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Atheism is the husks on which the devil would fatten his swine.

Keeping too much in the pocket will keep God out of the heart.

Two great foes of the church—the golden calf and the leathery oyster.

We begin to backslide the moment we think we have religion enough.

A church letter in the bottom of a trunk never does the Lord a bit of good.

As soon as Esau smelled the soup he stopped caring for his birthright.

If men could get to Heaven by hard work, how many loafers would soon be busy.

The man who does not love his neighbor as himself is not the friend of Christ.

Nothing does less honor to the cause of God than a Christian with a long face.

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Through America in Pictures.

An important pictorial feature will shortly begin in The Ladies' Home Journal in a series to be called "Through Picturesque America: In 100 Pictures." Through the medium of the most superb new photographs, taken expressly for this feature, the series will start where American land begins on the Maine coast, take in the greatest points of magnificence and marvelous scenic wonders in every part of America, embrace Alaska, Cuba, Porto Rico, and end where American possessions stop—at the farthest point in the Philippine Islands. Bright, popular explanatory text to accompany the pictures will be supplied by Luther L. Holden, of Boston, who has crossed the American Continent over one hundred times and knows every step of the way. The series will run through the magazine for a year.

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The Letters of Two Famous Authors.

It was once said of the brilliant "Gail Hamilton" that she was never brighter than when she could poke fun at the poet Whittier: his bachelor life and Quaker ideas. And Whittier enjoyed the visits and letters of his witty friend. She was in the world; prominent in the literary set and in public life because of her relationship to James G. Blaine. She saw much, while Whittier lived a quiet life and saw very little of the outside world. For years they were the closest friends and correspondents. Now The Ladies' Home Journal has secured the best part of these letters from Whittier's executor and biographer, and for the first time they will be published, beginning in the Christmas number.

A Truly Wonderful Gown.

Princess Czartoryski has just had a remarkable gown made in Paris on which her coat of arms is produced in jewels on a white satin ground. For this purpose the stones had to be pierced, and though their value is thus deteriorated, the costume as it stands is reputed to be worth $75,000.

THE SALVATION ARMY

THE LIFE OF THESE SELF-SACRIFICING WORKERS OFTEN ONE OF HARDSHIP.

While on Duty Capt. Ben. Bryan Was Stricken With a Supposed Incurable Disease and Forced to Relinquish the Work—He Has Now Recovered His Health.

From the News, Alexandria, Ont.

The life of a Salvation Army worker is very far from being a sinecure. Their duties are not only arduous, but they are called upon by the regulations of the Army to conduct out-of-door meetings at all seasons and in all kinds of weather. This being the case, it is little wonder that the health of these self-sacrificing workers frequently gives way. Capt. Ben. Bryan, whose home is at Maxville, Ont., is well known through his former connection with the Army, having been stationed at such important points as Montreal, Toronto, Kingston, Guelph and Brockville, in Canada, and at Schenectady, Troy and other points in the United States. While on duty he was attacked by a

so-called incurable disease, but having been restored to health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a representative of the Alexandria News thought it worth while to procure from his own lips a statement of his illness and recovery. He found Mr. Bryan at work, a healthy, robust man, his appearance giving no indications of his recent sufferings.

The story of his illness and subsequent cure by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills reads like a miracle, and is given in his own words as follows:—"While stationed at Deseronto, in July, 1897, I was attacked with what the doctors called "Chronic Spinal Meningetis." The symptoms were somewhat similar to those preceding a pleuratic attack, but were accompanied by spasms which, when the pain became too severe, rendered me unconscious. The length of these unconscious spells increased as the disease advanced. After spending four months in the Kingston General Hospital, and on the Salvation farm, Toronto, I regained some of my former strength and returned to my work. The second attack occurred when I was stationed at Schenectady, N. Y., in October, 1898, and was more severe than the first. The symptoms of the second attack were very similar to those which preceded the first, the only apparent difference being that they were more severe and the after effects were of longer duration. Owing to the precarious state of my health, I was compelled to resign my position after the second attack and return to my home at Maxville. While there a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I began using them in March, 1899. I have used only a dozen boxes and an once more enjoying perfect health. I feel that I am perfectly well and can cheerfully say that I attribute my present state of health to the effects produced by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mrs. Bryan has also used the pills and has benefitted very much thereby."

