Latest Despatches from South Africa, where Britons are Fighting Boers.

Gen. Buller Praises the Major-General's Achievement

ANOTHER REPORTED DISASTER.

Great Anxiety in Britain Over the Whereabouts of the 9th Lancors-The Relief of Ladysmith Within a Measurable Distance-The

Casualties at Gras Pan

Were 105.

London, Nov. 27 .- The War Office has received the following despatch from General Buller, dated Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Sunday, Nov. 26

"Hildyard from Estcourt made a successful attack Nov. 23 with three battalions, one field battery, a naval gun and 700 Beacon Hill, which dominates William Grange, and who had interrupted his communication. As a result of the operations the enemy is retiring and the railway and telegraph lines have been restored between Estcourt and Weston. "Our loss was about fourteen killed and

fifty wounded. "Hildyard has advanced to a position near Frere, as he hopes to cut off the enemy who is believed to be retiring on Colenso via Weenen. Barton from Weston has advanced to Extronet. "As soon as communication is restored I will telegraph particulars,

"So far as I can make out the operation In one for which Hildyard and the troo deserve much credit. "The rallway is now open to Frere,"

## GREAT ANXIETY.

Britain Exercised Over Reported Disaster to the 9th Lancers.

London, Nov. 28 .- (4.30 a.m.) -A fresh interruption in the East African cable service at this interesting moment has caused a cessation of war news. As yet the War Office has not received Lord Methuen's detailed list of casualties, nor is any information at hand regarding the whereabouts of the 9th Lancers, who were sent in pursuit of the Boers from Gras Pan.

The Daily Mail says that a private telegram announces that the Lancers are still scouting ahead of Methuen's advancing colamn; but, as he announced yesterday that he was giving his men a day's rest, this is hardly possible. Indeed the greatest anxiety is felt, and more especially in view of the fact that a Berlin journal, The Deutsche Warte, which regularly prints Boer communications, announced yesterday before it could have been ascertained from British sources that the naval brigade lost 100 men at Gras Pan, and that the 9th Lancers were captured.

A Sixth Army Division, It is understood that the Government yes-

terday decided to proceed immediately with the mobilization and embarkation of a sixth division of 6000 men under a well known lieutenant-general. Gen. Hildyard's achievement at Beacon Hill is beginning to

be recognized as one of the best things the campaign has yet shown, as it has relieved the tension of the situation in Natal, and has brought the relief of Ladysmith withir measur-Gen. Hildyard. Buller appears to

be confident of Lord Methuen's abidty and is devoting all his energy to Ladysmith. An attempt will be made presumably to reach Colenso in time to cut off the retreat of the Boers from Weenen over the Tugela River. It is feared, however, that the enemy will get there first and destroy the bridge. At Frere bridge the British found two massive spans utterly wrecked by dynamite, one piece weighing 224 pounds having been huried 200 yards. Sir Alfred Milner has warned the various relief committees in Cape Town to be orenared for the arrival of 19,000 refugees from himberiey as soon as the struc das

been raised. Another Bridge Destroyed. According to a despatch from De Aar, dated Sunday, the Boers had destroyed the bridge at Steynsburg the previous day, and were being reinforced at that point. London, Nov. 27 .- Dr. Jameson, the leader of the famous raid, has arrived here from South Africa.

TOTAL CASUALTIES WERE 105. Midshipman Buddard and 10 Sailors Killed at Gras Pan.

London, Nov. 27 .- The commander-in-chief at the Cape has sent the admiralty an additional list of casualties among the British naval brigade engaged at the battle of Gras Pan as follows: Midshipman Huddart of the cruiser Doris and ten sailors and marines -illed, and thirteen petty officers and scamen and 76 non-commissioned officers and men of the Total casualties 105, including the names of those already cabled.

15 KILLED, 72 WOUNDED.

Latest as to Hildyard's Losses at the Battle of Beacon Hill. Durban, Natal, Sunday, Nov. 26.-The latest reports of General Hildyard's losses

at the Beacon Hill engagement show 15 men were killed and 72 wounded. The West Yorkshire regiment suffered heavily. Major Hobbs was captured and several men are missing. Despatches from President Kruger and General Joubert found on a Boer prisoner sald the Boer losses at Belmont were ten men killed and forty wounded. It added that in order to reassure the burghers it had been deemed necessary to fall back A pigeon message from Colonels Ian Hamilton and Duff at Ladysmith, undated,

reported all well. Another naval contingent from the British first-class cruiser Terrible with two 4.7 inch guns started for the front to-Destroyed the Frere Bridge.

