FORWARD MOVEMENT.

General Buller Has Advanced to the South Bank of the Tugela.

The British Losses at Ladysmith Officially Stated as Being Four Hundred and Twenty.

Earl of Ava, Eldest Son of Lord Dufferin, Wounded at Ladysmith, Has Since Died-Pretoria Advices Admit Defeat in the Recent Attack on Ladysmith.

SITUATION REVIEWED

Buller Has Advanced to the South

Bank of the Tugela River. LONDON, Jan. 12.-Gen. Sir Red. vers Buller has at length begun his second attempt to relieve Ladysniith. A laconic despatch sent Thursday night shows that some part of his force has crossed the Little Tugela river and occupied a defensible position on the scuth bank of the main river, a few miles north of Springfield and within 800 yards of the enemy's strong entrenchments. This mesgre information is not supplemented from any source official or unofficial. Even the position Gen. Buller has occupied is a matter of speculation, for no maps available here locate Potgieter's Drift. There are two drifts, each six miles from Springfield, one north and the other northeast. The road from Springfield to Dewdrop crosses former, and it is assumed that it is that which Gen. Buller holds. seems strange that the Boers did not destroy the pont when they lately evacuated Springfield. Its possession may mean much to the British. "Pont" in this connection does not imply a bridge but a large ferryboat worked with steel cables, the familiar method of crossing the wider and more rapid rivers in South Africa. Assuming that it is the northward drift that Gen. Buller holds, the maps suggest an inference that a site for a bridge can be found that will be sheltered from the enemy's artillery. One evident difficulty of the situation, however, is that if the attackers cross there they must, when they emerge on the plain which the river bend encloses, come or a plateau from the enemy's position and once under fire they must attack. cerning the situation is purely hypothetical in the absence of fuller knowl edge. It is needless to remark that further news is awaited with intense

The only other news of interest i the report of the casualties at Ladysmith on January 6th, which place the total losses at 420 killed and wounded. Among the rank and file were 135 killed and 242 wounded. There is a certain serse of relief that they were not greater, irresponsible estimates having placed them at double that number. His father's of Ava the most conspicuous among parently from love of adventure, for some time ago he resigned his commission as a lieutenant in the 17th Lancers. He had served in Bethuan's Horse and in Warren's Bechuanaland expedition. So far as past services and usefulness were concerned. the most serious loss among the officers was the death of Lieut. Col. Dick-Cunnyingham of the Gordon Highlanders, who only a fortnight ago resumed active duty after being wounded while leading the charge of the Gordons at Elandsgaate. His career was full of military activity. including a share in Lord Roberts' Afghanistan campaign in 1879, when he won the Victoria Cross. The Gordons also lose another experienced officer in Major Miller Wallnut.

eagerness, not to say anxiety.

Prof. MacCormack, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who volunteered his services in South Africa, sends to the Lancet further interesting surgical observations confirming the comparative harmlessness of Mauser bullet, which has amazed the surgeon. He says to anyone familiar with the frightful extent of the damage done by the needlegun and chassepot in the Franco-German war, many wounds caused by the Mauser might be regarded as somewhat of the character of a pin prick.

GENERAL REVIEW.

LONDON, Jan. 13, 4 a. m .- General Buller's twenty-eight words announcing his forward movement of Thursday is interpreted as meaning that he has passed around the western end of the Boer lines at Colenso and is now several miles behind them and within fourteen miles of Gen. White's outposts at Ladysmith. The Boers, few days ago, had forces with guns at Springfield, where General Buller dates his despatch. These commandos have been obviously dislodged, eithe by fighting or by manoeuvres, the Boers retiring across the Tugela as

Gen. Buller advanced. From Gen. Buller's despatch, coupled with the fact that unofficial intelligence from the seat of war has virtually ceased since Monday the deduction is drawn that important operations are in progress, as he canno move far without going against the

The death list from enteric fever and dysentery at Ladysmith, averaging from 8 to 10 daily, are considered more serious than the 420 casualties of Saturday's fight, as they indicate the frightfully insanitary condition of the beleaguered town. A letter from Ladysmith dated Dec. 7th, says that even then 90 out of 540 men in the battalion of which the write was a member, were sick with dysing to a despatch to the Daily Chronicle, dated Jan. 8, the patients and

attendants in Tombi camp, where the hospital is, then numbered 2,800.