Women and Their Wheels.

Jane C. Yatman has beaten all bicycle records for women, having ridden 700 miles in 81 hours and 5 minutes. For three and one-half days she slept less than two hours. As against this we can point with pride to over 5,000 women in Toronto who make no such fools of themselves; they use the wheels rationally, bless the memory of the man who invented it, and get eight hours of refreshing sleep out of every 24."

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The Purse We Carry.

The latest pocketbook novelty is nearly square and very large. It has courses, and an edge, if one can afford it, of heavy Russian gold. Some have an edge of plain gold with a beading about the inside, and others have this edge of sterling gilt. Advance styles in midwinter purses are of seal, edged with gold, on which forget-me-nots of turquoise appear at regular intervals. Another is entirely covered with a delicate tracery of silver.

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Getting Down to Business.

"If it is true," said the promoter, "that every man has his price, the fact naturally arouses a certain amount of curiosity."

"As to what?" asked the alderman.

"Well, as to how you're quoted, for one thing," answered the promoter.—Chicago Post.

Enterprising English Bees.

A swarm of bees recently took possession of a house at Teddington, England, after driving the occupant out.

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Dangerous Soothing to Sleep.

In certain parts of the Himalaya mountains the native women have a singular way of putting their children to sleep in the middle of the day. The child is put near a stream of water, and by means of a palm leaf the water is deflected so as to run over the back of the child's head. The water in pouring on the child's head apparently puts it to sleep.

A Carefully Prepared Pill.—Much time and attention were expended in experimenting with the ingredients that enter into the composition of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills before they were brought to the state in which they were first offered to the public. Whatever other pills may be, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are the result of much experimenting and study, and all persons suffering from dyspepsia or disordered liver and kidneys may confidently accept them as being what they are represented to be.

Unhealthy Slate Pencil.

The use of slate and pencil by children is denounced as unhealthy. It has been forbidden in the schools of Zurich, Switzerland, and pen, ink and paper have been substituted instead. The reasons given are that the light gray marks on the slate cannot be followed without straining the eyes.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

If She Had Known.

The mummy of the Egyptian princess who found Moses in the bullrushes has been discovered and placed on exhibition. The Chicago Times-Herald thinks if she had known this was going to happen, just because she had a kind heart, it might have been an unlucky thing for Moses.

New life for a quarter. Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

Took Their Own Forks.

Before the revolution in France it was customary, when a gentleman was invited to dinner, for him to send his servant with a knife, fork and spoon; or, if he had no servants, he carried them with him in his vest pocket.

A Successful Medicine.—Everyone wishes to be successful in any undertaking in which he may engage. It is, therefore, extremely gratifying to the proprietors of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills to know that their efforts to compound a medicine which would prove a blessing to mankind have been successful beyond their expectations. The endorsation of these Pills by the public is a guarantee that a pill has been produced which will fulfil everything claimed for it.

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In the northwest province the glass bangles worn by the Hindoo and Mussulman women are regarded as sacred objects. If a glass bangle be accidentally broken the pieces are gathered together and kissed three times.

If your child is pale, peevish, and does not thrive, a dose of Miller's Worm Powders occasionally will cure.

A Colony of Epileptics.

In Bielefeld, Germany, there is a colony of epileptics, numbering about 1,500. The colony was established in 1868, and patients from all parts of the world go there for treatment.

Always on Hand.—Mr. Thomas H. Porter, Lower Ireland, P. Q., writes: "My son, 18 months old, had croup so bad that nothing gave him relief until a neighbor brought me some of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, which I gave him, and in six hours he was cured. It is the best medicine I ever used, and I would not be without a bottle of it in my house."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Queens and Typewriters.

The Queen of England has a great dislike to typewritten communications, and does not allow any documents that are supposed to emanate from the sovereign to be sent out typewritten. The czarina, on the other hand, has taken a great fancy to the typewriter, and is the owner of a machine with type bars of gold and frame set with pearls.