Estcourt, Sunday, Nov. 26.-The rallroad bridge at Frere, spanning a wide stream, has been destroyed by the Boers, who are reported to be retiring rapidly. A general advance upon Colenso has been ordered, and a flying column has left here to intercept the Boer raiding parties. A reliable messenger from Ladysmith mys he gathered from the Boers that they and proposed a combined attack all over the country for to-day. General Joubert is expected to stoutly Alspute the passage of Tugela River.

THE GUARDS AT BELMONT.

Eight Officers and 21 Men Were Killed

London, Nov. 27 .- At Wellington Barracks the following telegram, undated, was posted from Col. Crabbe of the Grenadier Guards respecting the fight at Belmont: "The Grenadiers on the right and the Scots Guards on the left successfully carried a height east of Belmont. The battalion fully maintained the reputation of the The casualty list shows that, in addition to Lieut. Fryer killed and Col, Crabbe and six other officers wounded, 21 men were killed and 88 wounded, with 5 unaccounted

WHAT GEN. JOUBERT SAYS.

Says It's No Visity to Say That the

Boer- Will Triumph. Berlin, Nov. 27 .- General Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Loer forces, writing to a friend in Magdeburg, says: "It is no vanity on my pa; to assert that we will triumph. We papared secretly for the war. We knew it was inevitable. The war will probably last a year, but I am convinced that the blo d spilled will never be upon

LADYSMITH AND KIMBERLEY.

Was a Heavily Bought Success

of the British Arms.

All Was Well in the Former on Nov. 24 and Direct News Was Received Down to the Day Before From the Latter - Balfour De-

fend's Britain's

Motives.

London, Nov. 28 .- A despatch has been received here from Gen. Buller, giving a list of the casualties among the troops engaged in what has been known here as the battle of Gras Pan, but which is now officially designated the battle of Englin. It proves that the British success was heavily bought. The losses announced tomounted troops, on the enemy occupying | day, added to the naval brigade casualties previously noted, make a grand total of 198 as the cost of Gen. Methuen's second battle. The Yorkshires apparently bore, with the naval brigade, the brunt of the fighting, as there were, in addition to three officers, 48 of the rank and file kill-ed, wounded and missing.

Ninth Lancers All Right. The fact that the list contains the casualties of the 9th Lancers seems to dispose of the fears that the cavalry was surrounded and captured, especially as none of the Lancers are reported missing.

THE BATTLE OF ENSLIN. General Buller Gives a Further List of Casualties at Gras Pan.

London, Nov. 28 .- The War Office has received from General Buller a list of the casualties at the battle of Enslin, on Nov. 25. It shows that among the wounded of the Second Yorkshire Light Infantry were Captain C. A. Yates, Lieut, H. C. Ferny. hough and Lleut, C. H. Ackroyd, The casualties among the non-commissionengaged were : Killed, 10; wounded, 711

More Casualties. London, Nov. 28.-The casualties in the being full. reconnaissance of the armored train Friday, Nov. 24, were : Killed-Lieut, F. Owen-Lewis, Bombay Infantry, and one private. Wounded-One. In the reconnaissance of Sunday, Nov. 26: Ninth Lancers, wounded, Lieut, J. G. Sterling and one trooper.

CRONJE WAS WITH THE BOERS.

Owing to the Severe Fire the Lancers Wer Forced to Retire.

London, Nov. 29.-A despatch from Orange River, dated Monday, Nov. 27, describing the battle of Enslin, says : "The Boers successfully retreated. The Lancers attempted to intercept and reach them, but a severe fire opened from a hill forced the Lancers to retreat. General Cronie was with the Boers.

"Among the Boer prisoners are Alderman Jeppe and Commandant Rossik, who led the Boer force. Many of the Boers voluntarily surrendered. "The Boers were shelled during the retreat, and must have lost heavily, but they succeeded in getting away northward with their six guns. The British were badly in need of more cavalry. "The bulk of the fighting was on Free State territory, and the engagement was

admirably planned. Thirty Boer wounded are under treatment here. At the close of the action Lord Methuen complimented the of Naval Brigade upon their splendid behavior, and expressed his regret at their losses."

