

OVER FIVE HUNDRED BOERS KILLED

Despatches Show They Have Been Losing Heavily in Natal and Cape Colony.

GEN. METHUEN WOUNDED AT MODDER RIVER

No Truth in the Report That Ladysmith Has Surrendered - Burgers Retreat to Colenso - They Can't Stand Cold Steel.

THE WESTERN BORDER.

General Methuen Wounded - Some of the Casualties at Modder River - Boer Losses at Belmont and Graspan.

London, Nov. 30. - Although telegraph and railway communication is open with Modder River, no further news of General Methuen's movements of the big fight was given out up to 2.30 this afternoon.

Methuen on the March. This is generally taken to indicate that General Methuen is again on the march and, as heretofore, will not again be heard from until he has fought another battle and gained another stage.

Speech to the Troops. That the general anticipated dogged resistance on his northward march is shown by the speech which he delivered to his troops on November 27th.

Boers Withdrawn. Orange River, Nov. 27. - Boer prisoners here report the number of Boers killed at Belmont is believed to have been 140, and at Graspan 400.

Among the prisoners are several with enormous red crosses on their sleeves. It is reported they fought with the artillery.

Burgers Withdrawn. London, Nov. 30. - A dispatch from Capetown, dated Monday, Nov. 27th, gives reports of nervousness of Boers on the Orange Free State border.

All Well at Kimberley. London, Nov. 30. - The war office today makes public the following dispatch from the office commanding at Capetown, under the date of Nov. 29th: "Kimberley - All well to Nov. 23rd, Rail and telegraph open to Modder River."

Gatsere reports on Nov. 28th that the situation is unchanged.

IN NATAL

No Attack on Ladysmith Since Nov. 9th - British Lost One Hundred Men Killed in All Battles.

London, Nov. 30. - The war office officials to-day reiterate that they have received absolutely nothing to indicate the slightest likelihood that Ladysmith has surrendered, while on the other hand, they expect the place to be relieved shortly.

A Telegraphist From Ladysmith. London, Nov. 30. - The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller, dated Pietermaritzburg, Wednesday, November 29th: "Pietermaritzburg, 29th Nov. - Just made his way out of Ladysmith to Weenan, whence he sends the following message: "On November 9th we beat back the Boers with great loss to the enemy. Our total casualties were remarkably small. There were only eight men killed during the siege by shells, and in all the battles only a hundred men have been killed."

"I left Ladysmith on the night of November 25th. "Since November 9th no attempt has been made to attack Ladysmith in force."

Boers Defeated at Weenan. Estcourt, Nov. 27. - The Twelfth Lan-

dispatch to the Queen after the battle of Modder River, says: "The battle was the bloodiest of the century. The British shelled the enemy out of the trenches and then charged. The result was terrible."

SOTTLE FROM KIMBERLEY.

Victoria Dispatch Tells of a Successful Movement Against the Burgers Who Lost Nine Killed.

Pretoria, Nov. 27. - Gen. Dutoit reports that the British made a sortie from Kimberley early on Saturday morning and fired on the Boers with artillery and infantry in the morning.

The British advanced to where the Bloemfontein force was stationed, and on our side there were three hundred men. Gen. Dutoit, who was nine miles off, hastened to assist the Bloemfontein contingent with a hundred men.

Nine burghers were killed, 11 wounded and some are missing. The British left on the field a private ambulance.

It is reported the British attempted to leave Kimberley on the east side to meet the troops from Belmont. Commandant Kubb was severely wounded. The British have repaired the damage to the railroad.

The Free Staters engaged with the British were overwhelmed by numbers, and after a brave stand until the afternoon, were compelled to take up another position on the other side of the railroad.

Delany says it is impossible to give the number of killed and wounded Boers, but the loss was not great. The Boers had four guns to the British twenty-four. The general says the Free Staters are full of courage.

Casualties at Belmont. London, Nov. 29. - The revised list of British casualties at Belmont shows: Officers killed 4, wounded 22; non-commissioned officers and privates killed 49, wounded 225, of which number the Guards had 35 killed, and 150 wounded.

British Losses at Belmont Hill. London, Nov. 29. - The revised list of casualties sustained by Gen. Hildyard's forces at the battle of Belmont Hill, shows: Killed 13, wounded 68, missing 1, prisoners 8.

DO ASSIST THE BOERS.

Organization of Expeditions in Natal. London, Nov. 29. - A special from Washington to the Evening News says that the British government is organizing expeditions in this country, intended presumably for the assistance of the Boers.

After discussing the matter for some time, the secretary of state referred Lord Palmerston to the secretary of war, with whom the ambassador also had conferences.

The state department, the war department and the treasury department have informed the British ambassador that precautions will be taken to prevent the sailing of armed expeditions in the interior of the Transvaal.

London, Nov. 30. - All kinds of speculation is indulged in since the arrival of Gen. Methuen's dispatch announcing the victory at Modder River.