People who are debilitated and who lack energy as a result of overwork, care and anxiety will recover quickly by taking Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

Petroleum in Borneo.

The results of recent drillings in Borneo have caused many persons to think that Borneo will prove to be the richest petroleum field in the world.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

"The greatest good to the greatest number" is one reason why everybody should drink Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea.

Useful Instruction.

A remarkable incident has come to light in connection with a recent drowning case at Rothesay. One of the occupants of the boat, a boy eight years of age, whose swimming master had told him in an emergency to lie upon his back in the water, did so. Two little girls belonging to the party held on to his legs and a smaller boy rested his head on the youth's breast. The four thus floated for some minutes, and were picked up by men who had to row nearly a mile to their rescue. Three adults—two sisters and a sweetheart—were drowned.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Dynamo and Dynamite.

Till recently the employment of electricity in any shape or form in Constantinople was strictly forbidden. Incredible as it may appear the sultan naively imagined that a dynamo must have something to do with the manufacture of dynamite.

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The French navy is installing wireless telegraphy between the lighthouses along the French coast. Judging from the results of the preliminary experiments, the installation will prove of great value to shipping.

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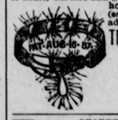

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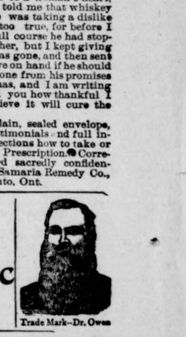
THE MAJUBA HILL FIGHT.

How a Brilliant British General Was Beaten by the Boers.

Here is a description of the fight on Majuba Hill, which shows that all the blame for the disaster cannot be laid on Sir George Pomeroy-Colley, who was a brave and brilliant soldier.

Majuba Hill is a flat topped and very steep mountian, which commands Laing's Nek. After his first repulses, Colley found himself encamped opposite the Boer position waiting for reinforcements. The Boers were steadily entrenching their position at the Nek, so that the storming of it would be far more difficult than it had proved when first attempted. So far the Boers had made no start at holding Majuba Hill, on account of the difficulty of ascending it. Consequently, (a) if the Boers occupied it they would complete their chain of fortifications, (b) if the British occupied it they would outflank the Boer line, and, when the reinforcements arrived, could attack with excellent chances of success. Sir George Colley accordingly deliberately kept back his reinforcements, a strong force of infantry and cavalry, at Newcastle, so as not to tempt the Boers to occupy the hill, seized it by a night march, and then ordered by flag signal from the hill that these troops be hurried to the front. In two or three days they would be at his main camp, and then a combined attack would be made. This plan hinged upon one consideration; that neither of the two small bodies into which he thus divided his army could be attacked and overwhelmed in detail. The hill appeared to be impregnable, and Sir George carefully provided for the defence of the main

Dr. J. W. Leyds.



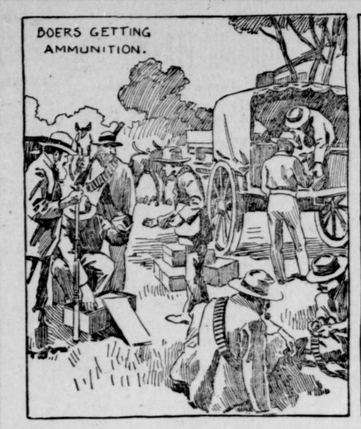
Dr. Leyds is ex-secretary of state of the Transvaal and now receives, it is said, a salary of $85,000 a year as the Transvaal's minister to several of the great powers of Europe.

camp. The force which set out for the hill in the night was smaller than is generally given. It mustered 554 rifles, and 200 of these were left at two detached posts on the four-mile road to the hill.

A HOLLOW IN THE HILL.