LADYSMITH SAFE NOV. 24.

Gen. Joubert Makes a Satisfactory Ex- River says : planation About Firing on a Red Cross Flag.

London, Nov. 28 .- The War Office has received the following despatch from General charged. The result was terrible." Buller, dated Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Nov. "Our last news from Ladysmith, Nov. 24,

"An old message, dated Nov. 19, just arrived, begins : 'Joubert has explained firing on one Red Cross flag, previously reported. Have accepted explanation as satisfactory. "'Lieut, Lethbridge, Rifle Brigade, died of wounds; others wounded generally doing well. Health of troops good. Six wounded Dublin Fusiliers captured on armored train south of Colenso sent here to-day."

FROM KIMBERLEY ON NOV. 23. Unimportant Skirmishes - Cronje and 3,000 Men Marching South.

London, Nov. 28.-Gen. Forestier-Walker sent the following despatch, dated Cape Town to-day, to the War Office: "Kekewich reports from Kimberley: From Nov. 18 to Nov. 23, some unimportant skirmishes with the Boers. Wounded: Capt. Bodley, Lleut. Hawker and three troopers, all doing well. The health of the garrison is good and the water supply

"Native reports to Kekewich state that the enemy's camps to the south of Kimberley have been vacated, and that Cronje, with 3000 Boers, is marching to the south. The Boers are disappearing from the vicinity of Kimberley. The enemy seems restless. "The railway line was repaired to a point six miles north of Gras Pan Sunday, and the telegraph was reopened to within eight miles of Modder River, or 33 miles from

"Later-Gatacre occupied Bushman's Hoek yesterday with a battalion of infantry. His main body is at Putter's Kraal. The enemy retired toward Molteno.'

The Latest From Kimberley. London, Nov. 29 .- (5 a.m.)-Virtually the only fresh news from the front is contained in the despatches of Gen. Forestier-Walker, to the War Office. The cables continue silent, presumably because of Gen. Buller's desire to prevent leakage regarding important movements now being carried on. It seems clear, however, that Lord Methuen is continuing to advance rapidly, and that, finding the railway much damaged, he left It behind him. When telegraphic communication is resumed, it is quite possible that news may come of four simultaneous battles-at Modder River, Arundel, Stormberg and Colenso. As the Boers, according to Gen. Forestler-Walker's advices, were leaving Kimberley for the south, it is regarded as not impossible that Col. Kekewich is already marching with 2000 troops to meet Lord Methuen. It is believed that after the relief of Kimberley, Lord Methuen will preceed to the relief of Mafeking, about which considerable anxiety is still Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke. it is reported, will be the commander of The latest phase of the mobilization of the reserves has proved as satisfactory as had former calls. Out of 9786 men summoned, 9553 Maye rejoined the colors.

STRIKE VIGOROUS BLOWS. Orders of Presidents Kruger and Steyn to the Boer Generals.

Berlin, Nov. 28 .- The Duetsch Zeitung publishes the following despatch, dated Pre-toria, Nov. 27, received through Boer diplomatic channels: President Kruger and President Steyn have instructed Gen. Joubert and Gen. Cronje not to split their forces into small detachments, but to strike vigorous blows. Gen. Joubert has three corps, one holding Tugela and the third east of Estcourt, in | infantry in the darkness. He says: order to cut off the British retreat. Gen. tingents, one at Kimberley, another at Modder River and the third in the rear of

Government Leader Repels Charges That

mons, addressing the National Conservative Conference at Dewsbury to-day repelled

the charge that the Government's motive the war in South Africa was the acqui- to the railroad. sition of the gold fields. colonies for the benefit of the Mother Country. Britishers were now sacrificing the lives of those dearest to them, he asserted, for the sake of the security and honor of the Empire. The first acts of the drama were being played in Cape Colony and Natal, but the denouement would be 24. played, he trusted, in dominions not now subject to the Crown.

