

BLOODY BATTLE FOUGHT

Methuen's Column Drives 8,000 Boers From Their Position Near Kimberley.

Desperate Fighting for Ten Hours Without Food or Water--British Losses Are Very Heavy--One of the Hardest Battles in the Annals of the British Army.

Gen. Methuen reports: "Reconnoitered at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, enemy's position on River Modder, and found them strongly entrenched and concealed. No means of outflanking, river being in full flood. "Action commenced with artillery, mounted infantry, and cavalry at 5.30. Guards on right, Ninth Brigade on left. "Attacked position in widely extended formation at 6.30, and supported by the artillery, found ourselves in front of the whole Boer force, 8,000 strong, with two large guns, four Krupps, etc. "The Naval Brigade rendered great assistance from the railway. "After desperate hard fighting, which lasted ten hours, our men, without water or food, and in the burning sun, made the enemy quit his position. "General Pole-Carew was successful in getting a small party across the river, gallantly assisted by 800 sappers. "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 man particularly, it is two batteries of artillery."

RESULT OF THE BATTLE.
As regards the actual result of the battle, the London Morning Post military critic, who it has been generally proved, has keen foresight, says: "It does not seem too much to presume that it was won by the British, though the despatch refrains scrupulously from referring to a victory. The enemy was forced to withdraw from his position, which may mean a falling back of the advance to the interior lines, or the abandonment of the bridge head defenses. "The critic assumes that there was a bridge, and that the Boers at the outset were defending the southern approaches to it. "The former is the more plausible, since General Pole-Carew was crossing with the help of sappers, which would negate the hope that the bridge was in the hands of the British. The sappers were undoubtedly pontooning. "Complaint is beginning to be heard against the employment of so many sailors for purely soldiers' work so far from the coast. The complaint is based on the ground that the navy cannot afford to lose men whom it takes so long to make and replace. "There are also four complaints that more artillery and cavalry were not been furnished to General Methuen. It is argued that at the start of his march he did not have sufficient cavalry for pursuit and to clinch the victories gained, and that branch must be so overworked as to be practically worn out. "The London Daily News says: "Whatever comes, we must brace our nerves to meet it. Certainly, to-day looks as if we had before us a very stern and earnest struggle before we see our way clear to final victory."

BOERS' RETREAT FROM ENSLIN.
The London Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Orange river says that after the engagement at Enslin he climbed the kopje where the enemy's main battery has been. He found that a gun pit had been constructed of ironstone boulders, which practically commanded the railway. Fragments of British shells were everywhere. "On the hills were a dozen horses, all of which had been killed by shells. "Inside the fort there was evidence of a hasty Boer retreat. Saddles, blankets, rugs, and cartridges were abandoned. "A British cavalry cap was found in the fort on the next kopje, where there were over a hundred dead horses. "The correspondent adds that it is impossible to estimate the Boer losses, as they carried off many of their dead, but there was evidence that the British guns had done terrible execution, and that the Boer wounded were injured by the shell fire. Packages of dum-dum cartridges were found in several places. "The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the wound caused by a dum-dum bullet is small where the missile enters but where it leaves the body the wound is the size of a five-shilling piece. "BRITISH LOSSES REVISED. "A despatch from London, says:—A revised list of the British casualties at Belmont shows:—Officers killed, 4; wounded, 22; non-commissioned officers and privates killed, 46; wounded, 225; of which number the Guards had 85 killed and 159 wounded. "The revised list of casualties sustained by General Hildyard's forces in their sortie from Estcourt, Natal, at Beacon Hill shows:—Killed, 13; wounded, 64; missing, 1; prisoners, 8. "LANCER SHOT BY WOMEN. "A despatch to the London Daily Telegraph from Enslin says that on Sunday a patrol of the Ninth Lancers rode up to a farm. A number of women outside the house directed a heavy fire against the troops, killing one of them. "CASUALTIES AT MODDER RIVER. "A despatch from London says:—The casualties in the Modder river battle on Tuesday, so far as known, were four officers killed and nineteen wounded. "The losses among the rank and file have not yet been announced by the War Office, and noldespatches concern-

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Ports.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—About twenty carloads of offerings were received at the Western cattle yards this morning, including a small run of cattle, 2,000 hogs, about 600 sheep and lambs, and a few milkers and calves. "A few odd lots of export stuff were purchased, and represented the shipping business here to-day. All unaltered. "Only the best butcher cattle appears to be really wanted, and what else sells is at weak prices. The quality, generally, is poor. "Export bulls, feeders and springers are just about the same as on Tuesday. "Ewes were weaker to-day, and sold at from 2 to 1-1/2 per pound. "Lambs were steady at from 3-1/4 to 3-5/8 per pound. "Bucks are unchanged in price. "A few extra choice milkers are in demand. "Good veal calves are wanted. "About 1,500 lambs were received. There is no change in the price of hogs. Choice hogs, scaling from 160 to 200 lbs., are selling at \$4.95 per cwt.; thin hogs sell at \$3.75, and fat hogs at \$4, per cwt.; stoves are not wanted. "Following is the range of current quotations:—

