

I withdrew the troops, and they return-ed unmolested to the cantonment. one consisting of six 21/2-inch muzzle-loaders and 36 mules. 'The enemy are in great numbers, and their guns range further than our field guns. I notice several guns tempor arily silenced, and will permanently do

minate the enemy's best guns, with What London War Correspondents Say which he has been of Yesterday's Engagement. Bombarding the Town London, Oct. 31 .- The Standard's cor-

at a range of over 6,000 yards."

The advance was made at dawn with the object of shelling the Boers from Ladysmith telegraphing as to Monday's five hours, the position where yesterday they had engagement says: inted a number of guns. On reach-

"During the opening stages of the fight

Maxims and 37 milimetre guns, began to to be trying to enlist Swiss retired non-White's Dispatch develop a heavy attack on Col. Grim- commissioned officers for the war in

South Africa. wood's infantry. "In the meantime our batteries kept The troopship Siberian embarked a down the siege gun fire upon Ladysmith squadron of the Inniskilling Dragoons, with shrapnel. with 186 horses, at Queenstown, last wood's infantry. war office "At 9 o'clock there seemed to be a

week. The officers include Prince Alexlull. Then as the enemy on our right ander of Teck, third son of the Duke brought further artillery to bear, Colonel of Teck, a lieutenant of the 7th Hussars, to report a disaster to the column sent Grimwood, who with the three advanc- who served three years ago in Matabeleby me respondent with the British forces at ing battalions had held the ridge for land. Prince Alexander is volunteering guard the left flank of the troops,

Sardinian Ready for Emergency. Suddenly Fell Back Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mountain Bat- Petermaritzburg while the a line upon our guns. The 53rd Chicago, Oct. 28-A Boers. They go by steamer from Quecovering three miles, halted under a curred at this phase. "The 53rd Battery held on against a bee, going by Cape of Good Hope. As losing heavily, had to capitulate. The visability of such a step. tack, the first shot was fired at 5:20 a.m. cross fire of rifles and quick-firing guns it has been reported here since arrange- casualties have not yet been ascertain-Who is to Blame? It came from Lombard's Kop, a lofty until the infantry were clear. The teams ments were made to send the troops that ed.

sent the following dispatch to General Buller:

have lost heavily in many wars and

have had regiments almost wiped out.

but to have regiments captured, and by

guish themselves, to obtain mention in

the dispatches, and earn the Victoria

Boers, it is terrible."

London, Oct. 31 .- The following is the "Three extra battalions of foot and text of General White's dispatch to the one mountain battery, with reserves, will leave England during the course of ten "Ladysmith. Oct. 30, 1.35 p.m.-I have

days to make good the casualties." White May Retire London, Oct. 31.-Reports are current

for service once more in South Africa. "In these operations to-day the Royal here that Gen. White may retire to I attached myself to the centre column. Battery pluckily pushed forward to cover ronto says Canada is sending away 1,000 tery, and the Gloucestershire Regiment, intact. There is much divergence of We marched out before dawn and after this withdrawal. Severe casualties oc- troops to he'p Great Britain fight the were surrounded in the hills, and after opinion in military circles as to the ad-

ing the spot, however, it was found that they had evacuated the position. The British continued to advance, and the movement developed into a reconnaiskopie to await developments. In the atance in force. The enemy were posted on a range of hills, having a frontage of about 16 miles.

The British force was disposed in the Ladysmith. following order: On the right three regiments of cavalry, four batteries of tion and gradually the enemy's fire slack- guns. the Royal Field Artillery, and five battalions of infantry. In the centre, three ened.

two regiments of cavalry and four in-fantry battalions. And on the left, the koyal Irish Fusiliers, the Gloucester had given to the Boer 40-pounder, hurled For Nearly Two Hours batteries of the Royal Field Artiflery,

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artillery attack which gave the first

promise of realization of Gen. White's

Regiment and the Tenth Mountain Bata shell which was followed with anxious eves towards the town of Ladysmith. This force had been detailed to guard "Presently the enemy's horses were

our left flank at a late hour last night. seen streaming on a hill to our left sheltered by rising ground. They occupied

Gen. White's Plan of Operations a ridge on the left flank and there, hidwas that as the movement developed

den by the scrub and trees they could the force constituting our centre, which watch the turn of events in safety and was disposed under cover of a kopje await their chance. about three miles from the town, should "The Devonshires' now advanced to-

about three miles from the cown, should a life bevolusing a hill, and by 2 o'clock in the afternoon. left flank was being held by the Fusilthere they remained with orders not to iers and the Gloucesters. fire a shot until they were called upon.