Why the Boers Declared War, "I have now come to the conclusion," he said, "that the declaration of war by the Transvaal and the Free State was not any despairing struggle for liberty, but a bold of Be bid for Empire, a bid to make themselves Pan). the nucleus of a Dutch-speaking paramount power in South Africa, and to exclude forever the hated Britisher from a dominating influence in that part of the world. These people have risked their all upon the stake of war, and it is incredible that such a risk would be run merely to prevent the Ultlander getting a vote. Their dream may be madness, but it is intelligent madness, when we consider the whole situation and the military difficulties that beset Great Britain in a South African campaign. They have also vainly courted the party system, and another reason may be found in their profound contempt for British arms."

Bravery of the Troops. Passing to a high eulogy of the "brilliant bravery of our troops, the courage, patriotism and endurance" of the small colony of Natal, so transcendently displayed, and the "patriotic spirit of the colonies generally," he continued, "Last, but not least, may we not on this occasion express our thanks to American relatives, who have done all that is possible in a case like this, namely have provided and equipped the Maine, not only in the interest of humanity but, as I well believe, to show sympathy for those engaged in this great In the course of an eloquent peroration, in which he said that he was not entitled to lift the veil hiding the future, Mr. Balfowr expressed confidence that an era of peace, prosperity and freedom would fol-low, "these dark struggles."

The Brave Boys From the Dominion of Canada Arrive at Cape Town-No Details of Casualties in the Last Fight - British Fought

London, Nov. 30 .- The War Office has received the following despatch from General Buller Cape Town, Tuesday, Nov. 28 .--

Gen. Methuen reports : Modder River, Tuesday, Nov. 28 .- Reconnoitered at 5 a.m. enemy's position on River ed officers and men of the various regiments Modder and found them strongly entrenched and concealed. No means of outflanking, river

> Action commenced with artillery, mounted infantry and cavalry Guards on right, Ninth Brigade on

Attacked position in widely extended formation at 6.30, and supported by the artillery, found itself in front the whole Boer force, 3,000 strong, with two large guns, four Krupps, etc. The Naval Brigade received great

assistance from the railway. After desperate hard fighting, which lasted ten hours, our men, without food or water, and in the burning sun, made the enemy quit their position. Gen. Pole-Carew was successful in

getting a small party across river gallantly, assisted by 300 sap-I speak in terms of high praise of the conduct of all who were engaged in one of the hardest and most

trying fights in the annals of the British army. If I can mention one arm particularly, it is two batteries Bloodiest Battle of the Century. London, Nov. 30 .- A special despatch from Windsor says that Gen-

eral Methuen's despatch to the Queen after the battle of Modder "The pattle was the bloodiest of the century. The British shelled the enemy out of trenches and then

NO CASUALTY LIST YET.

Speculation Is Useless, as No Word Has Arrived From Lord Methuen but the Above Despatch.

London, Nov. 30 .- (4.30 a.m.)-Twelve nours' reflection upon Lord Methuen's brief despatch has only served to increase public anxiety and suspense. All kinds of speculation are indulged in. In the absence of any indication as to whether the Boers occupied the north or south bank of the Modder River, the best opinion inclines to the latter theory, and it is pointed out that the British must have been utterly exhaused if they could not follow up the retiring Boers and crush them as the enemy crowded over the bridge, their compulsory line of retreat. The Morning Post's military correspondent, who has usually shown great ability, suggests that the Boers are still on the south side of the river, and that the bridge their hands. He points out "the

danger to the small British forces which crossed on pontoons." The importance attached to this pontooning operation is proved by the fact that Gen. Pole-Carew, one of the only two brigadier-generals, was selected to superintend it. No word has since arrived, either from Lord Methuen or from Natal. Speculation, therefore, is useless. It is believed that Lord Methuen will be instantly reinforced from Cape Town by two battalions of infantry, a detachment of cavalry and a battery of artillery. Some surprise is expressed at the fact that Lord Methuen had to fight without

food or water. It seems, however, that he is not using the canned rations. He seizes and pays for fresh food, Usually he begins a march about 8 in the morning, after a breakfast of cocoa. Then he does his fighting or marching, and afterwards pitches his camp near the best water, dining when his transport arrives. Their afternoons are given over to resting. Only bare necessities are allowed. As one correspondent describes it, the British are fighting "an omnipresent but almost invisible foe." Unstinted admira-

