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FIGHTING CONTINUES

SUNDAY'S FIGHTING.

British Pluck Told Its Tale, the

Enemy Being Gradually Forced

LONDON, Jan. 23 .- The Daily Mail

"There has been hot fighting all

day. At dawn our attack was resum-

brigades taking part. We soon dis-

covered that the Boers still occupied

the range of hills in force, their posi-

tion being very strong. The range is

approaches very difficult of occess.

intersected by steep ravines and many

"Today the Boers who was driver

from their trenches yesterday, took

cover in dongas and behind the rocks

with which the hills are strewn. The

forces therefore commenced the task

of driving them out, and set to work

with good heart in the early morning.

Much firing took place and our pro-

gress was slow, but gradually British

pluck told its tale and the enemy fell

back to another kopje. We swarmed

on and occupied it, and there the at-

tack re-commenced with utmost gal-

it is being gradually accomplished.

served taking up a fresh position, our

the guns, followed by accurate shoot-

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ing, must have greatly distressed

"The enemy were on the defensive

almost the entire day, save once when

and were signally creckmated. They

relied almost entirely on rifle fire. A

few shells were fired from a heavy

"We now occupy the lower crest on

the left, and are converging slowly

but surely to the Bcer centre. The

Boer loss is unknown, but must have

been heavy. Their killed and wound-

ed are carried away to the rear rapid-

that the Boers are retiring. The bat-

tle will be resumed tomorrow."

ly. Strong rumors are in circulation

ALMOST IMPRE NABLE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.- Samuel

Stockton, of Johannesburg, is a guest

at the Waldorf-Astoria, and in speak-

ing of the Transvaal war, he said:

"I do not believe that the Boers have

as yet fought the great battle of the

war, or even that this fight will occur

in the mountain passes in their coun-

try. Not even Laing's Nek is more

impregnable than Johannesburg, or

rather than Johannesburg can easily

be made to be. . The Rand Belt of

mines stretches for a full thirty miles

ing force at intervals of between a

quarter and a half mile apart. At

each mine are heaps, that is the

mounds of ground, rock and debris

from which the gold has been ex-

tracted. These tailings, which are

of tremendous height and breadth,

and much resemble in size and con-

tour the waste heaps outside of the

anthracite coal mines in Pennsylvania,

are each and all practically impreg-

nable natural forts, while the short

distance they lie apart, with cannon

mounted on them, would make it ab-

solutely impossible for the British to

penetrate between. On the other

hand, they cannot be battered down,

and to attack them with artillery

would simply be waste of ammunition,

for the shells would be lost. Let them

explode in any part of the mound, the

shifting slag would immediately fill

up the hollow thus made and the pile

would be as before. Absolutely no

advantage would accrue to the at-

THE TURNING POINT.

tacking party.

between Johannesburg and the invad-

piece of ordnance, but these fell harm-

"The country simply abounds in hills

has the following, dated Sunday night,

from Spearman's Camp:

Nothing Known Definitely as to Yester- Boers have between 85,000 and 90,000 men in day's Operations North of the Tugela River.

Unconfirmed Report from Durban That Lord Dondonald's Flying Column Has Reached Ladysmith.

Boer Prisoner Boasts That it Will Take the British Three Months to Reach Ladysmith—Partial List of Sunday's Casualties.

GENERAL REVIEW.

LONDON, Jan. 23, 4.15 a. m.-Gen. Buller has reported nothing of his op-erations on Monday, and official and press intelligence leaves the British bivouacked Sunday night on the ground they had won after two days'

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

other persons were. Military men assume that fighting must have taken place, and that it was probably more severe than on the two preceding days. Gen. Buller would not be likely to give the Boers leisure to add to the elaborate entrenchments, to arrange their artiller and to concentrate their forces.

The special correspondents Sunday night were allowed to send the announcements that the battle would be almost certainly resumed the following day, and hence official and popular anxiety is at high tension. The British military experts all share the hopes of their leaders, and, as Spencer Wilkinson points out, they hesitate to say a word that might be lantry. unfavorable. Mr. Wilkinson refers to the "cooler judgment of German and favorable to guerilla warfare; and our Austrian critics," which means that task is an arduous one. Nevertheless, some of the best judges look upon Gen. Buller's enterprise as a forlorn Whenever any of the enemy were obhope; as merely a continual train of fighting which may prove too much field batteries poured in showers of for the physical energy of the troops | shrapnel, and the rapid movement of engaged. The Daily Chronicle's mili-

tary expert says: "Even when a battle is won in a single day, as a rule pursuit is only possible when fresh troops are available. But in this instance it is not they attempted to outflank our left, a question of mere pursuit, but of renewing an attack upon entrenched positions after a day's hard fighting, and a night of lying on the battle-

