

The Weekly Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1.

MEHLEN WINS AGAIN.

Second Battle With the Boers Ten Miles Nearer Kimberley.

A STRONG POSITION STORMED.

Kimberley, Nov. 27.—(5 a.m.)—No further news respecting Lord Methuen's advance has been received, and the absence of official details regarding his losses creates the impression that the Boers are making a desperate stand.

It was a cowardly action. Cape Town, Nov. 26.—The Cape Argus says: "Lord Methuen's letter to the Boer commander, dated Nov. 25, was a fair and a fair flag of truce, adding: 'To place a white handkerchief on a pole, and to take advantage of your enemy, is a cowardly action, which neither you nor I can countenance.'"

IS JOUBERT GOING SOUTH? The Story of the Kaffir Servant of the General.

Durban, Saturday, Nov. 25.—Advices from Mool River say that a Kaffir brought yesterday, who was impressed at Johannesburg, asserts that General Joubert is a fair man, but a cowardly man. The Boer commander would not recognize anything but a fair flag of truce, adding: "To place a white handkerchief on a pole, and to take advantage of your enemy, is a cowardly action, which neither you nor I can countenance."

TROOPS ARE AT MOOL RIVER. Durban, Nov. 26.—(Noon).—Advices from Mool River announce a reconnaissance in force, with the troops still out.

BOERS OCCUPY STORMBERG. At Junction Between Midland and Eastern Railway.

Cape Town, Nov. 26.—(Midnight).—The Boers occupied Stormberg, Cape Colony, Sunday morning.

STORMBERG IS THE POINT WHERE THE MIDLAND AND EASTERN RAILWAY SYSTEMS ARE CONNECTED.

THIS FROM BOER SOURCES. A Letter Purporting to Be From Gen. Joubert, Printed in Berlin.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—The Deutsche Zeitung publishes a letter purporting to come from Gen. Joubert, dated Oct. 27, in which the writer says: "I have not succeeded in preventing the concentration of Gen. Buller's troops, the British army will be weakened from natural causes to such an extent that not more than 20,000 effective troops of 40,000 at the outside can take the field. The others must be employed to protect communications."

MEANWHILE THE NEWS FROM NATAL IS DISASTROUSLY HOPEFUL. The details are rather vague, but it seems certain that the Boers are retreating. It is said that the British relief forces are joining hands. All this, taken with General Buller's action at Pietermaritzburg, is a very good omen for the British.

THE TROOPSHIP MEDIE ARRIVED. Cape Town, Nov. 26.—The troopship Medie arrived yesterday from the Australian continent.

THE PINDARI AND THREE BATTERIES OF MOUNTED ARTILLERY. The Pindari and three batteries of mounted artillery, with troops, have left Cape Town for Durban, and the transports Mowat and Manchester Port have arrived at Durban.

BOERS WHIPPED IN BECHUANALAND. Five hundred Boers attacked Kuruman, in Bechuanaland, on Nov. 13. The fight lasted continuously for six days, and the Boers were finally beaten off, with a loss of 300 killed and 1 wounded. The British lost 1 killed and 1 wounded. The Boers suddenly disappeared, for some reason unknown to the British.

VICTORY AGAIN.

Lord Methuen's Column Routes 2,500 Boers From the Heights Near Gras Pan.

London, Nov. 27.—Yesterday afternoon, the War Office posted the following dispatch: "Lord Methuen reports that he moved yesterday (Saturday) at 3 p.m., with the Ninth Brigade, the Mounted Corps, the Naval Brigade and two batteries, the guards and the Natal Brigade, to the heights near Gras Pan, about ten miles north of Belmont, on the railway line to the north, where the Boers were in a strong position, and the action began at 6 a.m. Our batteries fired very accurately till the heights were clear. Then the Naval Brigade and infantry advanced to the assault."

The fighting was desperate until 10 a.m., when the heights were carried. The Boers retreated on the slopes, where they were killed and wounded. More than 2,500 Boers were placed in the hands of the British. The result was not known at the time of the dispatch.

The advantage of the enemy's retirement. Early in the action 500 Boers attacked our rear guard, but they were repulsed, and also protected the rear flanks. The Naval Brigade acted with the greatest gallantry, and suffered heavily, but no particulars are yet known.

The enemy showed the greatest stubbornness, and most of the day the fighting was carried on. It is known that 31 were killed and 45 wounded. More than 2,500 Boers were placed in the hands of the British. One battery fired 500 rounds.

Our force must hold one day at Gras Pan to rest and replenish ammunition. The force worked splendidly, and is prepared to overcome any difficulty.

The Naval Brigade, the Royal Marines, the Light Infantry, and the 1st Battalion of the North Lancashire Regiment especially distinguished themselves.

Regarding Thursday's fight, 81 Boers killed and 45 wounded. More than 2,500 Boers were placed in the hands of the British. One battery fired 500 rounds.

Commander Ethelston of the Powerful and Major Pinn Killed.

