BRITISH FORCES LOSE HEAVILY

White's "Brush" With the Boers Resulted in Heavy Loss.

THE BRITISH TROOPS WIN BATTLES

But the Boers Seem to Get the Advantage in the Campaign.

General Yule's Strategical Retreat From Dundee -- Left His Sick and Wounded Behind-Boers' Plan of Campaign Excites Praise of Military Experts-Kimberley and Mafeking Are Still Holding Out-A Big Battle Expected at any Moment.

little news from the front this morning other than the definite announcement that Gen. Yule has joined the forces of Gen. White at Ladysmith. The War Office bulletin giving the losses in the fight seven miles from Ladysmith on Tuesday came as a surprise. Gen. White, in his despatch, said he had confined himself to hitting the enemy hard enough to keep him from attacking Yule's force, and it was gathered from this that the en- The general feeling of army offigagement was merely an artillery eers is that the Boer attack has duel. But as the British losses were failed and that British valor and 13 killed and 93 wounded, it is evi- skill have triumphed. The Boer dent the action was hot while it lasted. | strategy is considered excellent. "It circles, and the knowledge that the me to-day, with a significant look, British command is now quite strong | are no match for British generals." enough to resist the attack of the An officer on the headquarters staff Boers under Gen. Joubert until rein- compared them, in conversation to a forcements arrive, notwithstanding railway company with an admirathat the enemy greatly outnumber | bly clear and workmanlike time table the Ladysmith forces.

REINFORCEMETNS MOVING UP. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller is expected to arrive at the front next week, and



COLONEL HORE, In Charge of the Boer Forces in Mafeking.

have aiready reached Natal whose arrival has not yet been announced. 1 There is every probability, therefore, that reinforcements are now moving diplomatic agent of the Transvaal in that there will be no coalition to comup. This is calculated to hasten Com- Europe, has issued a statement that pel its acceptance, and there is cermandant-Gen. Joubert's attack on the Boers have now nearly 100,000 tainly no anticipation on the part of Ladysmith, and news of a big battle men in the field, made up as follows: the administration that the U. S.

received from any of the war corre- Orange Free State troops (inyesterday seems to have been an off day so far as fighting is concerned, LULL IN DESPATCHING TROOPS. About hall a complete army corp.

is now affeat, and a full has occurred in despatching the remainder of Gen. Buller's forces owing to some difficulty in obtaining transports. The mobilization and embarkation of 21,-000 men, however, have proceeded with the utmost smoothness and completeness, exterting admiration from even the severest critics of Was

Office organization. Speaking at Dublin ye torday to the departing troop; Gen. Lord Roberts; of Knudahar said that, however important previous campaigns in South Africa had appeared at the time, they dwindled into insignificance when compared with the great event in

The Times, commenting editorially go to France. on the rumor of European intervention, scorns the idea, saying: "No! power will lift a finger. The alarming combinations built on our naval movements have no existence save in overheated imaginations." GENERAL YULE'S RETIREMENT.

The usual phrases are used by the military writers here to disguise the real nature of Gen. Yule's movement lives, and not for business reasons. from Glencoe. It is described as "a | Europe must help us from a purely scientific change of base," "a bril- humanitarian point of view. France, liant strategic manoeuvre," "a re- Germany, and Russia have commenced connoisance in force of the enemy's subscriptions, which I am personally position," and "a prudent measure of collecting. military concentration." It was in reality a well conducted retreat from at Glencoe 25 English officers were a position which was occupied for killed, besides 60 men. When public political rather than military reas- opinion in England is better preons, and which became untenable pared it will be found that the Boers when two British garrisons, forty are in better shape for resistance miles apart, were menaced by a great- than is estimated." ly superior force. Similar unscientific tactics, based on political considerations, have involved the defence of Mafeking, on the western border, Times' Correspondent's Vivid · Dewhen military reasons are valid for a concentration of forces at Kim-

A GAIN FOR THE BOERS. third artillery duel to boast that forward. they have driven back the British and broken up the first line of battle. Everything depended on the

Lonaon cable says: There is very and military stores at Glencoe. The Boers, without winning a single battle or skirmish, can claim the credit of having forced Yule to re treat, and there is logic enough in the situation to justify a feeling of elation. The British troops, on the contrary, can justly complain that their brilliant victories have been clouded and impaired by the original strategic blunder of separating the garrisons for the sake of protecting the Dundee coalfields.

THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY.

Gen. Yule's movement to join Gen. is good enough," a prominent official White is greatly approved in military of the Foreign Office remarked to forces are united has relieved almost | "to have come from Berlin. But in all the anxiety. It is felt that the the execution Joubert and his staff up to fall like rabbits. Again and but inability to see their trains come up to time. This is no reflection on the fighting quality of the men, whose behavior in the field is warmthe indications are that some troops by admired wherever Englishmen my feet was calling for mercy. We discuss the war.

SOME COMPENSATION.

Some compensation for the retreat can be found for the English side in the fact that Commandant General Joubert will remain in the field and continue to conduct the warfare on modern methods, instead of reverts ing to guerilla tactics, as might have been done if a second assault upon Glencoe had been repulsed with heavy losses. He will be no match for Gen. Buller when the army corps is ready for an active campaign in December, for his force will them." be hampered and embarrassed by the necessity of protecting guns which are not well served, and fighting from a base with lines of communication to keep open. The military critics agree in saying that was absolutely crushing." the war may be indefinitely prolonged by guerilla tactics, but that it may also prove a short campaign if the Boers stick to their artillery and try to fight in a regular manner by modern methods.

BOERS HAVE 100,000 MEN.

Transvaal European Agent's Estimate of the Forces Available.

Brussels despatch, Dr. Leyds, the offered, but present indications show Boer regulars 35,000 will be invited to join other powers No particulars of the engagement Artillery 1,250 in tendering its good offices to bring that took place on Tuesday have been Police 3,750 about a settlement of the war.

Dechuanaland and Rhodesian

Scandinavians 600 the tements concerning the enrolment | mediate. young volunteers who offer to aid

"We have made no official move which international law forbids. We have accepted, however, with gratitude the generous offers made, and have delivered proper cassports to enbe the volunteers to reach the Transvan! I have been in Germany, which the British troops were about of the Transvaal, and will shortly army. Force now in South Africa-

> "We are not seeking intervention of the powers, as they can ald in other ways than by giving arms and troops. The nations of Europe must naturally play a role in the present war. The Boers, for example, need funds to take care of their wounded. England has made war for venal motives, the B ers are fighting for liberty or death. It is a war for our

"Despite the censor we know that

THE FINAL RUSH.

scription of the Battle. "Many time we failed, and places were driven back, yet, righting themselves and steadily pushing for-General Yule's retreat leaves the ward, the troop on the summit push-Boers in undisputed possession of the ed on. The first kopje was already a upper triangle of Natal, and en- shamble. Men had fallen fast, but ables them after two defeats and a | weight of numbers carried our men

"It had ceased to be a generals' defence. The British wounded have company, and even the section com- complete army corps, divided thus: been left in their hands and they manders, and gallantly the officers Cavalry, 5,534; infantry, 29,253; south of Belmont, which is twenty nickel. If this built strikes at a Mr. Wyndham added: "We have not

ample. The enemy stood to their positions with a grim persistency which was magnificent, and their stand at the last kopje above their camp and laager was one of the finest pieces of fighting recorded in modern wars. In spite of the united attack of the storaging regiments training their standard and New tingents from Queensland and New to they may defend a few chosen positions. Indeed, it is believed here that the heaviest fighting of the wound.

ARIS THE BRITISH LOSS.

The 1st storming regiments, training their guns at point blank range, and discharging their magazine rifles, they checked the advance for half an

was only half an hour's more light, and the shattered battalions were ly-



distinguished service.

bugles rang out the advance, other buglers took up the call, fixed bayonets gleamed amid the boulders through the fading light, and the men sprang up to the well known notes-sprang again sounded the call.