Reinforcements aggregating 5,000 or more, have reached Cape Town during the last three days. It is uncertain how these have been disposed, but probably most of them have been sent to Natal, where, it is believed, General

Buller needs them. The British in other districts in South Africa continue inactive. Lord Methuen's 13,000 men remain behind their works. Gen. French's 4,069 at Rensberg were roused by a general alarm that the Boers were attacking on Sunday, but there was no basis for this. Gen. Gatacre is quiescent

at Colesburg. The discontert of the colonial officers and their disagreements with the regulars are being inquired into by Lord Roberts, who asserts that he will give the Cape colonials equal oppor-

At Ladysmith the deaths from enteric fever and dysentery average ten a day. Some fears are expressed that the garrison may be so worn by privation and disease as to be unable to do much in the way of helping Gen.

Buller. The war office has decided not to send the 17th Lancers, 8th Hussars and 7th Dragoon Guards to South Africa, although mobilized. It is understood that Lord Roberts does not see a way to get fodder for the English chargers. More than that, the English cavalry are too heavy for work on the veldt and Lord Roberts expects to use colonial cavalry in-

The morning papers express great satisfaction with Captain A. T. Mahan's statement regarding the merits of the controversy between the Transvaal and Great Britain.

BOERS ACTIVE

KIMBERLEY, (by heliograph), Wednesday, Jan. 17, via Modder River, Jan. 23.-Native reports say that a proclamation has been issued at Barkly West by Commandant Boithof, ordering all British subjects to quit before Jan. 22. Ladies are being subjected to great insults. The Boers are again very active bombarding from all positions from dawn till 8 a. m. the fire being directed chiefly against the redoubts.

SWEDISH BUDGET.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 22.- In the Swedish budget, which balances nearly 150,000,000 kroner, and which is the largest on record, King Oscar asks for 46 new batteries of artillery by the end of 1903. One hundred thousand new mausers are to be manufactured, and fifty million cartridges to be in store within four years.

A credit is asked for a trial mobilization of the army reserves. Another important ftem in the budget is the railway appropriation of 20,000,000 kroner.

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 ing very slow progress, the Boers beirg numerous, and strongly entrenched owing to the fact that long ridge which runs from Spion Kop was occupied by the enemy, who commanded the route, rendering the maintenance possible.
"He, therefore, returned and camp

The man behaved splendidly under an incessant, heavy cross fire in a burning sun for seven hours. Our casualties were for the most part slight, the proportion of killed to wounded being extremely small."

The correspondent of the Times at Lourenso 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 an appeal for intervention. It is an undoubted fact that they are bited all along the entire line, all the

terly disappointed at the apparent apathy of the continental powers." The Daily Telegraph publishes the following despatch, delayed by censor, from Rensburg, dated Sunday afternoon:

"Last evening about 9 o'clock the Borrs began firing furiously all along their main position. Three tiers of rifle fire were visible. The firing lasted three-quarters of an hour. reason for the alarm is not known

THE MABIE RELEASED.

BERLIN, Jan. 22.- A despatch received here from Durban says the German bark Marie, loaded with sulphur, which was captured early in January by the British cruiser Fearless and taken to Port Elizabeth, has been unconditionafly released.

The release of the Marie has made a most excellent impression here and is interpreted as showing the earnest desire of Great Britain to re-establish and the Devonshire regiment. Nothing thoroughly friendly relations with of consequence is transfiring at the Germany. Nevertheless there is the other war centres. higest authority for the statement that Germany has not abandoned the idea of bringing about a clearer definition of what constitutes contraband and the rights of neutrals on the seas either through an international con-

tions between cabinets. U. S. Ambassador White when asked for a statement of the American

ference or direct diplomatic negotila-

position, said: "I have no authority to express the views of the government since Germany has not thus far approached the United States with a request to join that government for a clearer definition of contraband and the rights of neutrals; but I may say that our government has always been ready to go into a conference on the subject. Ever since the declaration of Paris in 1856, the United States government has stood for the same sea rights as land rights respecting private property, holding it free under any circumstances, which is going further than any other nation. During the peace conference at The Hague, I made a desperate effort in the same direction. I found Germany, Sweden and Holland with the United States in the main, but that England was against us, and also France and Rus-

sia for well known reasons." The East Africa line is now establishing the amount of damage is sustained by the seizure of the Bundesrath. This will be at least 500 marks.

REACHED LADYSMITH

Unconfirmed Report That Lord Dundonald's Flying Column Has Arrived at the Beseiged Town.