TO THE FRONT.

Leinsters Ordered from Halifax to Southampton, Thence to South Africa.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 12.-A cable was received from the war office tonight ordering the first Battalion of Leinsters, the infantry regiment now in this garrison, to leave within three weeks for Southampton and thence to go to South Africa. The Leinsters will be relieved by

EARL OF AVA DEAD.

an English militia regiment, the 6th

Lancashire Fusiliers.

LONDON, Jan. 12. 9.30 p. m.-It is reported this evening that the Earl of Ava, who was wounded at Ladysmith, has died. The earl died without recovering consciousnes LONDON, Jan. 12.-The report of

the death of the Earl of Ava is officially confirmed.

Archibald James Leofric Temple Blackwood, Earl of Ava, the eldest son of Lord Dufferin, was born 28th July, 1863. He never married. The heir to Lord Dufferin's estates is now therefore Lord Terence Temple Black wood (Dufferin's second son), who married Miss Flora Davis, daughter of John H. Davis of New York, six years ago in Paris.

BOERS ISOLATED.

LONDON, Jan. 13 .- The corresponddespatch dated Jan. 9 says that a heavy rain has fallen and that the rivers and creeks are full. He adds that there has been no firing at Ladysmith, and that the trenches at Colenso must be full of water. It is certain that the Boers holding Hlangwano hill are now quite isolated, as their bridge must have been carried away.

ADMIT DEFEAT.

LONDON, Jan. 12.-A despatch from Pretoria completes the report eminence makes the death of the Earl received yesterday about the Boers storming the plateau and ridge over the losses. He accompanied the Natal hanging Ladysmith and the British force in an unattached capacity aphanging Ladysmith and the British "It appears that while the Boers were successful at the commencement of the engagement they were compelled subsequently to abandon two of their positions."

SECOND CONTINGENT,

OTTAWA. Jan. 12.-The organizaiton of the Canadian Patriotic association was completed at a meeting in the governor's office, at which Lord Minto, Hon. Messrs. Mulock, Borden, Foster, Costigan, Fleming and others were present.

Lord Minto is president, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Charles Tupper, Lord Strathcona and all the lieutenant governors, vice-presidents. Hon. Mr. Foster is convener of the finance committee and Hon. Dr. Borden of the relief committee.

His excellency today received cable from Sir Fleetwood Edwards, her majesty's private secretary, informing him that her majesty was graciously pleased to become patron of the association. The government has accepted the

generous offer of the high commistioner to defray the cost of equipping and maintaining 400 mounted soldiers As unfortunately Lord Strathcona i indisposed just now and forbidden to transact any business, details of the organization have not been perfected, but the military authorities are going to work to prepare the equipment. As British Columbia has offered on hundred mounted men for service this offer was also accepted, and the will go on the same vessel as Lord Strathcona's horse. The entire force will be raised in the Northwest and British Columbia. The cost to

ON THE MOVE.

half a million dollars.

Lord Strathcora will not be less than

Colonial Troops Take Part in s Reconnaissance. (Special Despatch to the Sun.) MODDER RIVER, Jan. 11, 11.30

n.—Gen. Babington's cavalry from Modder River, and Col. Pilcher's troops, from Belmont, made a joint reconnaissance from Honeynest Kloop Tuesday and Wednesday, but did not encounter the enemy. They learned, however, that the Boers were strong force around Jacobsdal, but all were behind a line from outside Jacabsdal to the south of Magersfontein. The cavalry destroyed the farm buildings of Commandant Lubbie, who is commanding at Jacobsdal.

MODDER RIVER, Thursday, Jan.

to the nearest chemist for a bottle of Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure. While he is gone, get to bed. You will know you are going to be ill because you will have hot flashes and same time; you will have backache and bone-ache, and headache and perhaps sore throat, and feel wretched all over. Have a hot footbath prepared at once, with plenty of wood ashes or mustard in it, let your attendent pass it under the bed clothes

and give you a bowl of hot herb tea. In fifteen good sweat and the bottle of Shiloh will have arrived. Now commence with this grand-medicine according to directions, and by the time you have taken three-quarters of the bottle, your cold will have disappeared. If Shiloh, faithfully used, does not do what it promises, you're an exception to the majority, and shall have your money refunded. Sold in Canada and United States, 25c., 50c. and \$1. a bottle; in England, 1s. 2d., 2s. 3d. and 4s. 6d.

