

volunteers will join the new organization.

BECHUANAS RISE AGAINST THE BOERS.

A dispatch from Cape Town to the Daily Mail, dated Thursday, Dec. 7, says: "News that the Chiefs Khama, Lunche, Bathoen and Sechele, with their people in Bechuanaland, have risen to attack the Boers seriously complicates the situation. It is probable that the Basutos and other tribesmen will follow their example."

SHELLING THE BOER LINES.

London, Dec. 11.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from Modder River, dated Dec. 9, which says: "A naval 4.7-inch gun, firing a 52-pound shell, charged with lyddite was taken out with an escort beyond our posts this morning. It made very good practice at the Boer lines, 7,000 yards."

Gen. Methuen received news Friday that a force of a thousand Boers were attacking two companies of the Second Northamptonshire Regiment, which had been left to guard the lines of communication at Enslin. Accordingly the general dispatched the Twelfth Lancashire and Seaforth Highlanders, together with the Sixty-second Field Battery, to their assistance. The enemy attacked the British post at 4:30 a.m., but withdrew at 11 o'clock, when the reinforcements approached the scene. The British cavalry is now pursuing them. Our loss was one killed and six wounded. Friday the first train ran over the temporary bridge which has been constructed over the river here. The Boers are close on our outposts on all sides.

BUGLE NOTES.

Lord Methuen is still obliged to ride about in a dog-cart—his wound prevents his going on horseback. The Free Staters, it is alleged, have decided not to defend Bloemfontein, as it is not fortified, but to make a stand at Bainsvlei, southwest of Bloemfontein.

A dispatch to the London Times says the unpopularity of President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, is growing among the Free Staters and Cape Dutch.

General Buller is encouraging volunteering throughout Cape Colony. Besides the South African and British Horse, each 500 strong, at Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Niten-page, Grahamstown, King Williams-town and Worcester Volunteers, and the Cape Mounted Rifles, are now in the field. A large number of men are offering themselves as recruits.

BLOW FOR THE BOERS

Ladysmith Enthusiastic Over the Late Sortie.

New York, Dec. 11.—A cable from London to the Herald says that the news from Ladysmith created great enthusiasm. The destruction of the two big guns and the capture of the Maxim was the severest blow the Boers have received in the operations at Ladysmith. From the fact that the correspondent's telegram reached Frere on Saturday night, describing the fighting on Friday, it is inferred that the investment is not so strict as it was. News of the beginning of the general advance from Frere is momentarily expected. The trestle bridge over the river has been finished.

A Ladysmith resident, who has escaped to Estcourt, reports that he saw no Boers, but he believes large forces to be on the Upper Tugela and at Colenso. All indications point to the fact that there has been a weakening of the Boer forces around Ladysmith.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

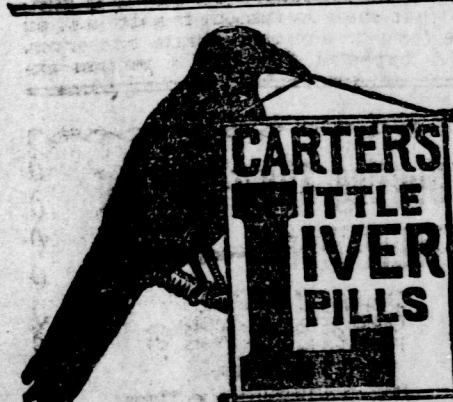
Dispatches from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 8, via Frere carried the news that the garrison and residents are greatly encouraged. On the night of June 7 Gen. Hunter, with 100 men of the Imperial Light Horse and 100 Natal Carbineers, made a big sortie from a hill, one mile this side of Lombard's kop. The men left Ladysmith about 9 o'clock. Immediately on arrival at the foot of the hill the order to advance was given. When about one-fourth of the very precipitous ascent had been covered a Boer picket challenged. The British answered by firing. The remainder of the advance, totalling about 80 yards, and very steep, was made under a desultory fire. The Carbineers took the right, the Light Horse making for the six-inch Creusot gun, which was posted in the center of the flat topped hill, behind an embankment 25 feet in thickness. When the British were within 100 yards of the gun the Boers volleyed, hitting three of the advancing party, one of whom was wounded seriously. The order was then given to fix bayonets, whereupon the Boers bolted. The gun was destroyed with gun-cotton. A 4.7 inch howitzer and a 12-pounder were also destroyed, and a machine gun was captured.

THE CANADIANS

Have Hot Work Ahead—Half of the Force Sent Forward From Orange River

Orange River, Saturday, Dec. 9.—Half the men of the Canadian contingent have gone forward.

