, but some subordinate, without instructions, hoisted a flag of truce, on his own responsibility. Nothing then remained but to surrender.

We were sent out, says Father Matthews, to occupy a position with the objoining. We started at hal!-past eight Sunday evening, marched 10 miles and gos to the hill about one o'clock Monday morning.

The first mishap was that the Monntain battery stampeded and scattered gress the Boers opened fire from Fort Wylie, but did no injury. Captain Hensley thereupon retired upon the train after the Fosiliers vollayed on the fort. As there was no response, the presumption was that the Boers had retreated. The armored train returned here safely at 6 a'clock.

Captain Hensley learned from the native that the Boers were numerous on the Ladysmith side of Colenso.

During the afternoon there was a cassation of the bombardment of Ladysmith. A heliograph was working from Fort Wylie.

London, Nov. 13—The simultaneous attacks on Ladysmith, Mafeking and Kimberley, which were opened Thursday, manifest recognition by the Boers of the fact that every day lesseus their chances of a successful onelsught on any of the three British strongholds. General Joubert's chances of reaching Pietermeritsburg can be said to have vanished.

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This is already to he admitted the whole lot of mules. We formed up again and gained the top of the heat the top of the hall. The guns were gone but not all the ammunition. It was pitch dark. We had one hour's sleep. The firing began just after daybreak, being somewhat slack for a time. But finally the Boers crept round and the firing became furious. Our men made a breastwork of stones. Soon after 12 o'clock noon there was a general cry of "Cease fire," but our fellows would not stop firing. Major came up and confirmed the order and then the bugle sounded cease fire.

In our locality there was a rumor that white fiag was raised by a young officer who thought his batch of ten men of the stones of reaching Pieter meritsburg can be said to have vanished.

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