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Mounted Rifles and a battery of horse artillery, left here on the evening of Jan, 7 and crossed the Free State border Tuesday morning.

Simultaneously other movements were made. A column under Col. Pilcher went from Belmont to the south of Gen. Babington's route, while a portion of the garrison of Klokfontein and Honeynest Kloff, under Major Byrne, advanced toward Jacobsdal. Col. Babington penetrated 12 miles and his scouts 20. They saw no

signs of armed Boers. The farm houses were found empty the occupants having had news of the advance and gone farther into the interior. The British bivouacked Random. They burned three farm houses, the property of one of the Boer leaders. Yesterday they swept around southward, returning here today. Nothing was accomplished except a reconnaissance.

Col. Pilcher came into touch with Gen. Babington and then returned to Major Byrne reconnoitered the hills about four miles from Jacobsdal and

FROM PRETORIA.

saw, seven hundred Boers.

Everything Points to a Great Battle Within a Few Days.

BOER HEADQUARTERS AT COLtoria, viz Lourenzo Marques, Friday, Jan. 12.—Everything points to a great battle within the next few days.
Ladysmith for the last two nights has been firing rockets. The object is not known here.

PRETORIA, Thursday, Jan. 11, via Lourenzo Marques.—President Kruger, in the course of a stirring address just issued to the Burghers, affirms that Providence is on their side, that their cause is just and that they must succeed.

Reports from Colesburg represent the position there as favorable to the republicans, but that the British are concentrating for operations on a large scale. The official list of the Boer casualties in what is called the Plat-Rand fight, on Saturday, Jan. 6 (the attack upon Ladysmith), shows twenty-six killed and seventy-seven wounded. These figures are described

as the first return. The embargo at Delagoa Bay upon Transvaal imports is the question of the hour with the Burghers. If this be not removed, it is asserted that steps will be taken prejudicial to prisoners and aliens.

LADYSMITH ASSAULT

The Men on Both Sides Fought Like Demons.

LONDON, Jan. 15 .- A special despatch from Hoofd laager, at Ladysmith, dated Jan. 9, via Lorenzo Marques, describing the assault on Jan. 6 upon Ladysmith, says:

'The British made no attempt to hold the first line of breastworks, but made an exceedingly stubborn resistance at the next row. Every inch was stubbornly contested and conspicuous bravery was displayed on both sides.

"After ten o'clock the British artillery fire slackened, and a terrible individual contest ensued among the riflemen for the possession of Plat-Rand ridge. At noon a heavy thunder storm interrupted the battle, lasting two hours.

Although the Burghers succeeded in ultimately gaining possession of most of the British positions on the eastern side of the Plat-Rand, they were finally obliged to retire from most of the ground they occupied. The British were most strongly intrench ed, their redoubts being skillfully loopholed, and the combat was so close that rifles were frequently fired at arm's length. It was a hand-to-hand encounter. The men on both sides fought like demons and the horror and bewilderment of the scene could scarcely be paralleled."

WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LONDON, Jan. 14.-The war office issued at midnight a despatch from Field Marshal Roberts, dated Cape Town, Jan. 14, 8.30 p. m., saying: "There is no change in the situa tion today.'

LONDON, Jan: 15.-The war office simultaneously issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, Jan. 13, 3.30 p. m.: "Methuen's cavalry reconnaissance

returned on Jan: 11. Went 25 miles into Free State. Country clear of enemy, except patrols.

"All quiet at Modder River. "French reconnsitered around the enemy's left flank on Jan. 10. Advanced from Sliumger's Farm on Jan. 11.—Gen. Babbington, with two regi- 11, with cavalry and horse artiller ments of Lancers, the Victorian to bombard Boer laager east of Cole 11, with cavalry and horse artillery,

n, but was unable to out- a laager memy. pushed north of Pastard's Neck and examined country

rorth of ridge.
"Gatacre reports no change.
"All well on Dec. 28 at Mafeking."