tion is everywhere expressed of the splendid work of Lord Methuen's column. With a force really inadequate, he has marched 53 miles and fought three battles within seven days. While no credence is given to the rumor that Ladysmith has fallen, the scare serves to impress the public with the danger of what is still within the bounds of possibili-Such a misfortune would produce a formidable revolt among the Cape Dutch. The Daily News says: "Whatever comes, we must brace our nerves to meet it: Certainly to-day it looks as if

we had before us a very stern and earnest struggle, before we see our way clear to final victory." The Times comments upon the fact that thus far the Boers have been able to compel attacks by inadequate forces upon their well-chosen positions, while keeping the initiative in their own hands. It says: "Ample numbers are our greatest need, and the decision to send out the sixth division has certainly not been taken too soon. Now that disloyalty in Cape Colony has to be faced, even greater efforts will have to be made. The only wise course is to turn to account the somewhat bitter lessons of the last six weeks, and to employ a large factor of safety."

SORTIED FROM KIMBERLEY.

British Went Out in the Dark and Nine Boers Were Killed.

Pretoria, Monday. Nov. 27.-General Dutort reports that the British made a sortle from Kimberley early Saturday morning smith, the second commanding the and fired on the Boers with artillery and "The British sortied where the Bloemhof Cronje's forces are divided into three con- Boer force was stationed. On our side there were 300 men. General Dutort, who was nine miles off, hastened to the assistance of the Bloemhof Contingent with 100 men. Nine burghers were killed, 17 were wounded and there were some missing. The British left on the field a private and Acquisition of Gold Fields is

Britain's War Motive.

London, Nov. 28.—Arthur J. Balfour, the Government leader in the House of ComGovernment leader in the House of Com"Commandant Lubb was slightly wound-

"The British have repaired the damage "The Free Staters engaged with the Bri-He asked if, during the last 100 years, tish were overwhelmed by numbers and, any British statesman had favored taxing after a brave stand, until the afternoon, we were compelled to take up another posttion on the other side of the railroad. "Delary says it is impossible to give the numbers of killed and wounded Boers, but the loss is not great." The Boers had four guns to the British The general says the Free Staters are full

> of the garrison is good. No casualties to London, Nov. 29 .- The latter part of the Pretoria despatch from "The Free Staters" onward evidently refers to either the battle of Belmont or the battle of Enslin (Gras

HARASSING THE BRITISH, Boers Keeping Up Their Cannonade of

Ladysmith.

London, Nov. 30.-The Standard publishes the following despatch from Ladysmith, dated Nov. 21: "Last Saturday I had a vhole sackful of my cor espondence returned to me, showing the difficulty of communication with the outside world. "The Boers cannonade us almost daily, out there have been few casualties. Evitently the object of the enemy is to exhaust h spirits of the British troops by incessant parassing. The prospects of the British advance from the south his impelled them to redouble their efforts. They are mounting more guns, and drawing the lines of nvestment closer."

Canadian Hay for Africa. Boston, Mass., Nov. 29.-The sailing of the steamer Montauk, which has been loading hay for South Africa, has been delayed a comber of days, as much of the hay has failed to pass inspection. This delay not only is unsatisfactory to the British Gov- despatch. ernment, as the hay is greatly needed by the cavalry in South Africa, but it is also matter of no small expense to the Govrnment, as the demurrageon the steamer is 250 a day. Canadian oficials acting for he British Government have agreed to get the steamer Montank & Cape Town by he first day of January, lowever.

### CHAMBERLAIN ON THE WAR.

citish Would Have Eirned the Contempt of Mankind P Arms Had Not Been Takes Up.