In the absence of any indications as to whether the Boers occupied the north side which backed Modder river the best opinion inclines to the latter theory, and it is pointed out that the British must have been utterly exhausted if they could not follow up the fleeing Boers and crush them by their compulsory line of retreat.

The morning Post who has usually shown a friendly attitude since the arrival of the news that the bridge is in their hands, and he points out the great danger to the small British force who crossed on Monday.

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RAILWAY COLLISION.

New York, Nov. 29. - A collision in which six persons were killed and about as many more injured, some probably fatally, occurred on the Delaware and Lackawanna at a crossing at Paterson, N. J., to-night. The Phillipsburg accommodation, west-bound, crashed into the rear of the Buffalo express, known as No. 6, while the latter was standing at the depot. The two rear cars of the express were totally wrecked. The dead are: Mrs. Mary Roe and her two daughters of Illinois; Walter Wolfrock, Cornell College, Ithaca; Willie Craig, New York, and an unknown woman.

TORONTO TRAGEDY.

Toronto, Nov. 30. - Henry Williams, who shot and fatally wounded James Macpherson, a few weeks ago, was committed for trial this morning on a charge of murder. The defence will be devoted to placing the blame of the crime on Macpherson, Williams's companion, who died from wounds received from the police while resisting arrest.

London, Ont., Nov. 30. - Thos. D. Hodgins, Conservative M.P. for East Middlesex, and a member of the House of Commons, died of heart failure this morning.

A JUDGE'S DEATH.

Hong Kong, Nov. 30. - Judge John R. Putnam, appellate division of New York supreme court, expired on board the steamship Hong Kong Maru during the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 28th, outside Hong Kong. His death was due to exhaustion following sea sickness. Judge Putnam, who travelling with his wife for the benefit of his health, intended visiting his son who is in the United States army at Manila.

MONTREAL'S POSTMASTER.

Ottawa, Nov. 30. - Mr. C. Beausoleil, Liberal M. P. for Berthier, will be appointed postmaster of Montreal in place of C. A. Danisereau, who has resigned to become a literary writer for La Presse of this city.

A GOOD TEST.

If you have backache and there are excruciating pains in the urine after it stands for 24 hours, you can be sure the kidneys are deranged. To effect a prompt and positive cure, prevent Bright's disease, suffering and death, use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, the world's greatest kidney cure.

ACTION AGAINST AN M. P.

Montreal, Nov. 30. - An interesting judgment was rendered this morning in the Court of Review in the case of Napoleon Ropomme versus Robert Bickerdike, M. P. The well known cattle exporter of this city, Ropomme, claimed \$905 damages for loss sustained by going to Edmonton in the employ of the trustees of the Trading and Mining Company of Canada, alleged to be illegal in the course of formation.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM CURES OTHERS, WHY NOT YOU?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder, that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well. Adolph L. Hill, Mass. Chester, N. H. For sale by Mellett Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

CHINESE UNDERGROUND.

Nashua, Nov. 29. - The arbitrators in the Chinese case resumed the hearing of testimony yesterday afternoon at 2.30, and held an afternoon and evening sitting. At the afternoon sitting John Dick, late foreman of the Alexandria mine, was the chief witness called, and swore that he considered "Chinamen" to be weak and cowardly. Jos. Renald, William Jackson and William Hogan also testified in the same strain; but the three latter only a few weeks' experience with Chinese. Mr. Yow, a Chinaman, also told his story. It was decided to hold an evening session in order to get through here if possible so that the arbitrators could go to Milton this morning.

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION

"I had been a sufferer for many years from nervousness with all its symptoms and complications," writes Mrs. O. N. Fisher, 365 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. "I was constantly going to see a physician or purchasing medicine. In the spring of 1897 my husband induced me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. After taking one bottle and following your advice I was so encouraged that I took five more bottles, and then stopped for several weeks as I felt so much better, but still I was not completely cured. I commenced taking it again and felt that I was improving faster than at first. I am now cross and irritable, and I have a good color in my face; have also gained about ten pounds in weight and one thousand pounds of comfort, for I am a new woman once more and your advice and your Favorite Prescription is the cause of it, coupled with the Pleasant Pellets, which are not to be dispensed with. I took eight bottles of the 'Prescription' the last time, making fourteen in all, and will not take any more unless you write me, for I do not see as I need it."

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For Infants and Children. My friend look here, you know how weak and nervous you are, and you know that Carter's Iron Pills will relieve you, now why not be fair about it and buy a box?

Dr. H. H. Pitcheu

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints. Hood's Pills cure liver ill; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Good health, inwardly, of the kidneys, liver and bowels, is sure to come if Hood's Sarsaparilla is promptly used. This secures a fair outside, and a consequent vigor in the frame, with the glow of health on the cheeks, good appetite, perfect digestion, pure blood.

It makes weak women STRONG, sick women WELL.

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