FROM THE CAPE TOWN TIMES. Boers Still at Stormberg—Boer List

ef Casualties. CAPE TOWN, Jan. 10, 11.15 a. A despatch to the Times from Mul-teno, dated Jan. 8, says: "Last night it was rumored that the Boers had evacuated Stormberg and were going to Colesberg, some distance to the northwest, to oppose Gen. French. A strong reconnaissance of mounted men under Col. Jeffries proceeded to within three miles of Stormberg, and discovered that the Boers were still holding the place, but were unable to learn their strength. The enemy fired on the British, who replied and then awaited an attack. The enemy refused to attack, and the British thereupon retired. There were no casualties. Col. Nevlan with the Cape police is occupying the Molteno police camp."

The Times publishes a long letter

accusing Lord Loch of the betrayal of the Uitlanders in 1894. The writer says that he and Hofmeyer, the Afrikander leader, were the cause of the present difficulties, for the reason that they failed to support Sir Jacobus DeWitt,

the then British agent. The papers also publish the Boer official list of the casualties at Magersfontein, which places the loss in killed at 51, including 24 Free State Boers and 16 Scandinavians. The list of the Stormberg casualties includes 2 Cape rebels killed and 8 wounded.

HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

Lord Stratheona's Offer of Mounted Men Accepted by the War Office.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Associated Press learns that Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, accepted on Saturday the offer of Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner in London, to provide, distinct from the Canadian contingents, a force of at east 400 mounted men from Manitoba, Northwest Territory, and British Columbia, and to arm, equip and convey them to South Africa at his own expense. All will be expert marksmen, rough riders and scouts.

It is estimated that the offer will involve an expenditure of £200,000. The war office regards Lord Strathcona's proposal as an extraordinary proof of colonial patriotism.

A LINE OF RETREAT.

LONDON, Jan. 15 .- The Standard publishes the following from Ladysmith. Thursday, Jan. 11, by helio graph, via Weenen:

"The Boers are fortifying positions north and west of Ladysmith, doubtless with a view of securing a safe line of retreat should their opposition to Gen. Buller's advance fail. They still surround Ladysmith in large numbers and may be contemplating another attack.

"It is known, however, that they are greatly depressed by their heavy losses. Prior to Saturday, they were perfectly confident of their ability to defeat the garrison and to take possession of the town."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Jan. 14.-The Duke of Westminster, who has just succeeded to the title, on the ground of urgent private affairs, is returning from South Africa on leave of absence. He will return with the Imperial Yeomanry.

tire absence of news from Chieveley or

Frere Camp continues, but there is a persistent rumor that Ladysmith has been relieved. CHARGED WITH TREASON.

DURBAN, Friday, Jan. 12 .- The en-

ONLY A RUMOR

The proceedings for treason instituted against the Dutch colonials who being pressed. Witnesses have been interrogated today; the preliminary examination before the magistrate will be held later and the trial will probably be conducted by the supreme court.

The Colonial Dutch point out that and sixteen officers and men belongthese prosecutions will serve to make more rebels, as they consider the treatment of the prisoners designed to terrify them. Some Britons regard the prosecutions as impolitic, in view of the fact that the Boers are able to retaliate upon the one hundred British officers and 2,500 privates in their hands, and might do so unless all who dated Jan. 9th, describing the unforfight in the Boer ranks are treated as prisoners of war.

The Boers keep up a continuous sniping near Dordrecht. Five colonial socuts were captured

on Monday. Yesterday the American residents ted States secretary of the interior. Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener were most fervidly received on their arrival at Cape Town.

BOERS ROUTED CAPE TOWN, Jan. 11, 10.35 a. m .-

A despatch to the Cape Times from Rensburg, dated Jan. 10, says: "At midday three hundred Boers made a determined effort to occupy a hill overlooking Slingersfontein. British cavalry and artillery were ordered to the right and left and the movement was frustrated. A company of the Yorkshire regiment occupied a hill facing the one the Boers attempted to seize. The squadrons of cavalry under Col. Neeld reconnoitered towards Colesberg and discovered

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were surprised and rushed away in all directions in a most disorderly manner. They were heard shouting in English and Dutch. The British fired on them, killing a number of horses and then retired."

WARREN MOVES EAST.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A despatch to the Delly Mail, dated Jan. 12, from Pietermantizburg, says:
"Sir Charles Warren marched with
11,000 men eastward from Frere, by way of Weenen. His scouts found no sign of the enemy at Grobler's Kloof, while Colenso was ascertained to be deserted.