Cattle	\$4.00	\$4.50
Shippers, per cwt.	3.75	4.25
Butcher, med. to good.	3.00	3.50
Butcher, inferior.	2.50	2.75
Stockers, per cwt.	2.25	3.00
Sheep and Lambs		
Ewes, per cwt.	3.10	3.30
Lambs, per cwt.	3.25	3.05
Bucks, per cwt.	2.25	2.75
Milkers and Calves		
Cows, each.	25.00	50.00
Calves, each.	2.00	8.00
Hogs		
Choice hogs, per cwt.	4.00	4.25
Light hogs, per cwt.	3.00	3.75
Heavy hogs, per cwt.	3.75	4.00

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Wheat—European markets were about steady. There was no change here. Red and white Ontario, sold to millers at 64-1/2 to 66c, according to nearness to the mill. Goose wheat unchanged at 70c, middle freight, and 69c, north and west. Manitoba quiet; No. 1 hard, g.i.t., 70-1/2c, and Toronto and west, at 75-1/2c; No. 2 hard, g.i.t., 68c, and west, at 72c. Flour—Dull and unchanged. Straight roller, in buyers' bags, middle freight, \$2.60 bid, with \$2.70 asked. Same in wood, for local account, \$3 per bbl. asked, and \$2.90 bid for single car lots. "Millfeed—Steady. Stocks light. Bran and shorts, at \$14 to \$15.50, and shorts at \$14 to \$14.50 west. "Corn—Easy and quiet. No. 2 American yellow, quoted at 44c asked, Toronto; and mixed at 40-1/2c asked. Canadian corn dull and easy, at 38c asked, track, Toronto. "Peas—Steady. Lots sold at 57c north and west; and 59c east. "Barley—A trifle steadier, especially for choice malting barley. Car lots of No. 2, middle freight, sold at 32c, and No. 1 was quoted at 41 to 42c. "Rye—Quiet. Sold at 60c west and 57c east. "Oats—Steady and in fair demand. White oats 26c, north and west; 26-1/2c, middle freight; and 27c, east. "Buckwheat—Dull. Car lots, east, 49-1/2c; and west, at 48-1/2c. "Oatmeal—Rolled oats, in bags, track, Toronto, \$3.35; and in wood, \$3.45 per cwt. "Montreal, Dec. 5.—The grain market was quiet to-day; wheat was lower but coarse grains are unchanged. No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat was quoted to-day at 65-1/2c, (float, Fort William; No. 2 hard, 2-1/2c, below No. 1; No. 2 soft, 31c; and No. 3, 30c. 80c in store, Montreal peas, 55c; barley, No. 1 47-1/2c; rye, 58c; buckwheat, no enquiry, nominally at 50c, flour is quiet and values steady. "We quote Manitoba patents at \$3.90 to \$4.10; strong bakers, \$3.95 to \$3.75; winter wheat, at \$3.80 to \$3.90; straight rollers, \$3.35 to \$3.45, in barrels, and \$3.60 to \$3.67, in bags; Manitoba bran, \$1.60, in bags, and Ontario bran, \$1.50, in bulk; shorts, \$1.7 to \$1.8; and middling, \$1.8 to \$2.0, per ton. "CANADIAN TROOPS ARRIVE. "The Sardinians Arrived at Cape Town on Wednesday. "A despatch from London says:—News was received Wednesday afternoon of the safe arrival at Cape Town of the Allan liner Sardinian with the Canadian contingent, under Lieut. Col. Otter, on board. "The citizens of Cape Town had been waiting for several days for the coming of the Sardinians, and they met the detachment from New Zealand, and much the British people of South Africa recognized the importance of this outward sign of the unity of the Empire in the hour of stress. "When the Sardinian was signalled from Table Mountain the popular enthusiasm became intense, and many hundreds of people made their way to the wharf to be the first to cheer the bearers of the visible helping hand from distant Canada. "Details have not yet come to hand concerning the demonstration which will be tendered to the colonel and representatives, but there is no doubt that it will prove an historical event in the history of the Empire and the world. "PUT A BULLET IN HIS HEAD. "J. Turner-Routledge, Son-in-Law of Sir Hugh Allan, Commits Suicide. "A despatch from Montreal, says:—A sad occurrence took place at Georgetown, in the Eastern Townships, on Monday. Amongst the most prominent residents of this summer resort was J. Turner-Routledge, a young Englishman of good family, who came to Canada several years ago and married the youngest daughter of Sir Hugh Allan, of Montreal. 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