London, Nov. 27.—The Admiralty is in receipt of the following despatch from Commander Ethelston, dated Cape Town, Nov. 26:

I deeply regret to report the following casualties in the action at Gras Pan yesterday:

Killed—Commander Ethelston, of the Powerful; Major Pinn, of the Doris; Capt. Guy Lennox of the Royal Marines, of the Powerful.

Wounded—Flag Capt. Prothero, of the Doris; severely; Lieut. Jones, of the Doris. The other casualties are not yet known.

Commander Ethelston, Capt. Morgan and Lieut. Wilson, all of the Powerful, have been promoted to join the Naval Brigade with Lord Methuen.

RELIEF CORPS IN HELIOGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH KIMBERLEY.

London, Nov. 26.—A special despatch from the Sun says: "The Times of Natal has received news by way of Helio-graph that the following relief corps have been relieved."

This is not only important, but it is also a very good omen for the British. It is said that General Buller is in Helio-graphic communication with Kimberley, which will allow the following relief corps to be sent forward after the battle of Belmont. It is also true, according to the Helio-graph, that the Boers are in a strong position at Mool River and Pietermaritzburg.

BOULDER AT PIETERMARITZBURG. London, Nov. 27.—Special despatches from Pietermaritzburg announce the arrival of General Buller there. He met with a splendid reception.

Relief communication between Estcourt and Mool River has been restored by Lord Dundonald's force, and the Mool River column entered Estcourt yesterday (Sunday).

The Deboncoats immediately starting the advance toward Estcourt.

Wires to Estcourt Again.

Durban, Nov. 26.—(Noon).—Telegraphic communication with Estcourt has been restored.

Joubert Returns to Ladysmith.

Paterson, Nov. 26.—(Noon).—Commander Gen. Joubert is retreating from Mool River to Ladysmith.

REAR DETACHMENT. Cape Town, Nov. 26.—On the arrival of the Belmont column with the Boer prisoners taken in that engagement, most of the wounded will be lodged in Belmont.

PICK OF SOUTH BRANT.

Mr. T. H. Preston Nominated for the Legislative Assembly.

TRIBUTE TO HON. A. S. HARDY.

convention's Choice Thankful for the Honor of Following the Old Leader—The Candidate's Speech—Review of the Topics of the Day—Hon. Mr. Paterson Speaks.

Brantford, Nov. 27.—On Saturday, Hon. A. S. Hardy returned to the town of Brantford, after a long absence, and was met by a large number of his friends. He was received with great honor, and a large number of his friends. He was received with great honor, and a large number of his friends.

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THE PREMIER'S DEAD.

Obsequies of the Gentle Lady Who Was the British Prime Minister's Most Trusted Adviser.

London, Nov. 27.—Lord Salisbury's health is not seriously affected by his domestic bereavement. He is not likely to draw out of public life, but rather to plunge into them more deeply. The daughter of the law baron, who was once considered a poor match for one of the Gascoyne Cecils, was buried at noon yesterday in a close approach to the simplicity, under the shadow of Hatfield House. All the Cecils were there except Lord Edward, who was fighting at Mafeking, and the coffin, made of oak from Hatfield Park, was borne to the graveyard by the shoulders of the workmen of the estate. The burial service was attended by the powerful Cecil clan and its retainers and its servants, and was extremely simple. Few words were those of the Queen and the Prince of Wales, were laid among the 700 graves in the quiet nook in the churchyard, where the gentle lady who had been the Prime Minister's most trusted adviser, in public affairs, was buried. The service at the same hour in the Chapel Royal, at St. James', was attended by the diplomatic corps, ministers of state and court functionaries. It was solemn and impressive, but the very thing which gave it singular beauty and feeling.

A WIDOW'S SON KILLED. Bernard Hilsen of Adajila, Killed While Out Shooting.

Tottenham, Ont., Nov. 27.—A sad case of accidental shooting, which terminated fatally, occurred yesterday evening. Bernard, the 14-year-old son of Mr. Bernard Hilsen, of Adajila, was out shooting with a number of companions. One of the boys had crossed a small stream, one of the party handed him his gun, muzzle foremost, to take over. He reached for it, and, as the owner let the trigger, the bullet struck him in the chest, just below the heart. He was carried into a neighboring house, where medical attendance was procured, which, however, was of no avail, as he gradually sank, and passed away at 10 o'clock that night. Much sympathy is felt for the widowed mother.

A SMASH AT BRADFORD. Rear Cars of a Separated Train Crash Into First Section.

Bradford, Ont., Nov. 27.—About 1 o'clock yesterday morning five cars of a southbound lumber train separated probably three miles from this place, from the front cars, reaching this place at about 10 o'clock, for the purpose of shunting on to the switch. The back section, which had been following in the rear, crashed into the front one. The collision resulted in the destruction of two others into kindling wood, as well as tearing up about fifty feet of the track. All the men fortunately escaped without injury. The two broken cars were burned.

CABINET CRISIS IN QUEENSLAND. Ministry Went Down Because of Its Railway Policy.

Brisbane, Queensland, Nov. 27.—The Ministry has resigned. An outburst of a vote of the Assembly in connection with the construction of railroads. The Governor has summoned Mr. Dawson, leader of the Labor Opposition, to form a new Cabinet.

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