The top of Majuba Hill is flat, triangular, and covers about ten acres, and the crest-line measures about 1,800 yards, so that 350 men made a small garrison for it. A hollow occupied part of the top. At the angle nearest the Boers the hill rose steeply to the edge, and then from this tip a slope ran up for about 150 yards to a ridge, about forty feet higher, which cut across the top. Behind this ridge lay the central depression, and from the summit of the ridge, owing to the convexity of the scope, the tip of the hill could not be seen, much less the steep hillside. At the corner of the plateau nearest the Boers, and in advance of the curving slope just mentioned, was a kopje (or koppie), a rocky mound. A party of Highlanders, afterwards reinforced by some 58th men, held this kodje as an outpost. Behind them, on the true edge of the hilltop, was a line of troops composed here of Highlanders. Behind the transverse ridge, in the central hollow, lay the reserves. Finally there seems to have been three paths up the hill. One was by the Highlanders' kopje. The second was in rear of and to the right of the transverse ridge. The third was that next to the British camp, by which the force had ascended.

When the Boers preceived the troops on the hill, and determined to attack, a number of parties advanced to the lower slopes of the hill, and from early morning until 1:30 directed a heavy fire on the mountain top. Only three or four of the British were shot, and the fire appeared absolutely wasted. But while this was going on smaller parties of the Boers were silently climbing the hill. A good deal of the hillside is "dead ground," i. e., cannot be seen from the crest of the hill, so that they could climb safely over these portions. The fire



WAR PREPARATIONS OF THE BOERS AND GENERAL JOUBERT.

While England and the Transvaal were crossing diplomatic swords the sturdy burghers of the South African Republic were getting armed to the teeth. Many tons of ammunition and other war supplies reached them recently, and practically every man and boy capable of bearing arms is ready to fight at a moment's notice. General Joubert, who is a veteran of the Transvaal's two wars with England and vice president of the republic, is the leading military genius of the republic.

from the covering force at once attracted the attention of the British, and by making it unsafe to show one's self on the skyline prevented them from watching the slopes of the hill. By 1:30 the first of these parties, about 60 men, was close under the Highlanders' kopje. Something had been seen of them, and the post had been reinforced, but no idea of their numbers was entertained. The Boers deliberately prepared for the destruction of this advanced post. The party collected under a rock ledge which hid them from the soldiers on the skyline above them. Then, at a word, they stepped back with their rifles at the "present," and instantly discharged a volley, which brought down almost the whole of the picquet. The rest,

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by this sudden slaughter of their comrades, fell back; the line along the true crest in their rear seems to have shared the panic, and fell back to the transverse ridge. To this ridge Colley and his officers were leading the reserve, and as the two waves, the retreating and the advancing, met, there was a scene of intense confusion, as Highlanders and 58th men mingled. For a while the retreating men bore the others back; then the officers got a little line of battle formed along this ridge; and here took place the fight for the hill. The line was confused, companies and corps were mixed up, the men were badly bunched, the flanks were left weak and unguarded, the men were disheartened by the sudden and amazing attack which had befallen them, and all was wild din and tumult. Then the Boer force, which had thus stormed the true crest appeared.

For a while the two lines exchang-

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

The British colonial secretary is the great champion of British paramounty in South Africa. His wife is an American woman. Before her marriage she was Miss Mary Endicott.

ed a heavy fire, but no loss occurred on either side. But the Boers were hugging the ground, covered by the convexity of the slope. All the British saw were spurts of smoke and rifle muzzles, and here and there a head cautiously lifted. The British lead was whizzing over their heads. The Boer fire was striking the ground in front of the British line; gradually it crept up, and the soldiers began to drop. The Boer line was being fed by the climbers lower down the hill. Then a fresh party came up by the path to the right of the ridge on which the British line was; then that right was enveloped with fire, and outflanked and outshot, the line gave way in rout. Colley stood to the end and was killed while urging his men not to run. The rest was a flight down the hillside. The official statement showed 20 officers and 266 men killed, wounded and missing; a heavy fall from 350.

A Hero and His Mother.