The plan was well devised, but failed Only when vollevs were heard on their in execution, owing to the fact that the rear and flank did they show the least Boer position which formed our objecsign of restlessness. The sound of this firing, feeble though it seemed, satisfied tive point was evacuated.

Our artillery quickly reduced the volus that the Gloucesters and Irish Fusilame of the enemy's fire, but the attack iers were near and that there was no delivered on our right flank was the truth in principal one, and the column was com-The Story of Disaster

pelled to change. The Boer attack had to the battalions after the stampede of been silenced for a time, and our in. the Mounted Battery mules. fantry advanced, covered by cavalry. "Sir George White, Sir Archibald Hun-The enemy now began to develop ter and the staff of officers watched the

A Heavy Counter Attack,

tice.

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and as they were in great force numeri-

cally, Gen. White gave orders for the plans. "Soon after 1 o'clock messengers began infantry to be gradually withdrawn. The movement was carried out with great needed support. First the battalion of steadiness and deliberation, under cover the Gordon Highlanders, then the Manof our guns, which made excellent pracchester Regiment, then the Rifle Brigade,

who had left the train for the battle-The engagement lasted several hours field, were sent to its assistance until and resulted on our side in casualties only the Devonshire Regiment, a squadestimated at from 90 to 100. The Boer ron of Mounted Infantry and the field loss must have largely exceeded this tospital were left with the centre col-

The attack was admirably delivered by "Perceiving that a change of operations our right, and the Boers were fairly was in progress, I went with the Mandriven out of their strongholds near chester Regiment toward the right. Our. Lombard Kop. It was not possible, artillery under Lombard's Kop was enhowever, to push the success much furgaged in repelling the enemy's attempt ther, as beyond that point lay a long to turn our flank. The Manchesters were broken ridge, affording every kind of sent forward to support the cavalry, natural cover. Under this the enemy while the Dublin Fusiliers, two battaltook the fullest advantage. Our shells ions of the Sixtieth Rifles, the Liverpool Regiment and the Leceistershires were

Failed to Dislodge the Boers, Beginning to Feel the Effects and as our infantry moved in extended

order, they came under a heavy rifle of the enemy's searching rifle fire. fire the effect of which was soon apparent.

Gen. White, who was with the centre, yond the range of our guns, they from will need all his resources to prevent ceased.

At the government office no effort was eminence some five miles to the east of of the two guns were damaged and the President Kruger has granted letters of battery eventually retired to make up marque to French privateers, permitting "A man of the Fusiliers, employed as made to conceal the feeling of dismay "Battery after battery went into ac- the teams being sent to extricate the two them to prey on British commerce and hespital orderly, came in under a flag of prevailing. One official said to a repreattack British warships some anxiety "The cavalry remaining unsupported has been felt lest attack should be made truce with a letter from the survivors of sentative of the Associated Press:

on the steamship Sardinian, carrying the the column, who asked for assistance to "It is inexplicable, and I am sorry to bury the dead. say its moral effect is inestimable. We

when Long Tom, the name our soldiers Ladysmith. The gains which had been adian minister of militia has decided to "I fear there is no doubt of the truth had given to the Boer 40-pounder, hurled covering the Devonshire Regiment adian minister of militia has decided to "I fear there is no doubt of the truth a shell which was followed with anxious stoutly covered the final withdrawal. Cluip the Sardinian with two or three of the report. The enemy did not press, but showed rapid-fire guns. The regiment will take with it two Maxims and 160,000 rounds "I formed a plan in the carrying out of

CANADIAN BREVITIES.

(Associated Press.)

themselves in their position of ammunition, and it is believed it can which the disaster occurred, and I am hold its own against any enemy on the alone responsible for the plan. There is In Great Numbers. only to find that the Naval Brigade from sea it may meet.

the Powerful had arrived. Two quickfire guns were placed in position and in five rounds they silenced the enemy's forty-pounder. "The troops were back in Ladysmith Hamilton, Oct. 31.-John M. Stewart,

"The casualties caused by the enemy's Vallance & Co., is dead. artillery were not severe. The mountain Whitby, Oct. 31.-Acting upon instruc. battery on the left reported that it had tions from the Ontario government, a stampede of guns. "Our artillery, cavalry, mounted in- proceedings against parties charged

fantry and volunteer cavalry behaved with corrupt practices at the recent splendidly in difficult circumstances. "Dr. Jameson and Sir John Willough-

the action." Boer Tactics.

heavy losses, must be regarded rather as R., bringing about confederation, and in the actual position. It is disappointing to the British pub- Joseph Renaud, a section man, was to arrive with news that the right column lit is disappointing to the British pub-tic as again revealing tactical skill of an killed in the Canada-Atlantic yards this wounded. unexpectedly high order on the side of morning. portation of which causes wonderment tor Sullivan last night.