DURBAN, Natal, Jan. 22.- The statement comes from an excellent source in Pietermaritzburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith

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

SUNDAY'S CASUALTIES. LONDON, Jan. 22.-Just before mid-

night the war office issued the following despatch from General Buller: "SPEARMAN'S CAMP. Jan. 22, 6 p. m.—The following casualties are reported in Gen. Hart's brigade as a

result of yesterday's fighting: Killed-THE TURNING POINT.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Alfred Austin, the poet laurente, and Dr. Conan Doyle, the novelist, were the guests of the Authors-club last evening. In response to a toast for his health Dr. Doyle said he was about to go to the front, not with a rifle, but with a stethoscope, which many would regard as a dangerous weapon.

"This war." he continued, "marks a turning point in the life of Great Britain. Some menths ago I took he chair at a peace meeting, but I rish now to abjure that error. I have seen more positive virtue in this country Juring the last few months than I saw during the last few months than I saw during the previous forty years of my life. Why should we punish Kruger? That man has solved a problem which every statesman bnd found insolvable.

"I would build a monument to President Kruger of the size of St. Paul's cathedral, putting him under it, and I would write aeross it 'To the memory of the ran who federated the British empire.' Capt. Ryall, Yorkshire Regiment, and 5 men; wounded-Second Lieut. Andrews, Border Regiment; Capt. Mac-Laghlin, Inniskillings; Lieut. Barlow, Yorkshire Regiment, and 75 men. Missing-Eight men. Other casualties will be followed when received."

The foregoing was all the war office had issued up to midnight. Nothing, therefore, is known here as regarding Monday's operations.

FIGHTING YESTERDAY.

LONDON, Jan. 23.-Nothing has been allowed to transpire officially concerning the operations of Gen. Buller's force yesterday. The only de-OVER 85,000 MEN.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Brussels correspondent of the Chronicle asserts that he has learned from authentic sources that the spatches from Gen. Buller since Sun-

the artillery re-opened fire Monday

WARREN ADVANCING

Boer Prisoner Boasts That It Will Taky the British Three Months to Reach Lady mith.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A despatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Jan. 22, 4.15

"Gen. Warren continues pushing the several good guns mounted, but the greatest effect is produced by their maxims and rifles. Our infantry is working over parallel ridges, with Lord Dondonald's cavalry lying well cut on the left flank awaiting developed for the night about two miles from Trichard's Drift.

"On Saturday a frontal attack on the ridges was ordered.

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

"Out on the left hank awaiting developments. Gen. Warren's artillery respectively. The Boers did not reply and our fire became less hot. The naval guns here have been quiet. A Boer prisoner here has boasted that it would take us three months and adds: to reach Ladysmith."

But all other reports transmitted on Monday refer to the situation on the previous day, and these confirm the reports that the progress of the Brit-ish is very slow and difficult. The telegrams, however, still leave too much unsaid to enable a realization of the precise deposition of the British forces. What is known indicated the probability that the present operations, if successful, will last several days yet, and the inferences of some of the critics that Gen. Buller's silence precedes an announcement of his success need not engage attention, Meantime the very moderate total of the British casualties and the small proportion of deaths show a very different handling of the troops compared with many of the previous engage ments. It furnishes proof of the correspondents' statements concerning the growing skill of the British soldiers in availing themselves of cover

like the Boers. According to the Telegraph's correspondent, the Boers have two six inch creusot guns, about four 15 pounders, and two machine guns, which is a moderate artillery force for the defence of a position which is said to extend several miles. Whether it indicates that the Boers have as yet been unable to mount more guns, or whether, as some guess, the present resistance is merely that of the rear guard covering the withdrawal of the heavy guns as the result of the deliberate abandonment of the siege of Ladysmith, it is impossible to say. An incident of Sunday's fighting was an attempt of the Boers to turn the extreme British left. The manoeuvre was defeated, however, by the artillery and the Devonshire regiment. Nothing

LONG CECIL.

LONDON, Jan. 23.-A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Kimberley, dated Jan. 19, says that a 28-pounder gun has been manufactured in the De Beers workshops. It was tested on Friday and fired accurately for 8,000 yards. It has been christened "Long Cecil."