When the Black Watch went into action at Tel-el-Kebir, says The Scottish American, one of the most popular men in the corps was Sergeant-Major McNeil. He was a north country man; he had seen many years of service with the "Auld Forty Twa"; was a splendid specimen of a Highlander, and a magnificent soldier. By officers and men alike he was not only respected but beloved. As a man he was singularly honest and straightforward, and was ready with his counsel to all young soldiers who appealed to his experience. When the Black Watch swept over Arabi's trenches McNeil rapidly dashed to the forefront of the battle, and became engaged in deadly hand-to-hand combat. Six of the enemy had fallen before the terrible sweep of his claymore, when, pierced by three bullets, he fell dead near to the spot where Lieut. Graham Stirling was also shot down. His death was deeply deplored by his comrades; it was felt that not only the Black Watch but the army had sustained a loss. In the little graveyard formed at Tel-el-Kebir they showed their attachment to him by erecting to his memory the most conspicuous monument in that remote place of sepulchre amidst the desert sands.

It was after all this had been done that the regiment learned how noble a fellow he was, and how inadquate the provision made by his country for such heroes as he. The sergeant was an unmarried man, having, through choice, remained single, because he had a widowed mother. On her soldier son the old woman depended for her support. For a time illness had kept her in an infirmary in Aberdeen. Then the sergeant removed her from there to a comfortable little home. The cost of this home he defrayed out of his pay, setting aside a certain portion every month. Up to the time of his death this sum was regularly paid. But the fatal Egyptian bullet stopped the widow's allowance. Had the sergeant-major been married his widow would have been entitled to a pension. His old mother was not entitled to anything. The officers of his regiment felt so strongly in the matter that they made a special representation to the War Office, setting forth the deserving nature of the case and the high qualities of the dead soldier. But the red tape of binding regulation could not be unloosed, and the request was refused. On this becoming known the officers at once subscribed from their own pockets £50, which was handed to the bereaved mother.

Two years later, when the Black Watch was hurrying to the Soudan from the Suez Canal by rail, they passed the little cemetery at Tel-el-Kebir. The train stopped for twenty minutes, and more than one of his old comrades paid a last visit to the grave of Sergeant-Major McNeil. And, grandest tribute that a Black Watch man knows, they pulled some feathers from the "red heckle" in their bonnets and laid them reverently on the head of his grave. Then the train passed on, carrying the devoted heroes to the miseries of the sad Soudan and the crowning glory of Kirbekan.

A Major at Twenty-Seven.

The youngest major in the British army is John Campbell, of the Cameron Highlanders. He is only twenty-seven—three years younger than any other major in the service. He has attained his promotion so rapidly owing to active service. The two captains above him in his regiment were shot at Omdurman. Major Campbell comes of a long line of soldiers—his father and grandfather were both in the Cameron Highlanders, and three of his mother's brothers are commanding regiments in India. The young man had a narrow escape from a death shamming Dervish after the battle of Omdurman. He was walking over the battlefield with a companion, when he noticed a strange appearance about one of the supposed corpses. "I don't believe that man's dead," said he to his comrade, "I believe I saw his eyelid move." Nonsense; he's dead, right enough," said the other, and they walked on. Scarcely had he spoken than a spear whizzed through the air from the hand of the supposed corpse. Campbell had turned his head to speak to his companion or it must have killed him.

For the Living.

'Twere better to send a cheap bouquet
To a living friend, this very day,
Than a bushel of roses, white and red,
To lay on his coffin after he's dead.

To Keep Baby From Harm.

In Ireland a strand of woman's hair is put in a baby's cradle.

Roumanian mothers bind red ribbons about the baby's ankles.

Esthonian mothers tie bags of herbs to their infants' necks.

In Wales a pair of tongs in the cradle secures the mite of humanity from harm.

Among the Vosges peasants, children born at the new moon are supposed to have their tongues well hung, and those born at the last quarter to have keener reasoning.

A Feminine Plaint.

Wife—You are so different.
Husband—How, my love?
Wife—Well, you are so indifferent.—

Scene in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg is the mining metropolis of the Transvaal and its greatest city. It has a population of 60,000.

Legislative Building at Pretoria.

Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, is a small city of about 8,000 white population. It is the home of President Kruger.