> The special dispatches describing the happened between that time and the engagement fail to confirm Gen. White's time he was found walking on the track account that the Boers were pushed back near Toronto Junction. He had some several miles, and the only conclusion bruises on his head, but no other in- Lieut. Nigent, Lieut. Moore and Lieut.

that can be arrived at is that the action juries. was extremely inconclusive.

Sherbrooke, Oct. 31.-Hon, John Mc-Sir(Redvers Buller cannot arrive at Intosh was chosen this afternoon by ;

"The enemy really showed themselves, the scene of fighting until the end of Conservatives to contest Sherbrooke although along the ridges they lay be- this week. In the meantime Gen. White county, to replace Hon. W. B. Ives, de-

The manliness of Gen. White's avoual no blame whatever to the troops, as the that it was his fault has awakened the position was untenable." deepest sympathy. An official of the List of Officers. war office said. General White, in a subsequent disfor twenty years a buyer of wood for "It is more than likely due to the patch says:

The following is a list of the officers craze of our younger officers to distintaken prisoners to-day: Crown Attorney Farwell has instituted Staff-Major Adie. Irish Fusiliers-Col. Carleton, Major Cross than to the fault of that splendid

South Ontario election. Ottawa, Oct. 31 .- A Conservative ral- Munn, Major Kincaid, Capt. Burrowes, Indian veteran, Gen. White, in spite of

by arrived to-day and were spectators of ly here last night was addressed by Sir Capt. Rice, Capt. Silver, Lieut. Heard, his pitiful avowal." Charles Tupper, who took credit for forcing the government to act in the Lieut. Southey, Lieut. Phipps, Lieut. Mc-Over Two Thousand Prisoners. London, Oct. 31 .- The engagement at Transvaal matter. He also credited the Gregor, Lieut. Homes, Lieut. Kelly,

New York, Oct. 31 .- A cable from Lon-Ladysmith, which despite the rather Conservative party for building the C.P. Lieut. Dooner, Lieut. Kentish, Lieut. don says the war office confirms the disan extended reconnaissance or skirmish the national policy. Speeches of a like Kinahan, Lieut, Jeudwine and Chaplain aster at Ladysmith yesterday. Two than a battle, seems to make little change character were also delivered by Messrs. Matthews. Of the above Captains Rice regiments, the Gloucester and Royal Foster, Wallace, White and Bergeron. 'and Silver and Lieut. Dooner were Irish Fusiliers, and Battery 10 Mountain Artillery, were surrounded.

Gloucestershire Regiment - Major

the Boers. In addition to the possession of a number of heavy guns, the trans-After terrible slaughter two thousand men and forty-two officers capitulated. Wallace, Capt. Duncan, Capt. Conner, here, they have available marvellous abil-ity. Toronto, Oct. 31.—The provincial Lieut, Bryant, Lieut, Nisbet, Lieut, Ing-The loss, which . was heavy, is un-

Unless commanded by skilled European a serious outbreak of typhoid in Oneida ham, Lieut. Davy, Lieut. Knox, Lieut. known.

officers, it is hardly considered probable township. One family lost five mem- Temple, Lieut, Radice, Lieut, Bruel, General White accepts the blame. The a feigned position, as they evidently did, A peculiar accident occurred to En- Lieut. Hill, Lieut, Short, Lieut. Smith, war office thinks he will be able to hold in front of the right column, with the gineer Murray of the C.P.R., who dis- Lieut. Mackenzie, Lieut. Beasley, Lieut. Ladysmith, despite the heavy losses, intention of retreating from it to the appeared from a freight train near Lea-real line of defence, and of inducing the British attack over a fire-swept zone. hand, and remembers nothing of what

Royal Artillery-Major Bryant. Mountain Battery - Lieut. Wheeler,

London, Oct. 30 .- The commander-'nchief, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, has issued an order for mobilization, by No-

Preparing to Shell Kimberley. Capetown, Oct. 31 .- It is reported from vember 6th, of the reserves of the Suf-Barkley West that the Boers are con- folk, Essex and Derbyshire Regiments.

White will probably be superceded_ Mobilization of Reserves.