"There are rumors that the Boers are preparing to leave Natal, discouraged by the failure to reduce Ladysmith. All the colonials and irregulars have been placed under Gen.

"Among the Free Staters killed in the attack on Ladysmith on Jan. 6 was Commandant DeVilliers, who, but for his well known friendliness to England, would have been commander-inchief of the Free State forces."

TRANSPORT ON FIRE.

LONDON, Jan. 15.-A despatch to the Daily Mail from Sydney, N. S. W. says that the transport Maoriking, taking the second contingent of Queensland troops to South Africa, was discovered to be on fire the night before she sailed from Brisbane. The fire was in a perforated tar drum that had been placed in the coal bunkers. The authorities had been suspicious and a careful watch had been kept. This led to the prompt discovery of the fire, which was extinguished before much damage was done. Stringent precautions have been taken regarding the other three transports which will leave Sydney Wednesday.

MESSAGE FROM WHITE

LADYSMITH, Friday, Jan. 12 (by heliograph).-The besiegers have been quiet for two days, but can be seen in active movement on the distant hills. We have perceived two small bodies galloping with two machine

The Boers' heavy piece on Bulwana Hill has not been fired for two days. Mcre Boer dead have been found at the base of Caesar's Camp. All is well here.

WAITING FOR SUPPLIES.

DURBAN, Wednesday, Jan. 10 .-There is a Boer commando in Zambaans country, Zululand, within a day's march of the sea, with wagons. It is believed to be waiting for supplies and ammunition secretly landed

near St. Lucia Bay. The Boers have looted all the store and mines in the Swaziland territory, and the ruined natives are completing the work of destruction.

OVER 200 KRUPP GUNS.

LONDON, Jan. 15 .- The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Great Britain has bought 240 Krupp guns that were supplied about two years ago to one of the Southern European states. These guns are not quick firers, but will be used to replace the guns sent to South Africa from British home garrisons."

HAD RIFLES ON BOARD.

LONDON, Jan. 14.-A despatch to the Central News from Durban, dated Jan. 11, says that a number of rifles have been discovered aboard the seized German steamer Bundersrath. The search of the vessel has not yet been

THE SUFFOLK DISASTER.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 14.-A Boer's account of the disaster to the first battalicn of the Suffolk Regiment on Jan. 6 says that 8 officers and 94 men were captured. The British attack on the Beer position was most gallantly conducted. The British met at the sum-CAPE TOWN, Wednesday, Jan. 10. mit of the ridge a withering fire, by which their advance was promptly checked. Lt. Col. Watson's body was were taken in arms at Sunnyside are discovered near the bodies of those of his men who were slain. Twentyseven corpses were found in a radius of 21 yerds. The Boer losses are reported to have been 8 killed and 17

wounded. PRETORIA, Jan. 10 .- One hundred ing to the Suffolk Regiment passed through here today as prisoners. They are en route to Waterfall. The men are all well.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 15.-A despatch to the Daily News from Naauwpoort, tunate movement with the Suffolks,

"Gen. French permitted the attempt at the urgent desire of Lieut. Col Watson. The march began at mid-night. The men wore canvas shoes, or, failing these, marched in their gave a dinner to Webster Davis, Uni- socks. The ground was difficult, and many halts were necessary to verify the position.

"On reaching the summit of the hill

the officers advanced over the crest to reconnoitre. The Boers, who had evidently been warned of the movement, opened a terrible fusilade. Captain Brett's company charged into a Boer trench. Then came an order to retire. It came in a shout from the Boer lines, and the two rear companies, completely deceived, carried it out. "Of the two advance companies, 92 were killed or wounded. Capt. Brett got his men under cover and sent a sergeant with five men to cut his way out and to ask the British artillery to direct the fire to the right, fearing that the guns might open on him. Three men got through with the message, but Capt. Brett was forced to surrender with his remaining 72 men. "The schanze (redoubt) behind which the Boers were lying was very high

GENERAL REVIEW.

and doubly loopholed, but absolutely

undiscoverable except by balloon, and

too high to be stormed by scaling lad-

LONDON, Jan. 15, 4 a. m.-Today's despatches are more numerous than for some time, but they do not advance the knowledge of the situation