London, Nov. 20,-Addressing a meeting 7000 people in Leicester this evening. fr. Joseph Chamberlain dvoted the greatpart of a long speech to a justification the Government's policy in South Africa, and to a refutation of the irguments of the arl of Kimberley, Sir Henry Campbell Gannerman and others. "According to Sir Henry Campbell-Ban-erman," said Mr. Chambestain, "we ought

o have skulked back to our holes when Mr. cruger refused to listen to our peaceful reresentations. That would have lost us outh Africa, weakened our hold upon Inda, and earned us the contempt of man-He reiterated that the var was inevit ble, although doubtless Mr. Kruger would save preferred to wait until England was

nvolved with some other power. Referring to the condicions under which he Gladstone Government granted the onvention of 1888, he denied that the rant was made because Mr. Gladstone cared a general Dutch rising. "The real reason," he asserted, "was beause the Gladstone Government believed the annexation of the Transvaal in 1877 occurred under a misapprehinsion by Lord Beaconsfield that a majority of the Boers lesired annexation. It was afterwards proved that this was not their desire, and he annexation was cancelled." Referring to the basis and conditions of settlement after the war, Mr. Chamberlain sald: "I do not like to divide the skin before I have caught the beat. But I must

insist that the Boers, by their own action, have created a clean sheet apon which we can write what we please; and I feel coninced that our loyal fellew subjects in Cape Colony and Natal would regard no solution as durable, which did not provide beyond the shadow of a doubt for the premacy of the British flag-the only guarantee of settled peace and the one Boer forces, it is added, have been hurr'edsecurity for the just treatment of all the iv withdrawn from Ladygrey and Barkley races of South Africa."

CASUALTIES AT MODDER RIVER.

ien. Lord Methuen Was Himself Slightly Wounded-Sketches of the Careers of Distinguished Officers Killed-Partial List of Losses - Boers

Again Preparing to Resist Gen. Methuen.

London, Dec. 1 .- (4.30 a.m.) - Beyond the report from Estcourt that firing was heard in the direction of Ladysmith on Monday, there is not a shred of news of any kind from the seat of war. A semi-official statement has been issued that Lord Methuen's wound is not serious, and that he is expected to be all right in the course of a few days. It is certain, however, that the wound will prevent his being in the saddle, and there is great anxiety to know whether he will be compelled temporarily to abandon the personal direction of affairs. His next in command is Col. Colville, commanding the Guards brigade. He has a reputation as an excellent officer. As men are needed in all directions, Lord Wolseley's announcement that a new divislon will be embarked without delay has been received with the greatest satisfaction. The transports will soon be returning from the Cape, and it is hoped that the men will be despatched speedly. On this point, The Morning Post says: "The sooner we can make up our minds as to the magnitude of the work on hand, the sooner t will be accomplished." Lieut.-Col. Stopford's death ends a mos promising career. He was the officer mainresponsible for working out the details the mobilization scheme.

GEN. METHUEN WOUNDED.

Received a Bullet in His Thigh - Others Who Were Wounded at Modder

London, Nov. 30 .- It is officially announced that General Methuen was among those wounded at the battle of Modder River. Gen. Methuen, it developed later, was slightly wounded by a bullet which inflicted a flesh wound in the thigh. Lieut. Loud of the Second Yorkshires is another of the officers killed. The following officers were also wounded: Lieut. Travers, 3rd Grenadiers; Lieuts. Elwes and Hill. Scots Guards; Lieut. Flint,

KILLED AT MODDER RIVER.

Lancashires; Majors Earle and Ottley, and

Lieut. Fox, 2nd Yorkshires; Lieuts. Baker,

Carr and Neilson, Argyll Highlanders.

Modder River, Nov. 30:

Some of the British Officers Who Lost Their Lives in That Battle. London, Nov. 30 .- The War Office has received from the general commanding at Cape Town the following received from

Killed-Staff-Col. H. P. Northcott. Second Coldstreams-Lleut.-Col. H. B Stopford, Capt. S. Farle. Wounded-Artillery-Major W. Lindsay, Capt. Farrell, Lieut. Dunlop, Lieut. Furse. Third Grenadiers-Major Count Gleichson Lieut. The Honorable E. H. Lygon. Coldstreams-Lieut, Viscount Acheson, Medical corps-G. A. Moore. The casualties among the officers of the Ninth Brigade and the men of the division

Records of the Men.

London, Nov. 30.—Col. Northcott par-ticipated in the Sherbro expedition, West Africa, in 1883, where he was desperately wounded; in the Zulu war; the Ashantee expedition, and the Caragwee expedition, in 1898, for which he was made a Companion of the Bath. Recently he com-manded in the Northern Gold Coast Terri-Lieut.-Col. Stepford had not seen any ac-Major Count Gleichen was a relative of the Queen. Count Gleichen was a major of the Grendler Guards, and was the oldest son of the late Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg. He took part in the Nile expedition in 1884-85, was attached to Sir West Ridgeway's mission to Morocco in 1893; did special service in the Soudan, 1896, and was attached to Mr. Rodd's mis-sion to Abyssinia in 1897. He had been a staff-captain of the Intelligence Division of the War Office since 1895.