SECOND CONTINGENT AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 22.-The work of out-fitting the transport Pomeranian will be finished tomorrow afternoon and the steamer will then move up to the dockyard. The Northwest Mouted Police, who arrived this morning, will embark Thursday forenoon, Hon. Dr. Borden and the other cabinet ministers left for Ottawa this morning. Gen. Hutton remains here. Col. Cotton arrived today to relieve Col. Stone, as embarkation officer, the latter returning to Kingston tomorrow. WILL SAIL FRIDAY.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 22.-A later order, issued today, fixes embarkation of the Northwest Mounted Police for Friday. Horses could not be served and the equipment for the men could

not be completed for the earlier day. THE MOUNTED RIFLES.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 22.-The New Brunswick boys at Halifax are settling down to work. On Monday morning they had a ride on the race track for exercise of horses and drill of men. The horses had on numnah only, and having been in the stable three days, were feeling rather fresh, some of the men came to grief, and it was rumored today that one or more of the St. John men might be sent home on account of inability to ride. This, however, is improbable. Arnold has been appointed provisional sergeant, and Markham, Armstrone and Parks, corporals. Lieut. Borden seems to be a prime favorite with his men, and there is no doubt that the St. John-cunning troop will become in a short time as efficient as the western men, who are mostly regulars. The men are very keen and ambitious. It is expected that the full equipment will be served out to the whole squadron in time for Gen. Hutton to hold a mounted inspection on Tuesday. Major Williams, who is in command of the squadron, has a fine soldierly appearance, and inspires the men with confidence, and he expresses great pride and confidence in

"The Milwaukee has not yet arrived at New Orleans, and having 5,000 or 6,000 tons of sugar on board to discharge, it is not likely that she will sail from Halifax for three or four weeks, by which time the Mounted Rifles will be in condition for active service of any kind.

THE LATE CAPTAIN HENSLEY

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 22.—Capt. C. A. Hensley, of the Dublin Fusiliers, who is among the killed in Friday's

THE BEST THING OUT

for clothing buyers is our Reduction Sale for this month on Men's, Youths', Boys' and Children's Clothing, to clear for stock taking Come and see for yourself

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Hensley, R. N., who, after his retirement from the navy, resided for some years in Prince Edward Island. On his mother's side, his grandfather was the late Stephen W. DeBlois of Hall-fax, the senior partner in the firm of DeBlois & Merkel, West India mer-chants. He took a three years' course in the Royal Military College, Kingston. At the close of his third year at college he was offered and accepted a commission in the imperial service, and was appointed lieutenant in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. This was in September, 1885. Four years ago, while with his regiment in India, he was promoted to the rank of captain. On account of his skill as a hunter of wild animals and a slayer of tigers, etc., he was called in the regiment, "The Young Shikari"-the young hunter. He was an exceeding-ly good shot, his fine marksmanship having become well known before he left Harifax. An exhibition of a tiger's and two panthers' heads, which was recently made in this city, were trophies of his prowess in the Indian jungle. After several years' service in India, Capt. Hensley was ordered, with his regiment, to South Africa, where his regiment has been for near-

RECENT DEATHS

ly two years.

The Duke of Teck and Blackmore the Nevelist Pass Away.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—His Highness Francis Paul Charles Louis Alexander, Duke of Teck, who in 1866 married Princess Mary Adelaide, daughter of Prince Adolphus Fred-erick, Duke of Cambridge, seventh son of King George III., died tonight at White Lodge, Richmond Park, in his sixty-third

[The Duke of Teck had seen considerable military service. He went through the Franco-Italian campaign, received the gold medal for distinguished services at Solierino and the bronze war medal, 1853; was attached to Sir Garnet Wolseley's staff and served under him during the Egyptian campaign, receiving the silver medal for Tel-el-Kebir, the Egyptian bronze star and grand cross of the Osmanjich. He was made major general in 1892.

major general in 1892.
The Duchess of Teck died in 1897. H. R.
H. the Duke of York and her eldest daugh-ter. Victoria Mary, were married July 6, 1883.] LONDON, Jan. 21.—Richard D. Blackmore, the novelist, died today at Toddington. He was born at Longworth, Berks, in 1825.

[Mr. Blackmore was the son of a Berkshire clergyman. He graduated B. A. at Exeter college, Oxford, in 1847, was called to the bar at the Middle Temple in 1852 and afterwards practiced as a conveyancer. He was the author of many novels, the chief of which, Lorna Doone, published in 1803, gave him a world-wide fame. The Maid of Sker, Alice Lorraine, Mary Anerley, Springhaven, etc., were products of his pen.]