Like the Australian contingent, they have been put to stiff work since their arrival, and have been building sidings, erecting platforms and rendering the usual routine service. They are in excellent condition and very zealous.



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THE CHAPLAINS

Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Were Room Mates on the Sardinian.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—James M. O'Leary, of the postoffice department, has received an interesting letter from his brother, Rev. Father O'Leary, who is the Roman Catholic chaplain with the Canadian contingent. The letter was written on board the Sardinian, and came with other mail matter from Cape Verde.

Father O'Leary says that he and Mr. Fullerton, the Presbyterian chaplain, are room mates, and getting along famously and growing fast friends.

AFTER THE BATTLE

Comment of the Press on Gen. Gatacre's Reverse.

[Special Cable Dispatches to the Chicago Tribune and Toronto Globe.]

TIMES' EDITORIAL VIEW.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times today has the following editorial leader:

Gen. White has won a considerable success at Ladysmith, but our satisfaction at this event must be tempered by the intelligence that Major-Gen. Gatacre has suffered what he himself officially described as a "serious reverse." In the neighborhood of Stormberg, it would be childish to underestimate the serious character of this defeat. It is a repetition of the misfortune which befell our arms at Nicholson's Nek. It has occurred in the heart of a disaffected country, and, indeed, was probably brought about by information treacherously conveyed to the enemy. If not by the direct treachery of the guides, and happened too at a critical moment in the development of Gen. Methuen's advance. Its political consequence is only too likely to be grave, and its immediate effect upon the military situation may well prove inconvenient, even embarrassing. At the same time it is absolutely certain that no temporary checks of this kind can affect the issue of the campaign, or the spirit of the British people. They are resolved to see the struggle to a successful conclusion, and will bear the ups and downs of the fortunes of war to the end with dignified equanimity.

[Associated Press.]

Total British loss 633

Missing 6

Killed (men) 9

Officers wounded 2

Men wounded 17

Total 633

The Daily Mail says: "Quite apart from the loss of 600 fighting men, the unexpected Boer success will probably cause a far more general and serious movement among the Cape Dutch. The government must promptly face this by the immediate dispatch of further troops."

The Daily News says: "The reverse Gen. Gatacre has suffered is a sad and emphatic commentary on the peculiar difficulty of military operations in a difficult disaffected country. The enemy's spies are everywhere, and nowhere can we rely confidently on any counter-information. Gen. Gatacre seems to have been completely trapped. Of course he will be immediately reinforced."

The Daily Chronicle says: "There is only too much reason to fear that this is the worst illustration we have had yet of inadequate equipment and insufficient scouting. How far this disaster was due to lack of judgment, and how far to lack of art of artillery, is not quite clear, but the patient public cannot help recalling that Gen. Methuen's victory at Modder River was by artillery reinforcement at the critical moment. All they would like to know is how many times this particular lesson is to be learned."

The Standard says: "The event is in the highest degree deplorable. It will tell against us unfavorably in the Free State, among the colonial Dutch, and even among the natives. A great deal of evidence has been accumulating during the past week to show how deep the colony, or at least the northern and western portions of it, is honeycombed by disaffection. Our generals have to cope with a rebel colony as well as with hostile republics, and must take measures to lay their plans in accordance with the details."

GEN. METHUEN'S STRONG FORCE.

London, Dec. 11.—Gen. Methuen's army is known to have been heavily reinforced at Modder River with infantry, cavalry and artillery. While Major-General Wauchope's Highland brigade has largely increased the number of bayonets available for frontal attacks, the necessity for this costly method of warfare has been obviated by the presence of a full brigade of cavalry, commanded by Major-General Babbington. This brigade includes three regiments of cavalry and a strong body of provincial horse. Two powerful batteries of the Horse Artillery which have been added have a mobility nearly equal to that of cavalry. Gen. Methuen's army cannot number many less than 17,000 men. Military men assume that he would not leave Modder River until a section of the howitzer battery with lyddite ammunition has arrived.

AT LADYSMITH

British Captured a Boer Position and Some Guns.

London, Dec. 11.—The war office Saturday issued the following dispatch from Gen. Buller, dated Frere Camp, Dec. 9, afternoon:

The following was received from Gen. White Saturday: "Last night sent Gen. Hunter with 500 Natal volunteers under Royston and 100 of the Imperial Light Horse under Edwards to surprise a gun on a hill. The enterprise was admirably carried out and was entirely successful, the hill being captured and a 4-inch gun and howitzer being destroyed with gun-cotton by Capt. Fawke and Lieut. Turner. A Maxim was captured and brought to Ladysmith. Our loss was one killed and Maj. Henderson of the first battalion of the Argyll Highlanders, wounded. At the same time that Col.



