BOERS BADLY BEATEN BY METHUEN'S TROOPS.

British Won a Great Victory Near Belmont.

ENEMY MEETS WITH HEAVY LOSS

British Loss 58 Killed and Wounded.

CARRIED AT THE POINT OF THE BAYONET.

Boers approached, the British set the

whole country ablaze, killing every

London cable says: The War Office

"The infantry behaved splendidly,

"The enemy fought with courage

"Had I attacked later I should have

"Our victory was complete. I have

"I am burying a good number of

Boers, but the greater part of the

killed and wounded were taken away

"I have a large number of horses

"I destroyed a large amount of am-

"The British loss was 3 officers and

"Brig.-Gen. Fetherstonhaugh was

severely wounded in the shoulder, and

Lieut.-Col. Crabbe, of the Grenadier

"Grenadier Guards, Third Pattalion

-Killed, Lleut. Fryer; wounded.

Lieut. Blundell, dangerously. Second

Battalion-Wounded, Lieut, Leslie,

Lieut. Vaughan, Lieut. Gordon-Re-

bow, and Lieut. Russell; reported

wounded, Lieut. Lyon and Lieut. Cam-

eron. Rank and file, killed 26, wounded

"Coldstream Guards-First Battal

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LOSSES BY REGIMENTS.

Northumberland Fusi-

South Yorkshire

Northamptonshires

WHAT THE VICTORY MEANS.

An English Veteran Officer on the

Situation.

The boldness and resource mani-

COLONEL J. S. YOUNG.

Cross Society for Ald to

Sick and Wounded in Natal.

questionable whether by stretching

der any assistance to the combined

Commissioner of the British

Guards, is reported wounded.

"Our other casualties are:

55 men killed, 22 officers and 128

men wounded, and 18 men missing."

had far heavier losses.

by their comrades.

40 prisoners.

and cows.

munition.

36, missing 13.

THE CANADIAN PLAN. Basis of Settlement in South Africa one within reach.

Decided Upon.

London cable: The Dally Chron- has issued the following despatch from General Lord Methuen, which was re-"We learn that the Cabinet has de- ceived through Gen. Sir Frederick For-

elded that the basis of settlement in Belmont, Nov. 23.-I attacked the South Africa will be a united South enemy at daybreak this morning in a Africa modelled upon the Canadian strong position on three ridges, which plan. The details have not yet been were carried in succession, the last atsettled; but it is practically certain | tack being prepared by shrapnel. that no terms of peace will be accapted by the British Government and received support from the naval short of the British occupation of brigade and artillery. Pretoria and Bloemfontein."

Equal Freedom for All. Cape Town cable says: Sir Alfred Milner has issued a proclamation to the people of the colony, in the course

"It is my duty to dispel false reports regarding the policy and intentions of the Imperial Government. Misleading manifestoes from beyond the border represent the Imperial authorities as desiring to oppress the Dutch, and the idea has spread abroad that the Dutch will be deprived of their constitutional There is absolutely no truth in such allegations. The Imperial Government desires the greatest freedom of self-government for both Dutch and British, and the extension, not the curtailment, of the constitutional rights that are solely endangered by rebellion. The Imperial Government adheres firmly to the principle of equal freedom for all loyal colonists."

EAGER FOR NEWS.

War Office Besieged by Anxious

troubled and anxious men and wo- the latter severely. Rank and file, at Beiment temporarily shifts the men of all classes long before they killed, 8; wounded, 23; missing, 5. were opened, and when the inquirers "Scots Guards-First Battalion, Turning to Natal, the situation is were finally admitted their anxious wounded, Major Hon. North Dal- far less cheering to British onlookers. questions showed they feared that rymple-Hamilton, severely; Lieut. yesterday evening's curt official bul- Bulkeley and Lieut. Alexander. Rank Post puts the matter clearly when he letin, though black enough, had not and file, killed, 9; wounded, 34. recorded the full story of the Britthe Government officials had issued Lieut. Brine; wounded. Major Rash- erations a parallel to the situation no further despatches, so the neryous distrust of the public, who are beginning to look with distrust wounded, 32. upon the stories of British successes. so constantly accompanied by Boer advances, remains unalleviated.

land and Lieut. Barton, severely. Gen. Methuen's message leaves a great deal to be explained. According to all previous facts obtainable as to the relative strength of the forces, the Boers must have been in

"A DECIDED MINORITY, yet the total British loss, 220 killed, wounded and missing, proves the effectiveness of their resistance, and amply justifies Gen. Methuen's tribute to the courage and skill with which the burghers fought. The fact that no guns and only forty prisoners were captured by the victors, and that the Boers carried off their dead and wounded, shows they retired in an orderly manner, without precipitation or confusion, and that probably the Boer casualties were not numerous, owing to the strength of their position. The destruction of the Boer ammunition captured is taken as an indication that Gen. Methuen occupied the captured position at Belmont and destroyed the Boer supplies in order not to hamper the immediate advance of his flying column, which is marching in the lightest

The road is now presumably open to the Boer position on the Modder River, where the guards, who apparently bore the brunt of yesterday's fighting, will in all probabilty have another chance to get at close quarters with the bayonets.