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much further than before. Considerable satisfaction is expressed over the activity of various portions of Gen. Methuen's command in the Orange Free State, but the anxiety as regards Gen. Buller's operations overshadows all else. Yesterday there was great excitement over unconfirmed rumors that Ladysmith had been relieved, and that the place had fallen and that Gcn. Buller had won and lost a great battle. Lord Roberts' despatch last night shows there is no change in the situation. This may be illuminative to the war office if they have knowledge that is not possessed by the public, but the whole position on Tugela River remains to the rest of the world a mystery, which can only be interpreted as employing operations of the most critical importance. All that is clear is that the Boers' front extends 20 miles, Gen. Buller occupies Potgieter's Drift with his extreme left, while a despatch to the Central News from Durban, dated Jan. 12, states that Gen. Warren left Frere Thursday with a strong flying column to co-operate in Gen. Buller's movement. It is reported that a great

battle is proceeding and that there is fighting in three places. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Pietermaritzburg, in a despatch dated Jan. 12, says that Gen. Warren, with 11,000 men, moved to the eastward from Frere by way of Weenen. His scouts found no sign of the enemy at Groblerskoof, while at was ascertained that Colenso was deserted. leads to the assumption that Gen. Buller is holding his position on the left while developing a large turning movement on the right. If the report of triple heavy fighting is true, it is probable that Hlangwane Hill has been attacked with the object of gaining a commanding position to enable Gen. Clery or Gen. Warren to make a direct assault, but it is difficult to extract more from the scanty information than that Gen. Buller is apparently attempting to envelope

WILL MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT.

the Times from Lourenzo Marques, says: "The British consul has issued a notice warning British subjects against enlisting for service with the Boers, trading with the republics, or treasonable conduct in the Transvaal. Herr Pott has protested against the notice as constituting an interference with the sovereign rights of Portu-

Five thousand Boers were sent from Natal last week to defend the Free State border and to resist the attacks of Gen. Gatacre and Gen. French, which are causing some alarm. A leading Transvaaler says the Boers will make another desperate

attempt to reduce Ladysmith.

NORTH OF MAFEKING. MOCHADI, Jan. 5, via Buluwayo.—A re-connaissance with an armored train to a point four miles south of the Gaberones revealed that the bridge across that river was in ruins. Today the force reached Gaberones and sighted a Boer patrol, which

LOSSES WERE VERY HEAVY.

LONDON Jan. 15.-A despatch to the Standard from Ladysmith, dated Jan. 7. says that the Boer losses on Jan. 6 are believed to have been greater than those of the British. They were engaged in removing their dead and wounded for a whole day and

night. SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY.

LORENZO MARQUES. Jan. 12.-A Boer despatch states that the British garrison at Kimberley made a determined sortie towards Kaufersdam early on Jan. 9. They returned to Kimberley after a brisk artillery exchange. There was no damage on either side.

RATIONS INCREASED.

FRERE CAMP, Jan. 11-A heliogram from Ladysmith says there have been no further movements. The outposts had a slight brush early Thursday morning. The rations of the garrison

LOCAL WAR NOTES.

WOODSTOCK CONTINGENT. The Woodstock contingent of field artillery will leave Woodstock for Halifax at 2 p. m. this afternoon. A special frain will bring them as far as this city, arriving here between 10.30 and 11 o'clock, local time. They will then entrain on the regular accommodation for Halifax, picking up the Newcastle contingent at Moncton. The Artillery band will be at the depot to welcome the boys. It is also probable that the Victoria Rink's Own Band will take part in

A well known citizen of Sydney, N. S. W., has contributed £3,000, and another £5,600, towards sending a force of Australian bushmen to South Africa.

SOLDIERS' LETTERS. Interesting Accounts of Some of the

Early Engagements. A Boer Lad Describes His Part in the Fight

at Elandslaagte.

diers fighting against the Boers are published in large numbers and in many cases are just as interesting as the accounts by trained war correspondents. A medical officer under Lord Methuen, describing the battle of Modder River, writes:

BATTLE OF MODDER RIVER. "A lot of the North Lancashire men were horribly wounded. I turned over a ser-geant, black in the face, dead. One man was brought to me who had been struck by

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