"Somehow I found myself with a company of the Devonshire Regiment. A fence stopped us; we fell or threw ourselves over it. Still sounded the call. The Highlanders were shouting above, cheering madly. We were over a breastwork, and passed aguick-firing gun still smoking. A Dutchman at were in Someone shouted 'Remember Majuba.' Over the brow of the hill there was the sound of skirling pipes. The main kopje was taken. There was still firing below.

"With 'Majuba' still on their lips, our men dashed forward to carry the laager with bayonets. The officers held them back, and a voice in command said, 'Cease firing,' Again the bugle rang out, and a white handkerchief fluttered at the end of a rifle, The enemy had surrendered, but the main remnant were pouring over the hillside, where our cavalry pounced on Referring to the slaughter, the cor-

respondent says: "Glencoe was as sanguinary an engagement as this in every respect, but though the price was high, the defeat

UNITED STATES REPORTS. No Interference Probable-Strength

of British Forces.

New York report says: A despatch from Washington to the Herald says: Interference by continental Europe in the war between Great Britain and the South African Republic is not expected by Administra-London cable says: According to a tion officials here. Mediation may be

Up to this time, it is stated aucluding Outlanders) 35,000 | thoritatively, the U.S. has not been Nata: Boers 3,000 approached by any power of Europe to use its influence to put an end Boers 8,000 to hostilities, and it is stated signi-Foreign egion 600 ficantly that the nations of the con-Americans 4,000 tinent are unlikely to make such a Germans of 6,000 suggestion in view of their under-Dutch and Belgians 2,000 standing that the President does not 1,000 | intend to take ruy steps in the matter until informed by both Great Bri-French, Swiss and Italian 200 tain and the South African Republic Dr. Leyds has made the following that they will be willing for him to

THE RIVAL FORCES

New York, Oct. 26.-Col. S. S. Sumer, military attache of the United States at London, who has been ordered to South Africa to witness the military operations there, has, the Herald publishes, sent to Washington this statement of the present and Austria and Holland in the interests prospective strength of the British Regulars, 12,000; volunteers, 14,000; nesburg Corps." reinforcements to arrive before Nov. 1st, 10,000. Total force in South Africa by Nov. 1st, 36,000.



Major Lord Edward Cecil, son of the British Premier, is one of Baden-Powell's staff at Mafeking.

Reinforcements contempated: One

stuck under cover, the officers sacri- communication, 9,297; troops to be ficed themselves to furnish an ex- left at base, 2,832; total, 52,338. Con- not attack the British troops, though

London, Oct. 26.—The despatches from the front are so diversified and contradictory that it is difficult to outline the situation with any degree of exactitude. Three or four "It was now six o'clock. There main facts, however, stand out prominently. Gen. Symons' fight at Gen. Yule would in all probability have been annihilated, or have met with the same fate as the captured Hussars, if he had not retreated. Gen. White's artillery duel at Reitfontein was a very severe engage-ment, in which the rifle did great execution and which success was only achieved at a distressing cost. The bombardment of Mafeking has commenced, with unknown results, and the Boers have got the Hussar prisoners safely to Pretoria. Altegether the campaign is being rushed by the Boers so strenuously, and on such sound strategical lines, that the situation of the British must in all probability give them cause for keep anxiety for some time to come.

> HARD ON OFFICERS. It is difficult to see how the concentrated force at Ladysmith will be able to take the aggressive immediately. Apart from the fatigue, regiments like the Gordon Highlanders and Royal Rifles, have been practically without officers since the fightand 135 additional officers have been ordered to leave England as speedily as possible.