BADEN-POWELL HOLDS HIS OWN. Enemy Tried to Fool Him, but He Says "We Sat Tight,"

London, Nov. 30.—Col. Baden-Powell, under date of Mafeking, Nov. 20, has sent the following to the War Office, through Gen, Forestier-Walker at Cape Town: "All well here. Cronje has gone with " Riceter's, Transvani, leaving most of guns here with the Marico and Lichtenberg contingents, with orders to shell us into sub-Bombardment and sniping con-

tinue, with very small results. "The enemy's sentries drew us out Saturday by making a show of going away, and leaving a big gun, apparently, in a state of being dismantled. Our scouts found the enemy hidden in force. So we

"The enemy's 94-pounder became damaged, and has been replaced by another more efficient. I am daily pushing out our advance work, with good effect. The health rallway line toward Spytfontein,

HILDYARD'S NIGHT ATTACK.

With Cold Steel Paralyzed Burghers-30 Killed, 100 Wounded.

Estcourt, Monday. Nov. 27.—The 12th Lancers are reported to have attacked Piet Retrief's force at Weenen and to have inflicted great loss on the Boers. General Hildyard's troops bivouncked yesterday night at Frere. Two Boers have been captured. One of them, a doctor, entered the British camp under the belief that it was a Boer bivouac. General Joubert is reported to have retreated to Colenso yesterday, by way of Chieveley. He traveled in an omnibus drawn by six horses. It is rumored that he is hurrying back to oppose Col. Baden-Two Estcourt trains arrived at Frere yes-

terday evening. There is great rejoicing at the re-opening of the line Beer prisoners report that General Hildyard's night attack with cold steel paralysed the burghers, whose loss was 30 killed and over 100 wounded.

London, Nov. 30 .- The authorities here are unable to explain the reference to Col. Baden-Powell contained in the Estcourt

LADYSMITH SAFE.

Message From a Tologramist Which Says the Garrison Was Holding Out and Well on Nov. 25. London, Nov. 30 .- The War Office has re-

"Mitchell, a telegramist, has just made his way out of Ladysmith to Weenen, whence he sends the following message: creat loss to the enemy. Our total casualies were remarkably small. There were only eight men killed during the siege by German producers are distinctly outshells, and in all the battles only 100 men have been killed. " I left Ladysmith the night of Nov. 25 Since Nov. 9 no attempt has been made to a party of British capitalists, who attack Ladysmith in force."

540 BOERS WERE KILLED.

In the Battle of Bolmont 140, and at Gras Pan 400. Orange River, Monday, Nov. 27 .- Boer pri- | SCOTCH WHISKEY TAMPERED WITH. seners here report that the number of Boors killed at Belmont is believed to have been 140 and at Gras Pan 400. Among the prisoners are several with encrmous red crosses on their sleeves. It is reported that they fought with the artil-

WHAT LORD WOLSELEY SAYS.

London, Nov. 30 .- Lord Wolseley, speaking in London this evening, eulogized the conduct of the British troops in South Africa, and confirmed the semi-official anneuncement that another division of the second army corps would be called out. This division, he said , would soon be on the way to the Cape. He expressed himself as confident that the reserves would respond to the call with the same obedience and pride that had marked the responses to previous calls. Boers Withdraw From Ladygrey.

London, Nov. 30 .- A despatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, Nov. 27, gives reports of the nervousness of the Boers of the Orange Free State border. Some of the Ladysmith Bombarded Monday.