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Knox seized the hill one squadron of the Nineteenth Hussars rode around Popworth hill, burning kraals and cutting the Boer telegraph lines. They had no casualties.

A strong burgher column has crossed the Tugela River at Colenso with the object of attacking the British Esccourt column.

ATTACKED GEN CRONJIE.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Pretoria dated today says: "Rumors have been received here of fighting early this morning in the vicinity of Schaltz Nek, the British attacking Gen. Cronje. Fighting is also reported to have occurred in the direction of Kimberley. It is presumed this is another sortie. The Dutch-German ambulance corps has been enthusiastically received and will be divided between Natal and the Free State frontier."

Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 7.—A hundred men of the naval brigade proceeded to the front tonight.

It is known that the Boers have cut the end of their supply line, thus producing an effect similar to the dum-dums.

GEN. GATACRE'S MEN MEET THE BOERS.

Halse and Warren and thirty men left the camp at Carnarvon today and when four miles out sighted a patrol of twelve Boers who sought cover. Two of the Boers were wounded. Halse ascertained that the Boers were in strong force in a laager and retired to his base. This is the first brush of Gen. Gatacre's forces and they are all eager to follow it up."

ON THE WAY

List of Transports Now on the Oes an

Among the transports which have sailed since Nov. 20, and consequently will not arrive at the Cape for some time are the following, carrying the troops mentioned:

Gaul—Second Warwickshire Regiment.

Doune Castle—First Battalion Yorkshire Regiment.

Simla—Second Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment.

Maplemore—Part of Composite Household Cavalry Regiment.

Avondale Castle—Second Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

Norman—Second Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.

Pinmore—Part of Household Cavalry Regiment, ammunition column, etc.

Canada—First Battalion South Lancashire Regiment, Engineer Corps.

Dilworth—Second Battalion Royal Lancaster Regiment, Second Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Atlantian—Two field batteries, ammunition column, etc.

Majestic—First Battalion York and Lancashire Regiment.

In addition these vessels also carry detachments of the various medical corps, drafts for battalions now in the

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

The North Branch Cheese Factory Company shipped all their make for September, October and November at 11½ a pound. The factory has been sold by the joint stock company which owned it to Mr. Monks, of Dorchester Station, and will be remodeled. Mr. Donaldson, the present cheese-maker, will remain.

A new postoffice is to be established at the 4th con. of West Nissouri, to be called Swampdale, and the C. P. R. will have a flag station there. It is a thickly-settled farming community.

The Melrose Sunday school anniversary will be held Dec. 17 and 18. On Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Br. Cooper will preach, and at 3 p.m., Rev. Mr. Fallis, of London, will give an address, and will preach at 7 p.m. On Monday evening a grand magic lantern exhibition and lecture will be given by Rev. Walter Moffat, of London.

A Christmas tree is to be held in the evening of Dec. 22.

The I. O. F. and A. O. U. W., the two enterprising society lodges at Lambeth village, have arranged for another of their successful concerts, which is to take place on Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at the Union Hall, Lambeth. Pop-

ular talent, including such names as Mr. James Fax, Mr. James Gilmour, Messrs. Corbin brothers and Williamson, with Miss Janet Ross McBride and Miss Lottie Poole, will comprise part of the programme. Dr. Routledge will occupy the chair, and an excellent evening's entertainment will be given those who attend.

Messrs. Howlett and Bignell, of Delaware, shipped last week, to the old country markets, a car load of sheep, a car load of cattle and a number of heavy horses. Fat cattle, 14 for export are worth from \$4 to \$4 65 per cwt and fat sheep from \$3 to \$3 25 per cwt.

The village of Wardsville has been making considerable advancement of late, many new buildings being erected, old ones improved and business generally being prosperous. A handsome brick residence, with modern conveniences, for Dr. McKillop, is nearly ready for occupation.

The directors of the East Middlesex Farmers' Institute met at the court house on Saturday to arrange for the meeting to be held at Thursday Jan. 8 and at Harrietsville Jan. 12. Mr. Woodward, of Lockport, N. Y., a former superintendent of farmers' institutes in that state, will address the meetings. Local speakers will consist of Messrs. J. C. Nichol, Hubrey, Thos. Baty, Wilton Grove; J. B. Millar, president Thames Cheese Company; Jas. Smith, Harrietsville, and others.

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