BY CARRIER PIGEON

Was Brought Welcome News From Beleaguered Ladysmith.

THE BRITISH AT BESTER'S HILL.

Artillery and Native Volunteers Surprise the Enemy—Boers Lose Heavily and Their Camp Was Captured — British Loss Was Small—Boers Now Have Colenso.

London, Nov. 6.—The War Office issued the following at 11.40 last night: "Buller, to the Secretary of state for War:

"Cape Town, Nov. 5.—(8.40 p.m.)—The commandant at Durban sends the following, received from Ladysmith by pigeon post dated Nov. 3:

"Yesterday Gen. French went out with cavalry and field artillery and effectively shelled the Boer laager without loss on our side.

"Lieut. Egerton of the Powerful is dead.

"Gen. Joubert sent in Major Kincaid of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and nine wounded prisoners. Eight Boers were sent out in exchange, no others being fit to travel.

"Col. Brocklehurst with cavalry, field artillery, the Imperial Light Horse and the Natal Mounted Volunteers was engaged to-day with the enemy to the southwest of Ladysmith. The fighting lasted several hours. Our loss was very small.

"The bombardment of Ladysmith continued yesterday and to-day, many Boer shells being pitched into the town.

"Our troops are in good health and spirits and the wounded are doing well."

All Wounded Doing Well.

Sir Redvers Buller has wired the War Office from Cape Town, under date of Sunday, that Col. Kekewich, in command at Kimberley, reports, under date of Oct. 31, that all the wounded were doing well.

TERRIBLE ARTILLERY DUEL.

The British Guns Fire Three Shots to the Boers' One.

London, Nov. 6. — A special despatch from Ladysmith, dated Nov. 2, (morning), says: "During the night the Boers moved closer to the British positions and mounted guns in fresh places. Meanwhile the naval guns have been moved to more favorable positions near the town, and commanding some of the Boer batteries. At 6 o'clock this morning Gen. White ordered the bombardment of the enemy, and the blue jackets opened the ball. The Boers replied vigorously. They fired straight, and some of the British were hit. A terrible artillery duel has been proceeding for over three hours. So far the naval guns are the only ones that have emerged unscathed."

Thursday's Fight Described.

London, Nov. 6.—A special despatch from Ladysmith, describing Thursday's fighting, says: "The artillery duel at dawn, in which the Boer guns were silenced, was intended to occupy the Boers and to enable Sir George Stewart White to achieve his purpose, the capture of the Boer camp behind Bester's Hill. For this purpose the Lancers, Hussars, Natal Carbineers and Natal Border Rifles started under Gen. French at sunrise and got within striking distance before the enemy was aware of their presence. A field battery was also sent, and it secured a good position, commanding the enemy's camp, which was a large one, laagered with army wagons and other vehicles.

Bester's Hill was well fortified and provided with good guns. At 9 o'clock the British opened fire, the Boers replying with spirit, but bad aim. The British quickly sent a 42-pound shell into the camp, inflicting terrible loss and spreading panic among the enemy. Our cavalry then stormed the position, the Boers fleeing precipitately, leaving many dead and wounded, as well as the whole camp and equipment, in the hands of the British. This success will upset the plans of the Orange Free State commanders and possibly will prevent them giving the British further trouble from the west.

The correspondent of The Times at Ladysmith, under date of Nov. 2, confirms the report of artillery exchanges. He says: "The investment of the town is now pretty complete. Last night the enemy tapped the wires in our rear. He can, therefore, cut our communication whenever he pleases. It is suggested, however, that the Boers believe that Ladysmith is in their power, and that they are, therefore, anxious to have us get up all our military stores before they attack us. A reconnaissance by Lancers and a field battery to-day found a Free State laager, which the British shelled heavily, driving the Boers out."

It Was a Sanguinary Battle.

The Times publishes a despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Nov. 3, which says: "The Dutch residents here have received news of a sanguinary battle fought yesterday, probably between Ladysmith and Colenso. A large number of the Boers were killed, many being relatives of Natal Dutch residing in this place. The English residents have no knowledge of any engagement."