London, Dec. 1.-The Times publishes the

following despatch from Frere, Natal, dat-

ed Monday, Nov. 27: "Ladysmith was heavlly bombarded to-day. A Mixed Up Despatch. General Buller's despatch from Pietermaritzburg yesterday would hardly have dealt with belated details of the situation at Ladysmith if there was anything serious to report. Since then has come the despatch from Estcourt, saying General Jonbert is hastening back to oppose Colonel Baden-Powell. This is incomprehensible here and it is generally supposed that names have been mixed up. But in some quarters conjectures are ventured that the besiegers of Mafeking have withdrawn southward and permitted Col. Baden-Powell to leave that place and that he is now, in conjunction with Col. Plumer, of Fort Tull,

traversing the Transvaal. News From Ladysmith Ladysmith, Nov. 20 .- (By Messenger to Mool River.)-All are well and cheerful. The Boers are not shelling to-day, and we have no fear that they will attack the town. Our position we have made very strong with redoubts and breastworks, and we look forward confidently to the ultimate result.

briefly summarize:

MORE FROM KIMBERLEY. Boers Believed to Have Gone to Spytfontein to Put Up a Fight.

Kimberley, Friday, Nov. 24 (by way of Klokfontein, Nov. 27.-There were a few rifle shots early to-day from the direction of Wright's Farm, but this was regarded as merely one of the numerous Boer tricks to draw our men out by inducing us to believe that the relieving forces are drawing

This afternoon the Boers blew up two large culverts near the rifle butts on the The news of the proximity of the reliering forces greatly cheers the garrison and the inhabitants. A few Boers were seen to-day, but it is believed that the enemy is only in small bands around Kimberleylots of 50 or so, the greater part having gone to Spytfontein, where firing is believed to have been heard about noon. From Kaffir sources comes a report that there are two large Boer langers at Oly-

fant's dam, with 150 wagons for water sup-The Boers have cut the existing dam three miles distant, allowing the water to run down toward their laagers into an old dry dam on the farm. This is believed to be the Free State base of operations on the western border.

The official estimate places the number of Boer shells fired during the bombardment of Kimberley at about 1000, and ours at no fewer than 600. As the enemy's shells so frequently hit soft, sandy ground, the explosive effect is greatly neutralized. All our wounded are in a very satisfac ory congrison.

CANADA'S GREAT PULP PRODUCT.

Englishman Who Knows Says Our Pulp Is the Best. Quebec, Dec. 1 .- Mr. S. C. Phillips

of London, England, who has been in Ottawa, to interview the Minister of Trade and Commerce, has arrived in Quebec to interview the Provincial Government. He is greatly interested in the possibilities of the Canadian pulp industry. He has already visited the West Indies, South America, Central America, inceived the following despatch from General | cluding Mexico and the Southern Buller, dated Pletermarktaburg, Wednesday, | States of the Union. He has found nowhere a superior quality to that seen by him in Canada. Mr. Phillips characterizes the Canadian product "On Nov. 9 we beat back the Boers, with as superb. It is, he says, unlimited in quantity. The Scandinavian and classed by the Canadian pulp. Mr. Phillips will act as cicerone to

> will visit Canada next year. Their object is to inspect Canadian forests and water-powers, with the intention of establishing pulp-mills and like industries.

Inland Revenue Department Has Discov.

ered Adulteration. Ottawa, Dec. 2 .- An analysis made by the Inland Revenue Department shows that many so-called Scotch whiskeys are adulterated. Certain tests proved that the whiskeys in question had been made mainly from patent still alcohol by dilutions, coloring and flavor, and were, therefore, not entitled to be called whiskey. Out of 28 samples, 14 were sold under a name which they had

no right to assume. It is suggested that the term whiskey should be defined by Order-in-Council, and that the principle of the Fertilizers' Act should be applied to distilled liquors, by causing manufacturers to deposit standard samples with the Government, all importations to be considered as adulterated which do not correspond with such standard samples.

Sunlight Is Injurious.

Toronto, Dec. 2 .- Mr. J. J. Kelso is in receipt of a letter from Gravenhurst, with information of such barbarity as belitted the time of the Druids. A man in that district believes sunlight is injurious, and for 10 years he has lived in a hovel without windows, and in that time no candle has ever been lit. He has seven children, all of whom are in a terrible state of destitution. It is said they are going blind, as they are but seldom allowed to go outside. The department is to investi- What About an ... gate.

Sickness on the Vessel. London, Dec. 2 .- The British steamer Lazell, Capt. Lewis, from Santos, Nov. 10, for New York, has put into Mauritius, owing to sickness on board.

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