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

MONCTON.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 22.- The Opera House was almost completely filled tonight to hear the labor question discussed by William Darlington of Montreal, a member of the Labor ing local public men. The meeting was under the auspices of the local labor and trades union and was a great success. About 300 members of the union paraded on Main street previous to the meeting, with the Citizens' band at the head. Darlington, who addressed the meeting over an hour, spoke on the value of labor organizations to the society. He followed in the order named by C. W. Robinson, M. P. P.; H. J. Logan, M. P.; H. A. Powell, M. P.; Senator MoSweeney, O. M. Melanson, M. P. P.; W. F. Humphrey, M. P., and W. F. Sumner. M. Flemming, who presided, in his introductory remarks pointed cut that the meeting was purely in the interests of labor, and to educate the people in the benefits from organ-

TO DRIVE OUT RATS.

"H. B. R.," in response to the request of a lady in Saturday's sun for a recipe to drive rats out of a house, sends the following:

Spread thin slices of bread with butter and place it where the rats can get at it. Do this for some two or three days and, if the rats are found to make away with the bait, then take red pepper and place it between the bread and butter, in the same manner as if making sandwiches. Deposit this in the same place the bait was put, and then await results. This is a genuine receipt.

Teacher in one of our public schools to small pupil-How old are you, Wilhe? I don't know and mamma don't know. I haven't been weighed lately.

THE SAGAMORE

Is Not Losing Sleep on Account of the War,

But is Interested in the Great Meeting in Boston,

And the Cold Crack That England Got in Blatherskite Hall, on Wednesday Night.

The sagamore of the Milicetes was asleep when the reporter entered the wigwam. The reporter pulled up his collar, pulled down his cap and yelled

The sagamore yawned without opening his eyes, and muttered:

"Wrong camp. You want Jim Paul -no gin here."

The reporter tried another tack, and velled "Boers!" The Milicete opened one eye and leisurely surveyed the visitor.

"Anybody pay you to come here and "Why does my brother think that I speak with a forked tongue?" rejoined

the reporter. "If you're Boer from Africa," said Mr. Paul, "you'd git behind stone pile. If you're Boer from Ottawa you'd git behind race and religion wall. If you're Boer from the States you'd git behind big fat pocketbook. If you're any kind of Boer you don't come near

Mr. Paul sat up and flourished his scalping knife as he spoke. The reporter truned down his collar.

"My brother," he said, "you are a little hard on Oom Paul and Oom Tarte and Oom Sheehan of Boston— don't you think" "I hear they had hig pow-wow in

Boston," said the sagamore. "They had," said the reporter-Faneuil Hall—the Cradle of Liberty."

"And the Nursery of the Blather skite," added Mr. Paul. "They had a great time," said the reporter. "Senator Hoar, who once wanted to conquer and annex Canada, sent a letter, declaring that the Boers 'are making the best fight since Thern opylae for a cause as holy as that for which Leonidas and his Spartans gave their lives." "Who else talked?" asked the saga-

"The chairman was one Mr. P. J. Flatley, who wants to free Ireland. The chief speaker was Geo. Fred Williams, who wants to free silver. Another was Geo. F. Hollis, a former consul at Pretoria, who wanted to free his democratic mind. Another was Prof. Camille Reid, who wants England to be destroyed. There were several others. Among the crowd were Irish Americans, French Americans, Sweedish Americans, German Americans, Portuguese Americans, and Hobo Americans. Spanish Americans Congress of Canada, and other lead- and Cuban Americans and Filipino Americans were barred out. And they had a band. A gentleman by the name of Schilling was unavoidably absent, which must have been a source of general regret. But they delivered themselves of two Whereases, and five Resolutions. They talked about 'free merica' and called England 'the bully of the nations.' Then they felt better, and went home. I pesume there will be a Fund, and somebody to handle it. The grass will be greener on the hins of Ireland, the wine will be richer in the vineyards of France and along the Rhine, votes will multiply in Bostonand nobody will get hurt. Meanwhile we poor victims of British tyranny will, I suppose, persist in our state of ignorance and degradation, and furnish an object lesson to the champions of Liberty. Sad—isn't it?" "Very," said Mr. Paul. And they mingled their tears.

RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TORONTO, Jan. 18 .- Toronto ladies' branch Red Cross Society has furnished Lieut. Col. Herchmer with a letter of credit of \$1,017, Lieut. Col. Evans with one for \$1,658, and Major Hunter Ogilvie with one for \$1,075, the amounts specified to be expended by these officers on the purchase of comforts for the men under their command during the campaign. The ladies have shipped a large quantity of supplies of various kinds to Halifax and expect to furnish 500 pairs of goggles for the use of the men in marching through sandy waste and while dust storms are raging.



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and address, and we will mail you (13) packages of our Assorted Steel Pens. to sell among your neighbors and friends at 10c. per package. When sold remit us amount due, \$1.30, and we will forward premium you select from our mammoth catalogue, which we mail you with goods. Send today. Address

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