THE OFFICIAL STORY. An official British account of the fighting at Reitfontein, given at He was seriously and perhaps mor- | Cape Town, says: "The enemy post-

Number of Lives. Total British killed, 13-Colonels, 1; Majors, 1; Lieutenants, 2; non-com. officers and men, 9. Total British Wounded, 93-Lieutenints, 3; non. com. officers and men,

Col. Wilford, First Gloucester. Major Abdy, Fifty-Third Battery field Artillery. Lieut. Douglas, Second Battery Field Artillery. Lieut. Holford, Nineteenth Hus-

First Gloucester—Lieut. Hickie. Second—Lieut. Douglas. Fifty-Third Battery Field Artillery-Lieut. Perrea, Lieut. Hobart. Total dead and wounded by regi-

Border Md. Rifles Natal Volunteers 1 Natal Md. Rifles 53rd Batterry Ar. .. 1 First Devonshire 1 The British loss in the three bat les, therefore, totals: Killed,

FIGHT NEAR KIMBERLEY. Commandant Botha and Many Boers

Killed. A Cape Town report says:

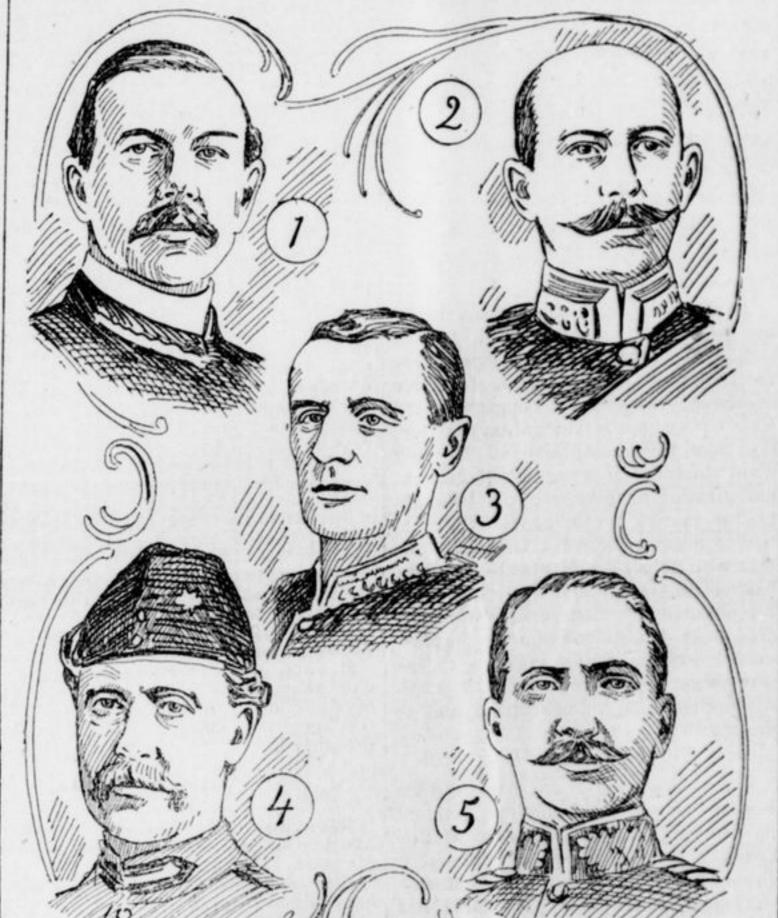
tally wounded at the battle of Dun- ed a battery two miles south of Mod- ficial reports from Kimberley, dated dee, and was promptly promoted for derspruit, and opened with infantry Tuesday, state that Col. Scott Tur- 36 years of age; while his brother fire at long range on the British ad- ner, with 270 men, proceeded north- officer, Mr. Leslie Hamilton, who is vance guard, consisting of the 19th ward to MacFarlane's farm, where the second son of Lord Hamilton of ing round the kopje, where the Dutch Hussars. This was followed by artil- they unsaddled their horses. At 9 Dalzell, is about 26 years old, and

Protecting Yule's Column Cost

Names of officers killed: Officers wounded:

Killed. Wounded. wounded, 426. In addition there are number of officers and men miss-

were making their final stand. Our lery fire directed with considerable o'clock a party of Boers was seen one of his sisters recently married



THE BRITSH BRIGADE COMMANDERS IN NATAL.

No. (I) MAJOR-GEN. SIR H. E. COLVILLE.

No. (3) MAJOR GEN. WAUCHOPE, C. B. [Commanded the Highland Bridge at Om-

NO. (4) MAJOR-GEN. THE HONORABLE Fourth Brigade, Second Division. This Officer Figured Prominently at OmdurNo. (2) MAJOR-GEN, H.T. HILDYARD

NO. (5) MAJOR-GEN, FITZROY HART Fifth Brigade, Third Division. Has Been in the Midst of Most of the British

accuracy against the British guns. An action lasting six hours ensued at Rietfontein farm. The enemy were driven from the hills commanding the roads. Sir George White's object being accomplished, the column returned to Ladysmith. The enemy is believed to have suffered severely. Several Boers own officially that they lost over 100 killed at Elands Laagte. Three hundred prisoners, wounded and unwounded, are in the hands of the British, including several of high position. The Transvaal force defeated at Elands Laagte was the Johan-

ADVANCE ON KIMBERLEY.

Cronje Said to Have Left Mafeking for the South.

"Commandant Cronje, who has been twice repulsed at Mafeking, is said to be advancing on Kimber.ey, and to be imprisoning men and seizing stores and munitions in British territory. He left a small force investing Mafeking. The Free State Boers are moving westward in order to join him for an attack on Kimber-

"The despatch riders who are coming down to the Orange River from Kimberley are performing daring feats. They ride through the Boer ines under cover of the darkness, and get to the Orange River without taking any rest, save for a change of horses. The distance is 60 miles. Why so Many of the Wounded One rider who got into Kimberley ast Friday was chased 17 miles by Boers, narrowly escaping with his ife. The same man returned safely Republic are armed with the sport- of Commons, as to what arrangements with despatches to Orange River to- ing model of the Mannlicher rifle, had been made to employ civilian docday. When he had reached a point probably the most deadly weapon of tors to assist in the care of the 30 miles from Kimberley his horse fell its weight and calibre in the world, wounded in South Africa, Mr. Wyndand kicked two of his fingers against The Mannlicher rifle weighs about ham said he was glad to take the opa rock, but despite this painful wound | eight pounds, and its barrel is 30 | portunity of announcing that Sir Wil-

three miles from Kimberley, but are through two inches of solid ash. The accompany General Sir Redvers Bulafraid to attack the place, and are bullets used by the Boers are full- ler's force, and place his great skill waiting for the arrival of Commander | mantled, that is, entirely covered | and ability at the disposal of the Cronje there. No Boers are to be seen | with a thin coating of copper or army medical authorities. must also have secured possession of and non-commissioned officers did corps treops, including artillery, enconsiderable quantity of supplies their work. If the men wavered and gineers, etc., 5,122; troops on line of The defeats in Natal are taking all will pierce a bone without splinter.

on the right flank, and was quickly scattered, Col. Scott Turner opening fire on them, and several of the enemy were seen to fall. The enemy moved to a sand heap and opened fire on the British, which was re-

Fighting in the Last Thirty Years.]

Col. Scott Turner attempted to prevent the Boers advancing against toba, has received a contribution Col. Murray, but was met with a of \$100 from the Manitoba Governheavy fire from a dam wall 600 feet | ment to the fund for supplying nurses to the left. At 11 o'clock Col. Murray ordered 150 men of the Lancashire Regiment to proceed to the cablegram stating that President

An armored train is already supday, Col. Murray started also, with of the Vaal River. two field guas and two Maxims and A private telegram from Delagoa Col. Scott Turner highly commended

Commandant Botha and many Boers were killed. The British loss was three killed and 21 wounded. The engagement was a brilliant success for the British forces.

ARMS OF THE BOERS.

the gallant fellow made a good jour- inches in length. Its calibre is .30. liam MacCormack, the distinguished It has a killing range of 4,000 yards. President of the Royal College of Sur-"He reports that the Boers are At that distance a bullet will go geons, had intimated his readiness to

the fight out of them, and they will | ing. At longer ranges, however, it is apt to spread, making a terrible

ARISTOCRATIC OFFICERS. British Nobility Well Represented in the Guards.

The 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, which left Gibraltar for the Cape yesterday, has among its officers some very well-known men. Major William Lambton is the fifth brother of Lord Durham, and has already seen distinguished service. He was present at the battle of Khartoum, and was mentioned in despatches; but he is still a comparatively young man, not more than



MISS LIZZIE RUSSELL Who Goes With the Canadian Transvaal Contingent as Trained Nurse.

a very rich man, Captain Heywood-Lonsdale, Lord Oxmantown and Lord Dunsany are both in this regiment, as well as Mr. Charles Douglas-Pennant, who is the second son of Lord Penrhyn by his first marriage.

Mr. Guy Dawnay is a nephew of Lord Downe and a son of Colonel Lewis Dawnay, who was himself in the Cold tream Guards and former-M. P. for Thirsk, while his wife is a ister of Lord Grey.

Lord Beauchamp has two brothers n the 3rd Battalion of the Grenadier Guard, who have also gone to the Cape from Gibraltar; and another officer in the same corps is Mr. Alexander Victor Russell, who is in the Bedfordshire Regiment. Not only the Queen but the late Emperor and Empress of Germany were sponsors for the twins at their birth.

Lord Edward Cecil, who is now at Mafeking, is the fourth son of Lord Salisbury, and married a very pretty daughter of Admiral Maxse. He holds the rank of Brevet-Major in the battalion named. He served in the Dongola expedition of 1896, receiving mention in despatches, the medal and two clasps and the Khedive's star. He also saw active service in the Nile expedition last year, being in the thickest of the fighting at the battles of Atbara and Omdurman, and receiving two additional clasps, besides special mention in the spatches.

Lady Sarah Wilson, who is also at Mafeking with her husband, is naturally well known as the daughter of the late Duchess of Marlborough and aunt of the present young Duke. Among the other defenders of Mafeking is Mr. Frank Milligan, the well-known Yorkshire county cricketer. How he happens to be "in that galley" arises from the fact that after he had done his duty in Lord Hawke's team as a cricketer, he remained at the Cape, and, anticipating trouble, obtained a commission in the Bechuanaland frontier force, now under Colonel Baden-Powell. Mr. Mil-Egan is the son of Colonel Milligan, of Cauldwell Hall, Burton-on-Trent.

War Notes.

The Association of French Dames has decided to send a field hospital to the Transvaal. The Boers have declared Griqualand West Free State territory, and are commandeering British subjects for

military service. The Minister of Militin states that the Sardinian, with the Transvaal volunteers on board, will probably sail from Quebec on Monday at midnight. Col. Hughes received an ovation at Lindsay on the occasion of his departure for the Transvaal, and was presented with a purse of gold by the town and county, and other gifts from the battalion officers.

Hon. Col. McMillan, Treasurer of the Red Cross Association for Maniin the Transvaal. The Colonial Office has received a

Steyn, of the Orange Free State, has issued a proclamation annexing that porting Col. Scott Turner. At mid- part of Cape Colony which is north

70 mounted men. One of the two Bay says a man who has just ar-British guns opened suddenly upon rived there from Johannesburg as the Boers, who were in an unfav- serts that the Transvaal Governorable position. The Boer artillery ment has appropriated 850 beds in was brisk. Another armored train private houses in Johannesburg for was held in readiness. At 2 o'clock | wounded troops from the front. The the second train was sent forward Boer organs, according to this inforwith additional ammunition. The mation, are doing everything to min-Lancashires behaved splendidly and mize the Boer losses, and all sorts of misstatements and misrepresentations are employed. Dr. Jameson, who became famous

through the raid which he headed into the Transvaal, and his companion, Col. Grey, have arrived at Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, from England. It is rumored at Plymouth that the Admiralty is about to mobilize a reserve fleet in home ports, and that this and other naval undertakings are due to the intention of Russia to seize a port in the Persian Gulf.

The forces of the South African Replying to a question in the House

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