Churchill to be Released. Pretoria cable says: It is believed that the Government will shortly release Winston Churchill as a non-

The prisoners from Mafeking and Lobatsi are mostly railroad men. After they had taken the oath not to fight against the Transvaal they were sent to Delagon Bay.

THE MOOI RIVER FORCE.

Boers Still Pitch Shells Into Camp-A Runner's Story.

Moo! River, Natal cable says: The Boers have sent only an occasional shell into the British camp since this morning. The range of the British | fested by the Boers since they crossed guns is not sufficient for them to the Tugela appear to have been atbe effective. An official native run- tended with great success, but it is ner corroborates the report that | heavy firing has occurred northward. | themsevies so far to the south as they The runner, who is from Estcourt have they are not rather playing into says he was captured by the Eoers, General Buller's hands. The best part who infest the heights northward. He of the Boer armly is now in a position adds that they searched him but fail- where it is beyond its power to rened to discover the despatches.

The Boers are in strong force under | Free State and Transvaal force, which the cover of a hill on which are two has already come into contact with guns. When the British opened fire the British troops advancing through the runner escaped in the subsequent | Cape Colony to Kimberley and the

last week. He reiterates that heavy gues very great confidence on the fighting occurred there. The Boers he part of General Joubert in the capclaims made several attempts to acity of the levies blockading Lady- ing across the Mooi River. repulsed with heavy loss. The na-tive explained the failure of the assault by saying that every time the as he apparently has for the raids

toward Pietermaritzburg. There is caricatures in connection with coming until events have further de- entitled "English correction." the relief of the different blockaded the outcome of British embassy regarrisons in Natal continue in the present leisurely fashion it will be impossible to avoid the inference that it is done by design.

SITUATION IS CLEARER. While the situation in Natal was most confusing yesterday, several points were clear at midnight. The Ladysmith garrison remained safe and cheerful at the end of last week, as was shown by the London Star's special despatch from Cape Town, runner. Major-General Hildyard was squadrons of African Light Horse have not helpless at Estcourt, for he had made a sortie and was engaging the held by Major-General Barton's battallons at Mooi River, after two days' defend it. Pietermaritzburg was well of the forts are trained on it in case for the Canadian contingent on their val guns had been put on shore at race course. From President Kruger march through the town instead of Pritain would be a pritain would be a put on shore at race course. Durban. Gen. Buller, moreover, was | down, everyone is not showing any signs of uneasiness a small body of dragoons. JOUBERT A GREAT GENERAL.

British Military Expert on the Situation.

A London cable of Friday says:

certainly something requiring ex- Transvaal war have culminated in planation in the seeming inaction of a grossly obscene drawing insulting Gen. Clery, but it will not be forth- Queen Victoria, in La Caricature, veloped. Should the preparations for police seized it to-day, probably as

presentations. CAUGHT IN A TRAP.

some Boers. Cape Town cable says: Unconfirmed reports continue arriving here to the effect that General White recently caught the Boers in a trap at Ladysmith, inducing the besiegers to venture into the open country around the British camp, where the British sor-ties captured the attackers. Three

White Sorties and Captures Venture-

gone northward. Late arrivals from Pretoria estimate the Boer casualties at 1,000 men, half of whom were killed. They also say the race course there is being prepared for a laager, Town cablegrams show that a rein the event of a siege, and the guns | markable welcome is being organized

IN FAVOR OF FIGHTING. or panic, for the only force sent from | They believe they will succeed in an-Cape Town to Durban yesterday was nexing all the beleaguered towns, and the flag of the United Republic, now ready, bears the Orange cross. The Boers expect the war to last from four to six months, and that then they will possess South Africa.

Commandant Abrecht and Lieut. Eloff have started with a thousand

the hospital.

Since the siege began a month ago it was impossible to distinguish the ofthirty lives have been lost. The enemy | ficers, who wore the same equipare getting out of hand. They refuse | ment as the men. The marksmen were to obey Gen. Cronje's order for a also unable to make out the sergeants night attack. Every attack has been and other non-commissioned officers, repulsed with heavier loss to the whose stripes had been removed. enemy than to the British. The Boers have received additional guns and am-

munition, and the bombardment is increasing in vigor. CANUCKS' ROYAL WELCOME.

Canadian Contingent Will be Warmly Received.

London cable says: To-day's Cape troops did, thus permitting the fullest | war.

The London Chronicle to-day comments on its Toronto telegram de- vertiser confirms the report of fightscribing the French-Canadian feeling ing near Willow Grange. It says; regarding the war, and concludes that Five thousand British left Est. although there is a party among the court Wednesday afternoon for a re-French-Canadians which strongly connaisance. holds that Quebec did not go into Confederation to take an active share o'clock Thursday morning and occu-

On Nov. 13th enemy again shelled cluding several Boers, have On Nov. 9th the enemy advanced Boers, a boy 17 years of age, was their lines 300 yards. Col. Baden- compelled to take up arms with his Powell notified the town to prepare father, who is a prisoner. A woundfor a further fortnight's siege, but ed Boer said that twenty men were there is little ground for believing that selected from each Boer section to it will be relieved in a fortnight. At pick off the British officers. But on least a month must elapse before it is the advance of the British force the Boer marksmen were bewildered, as

Talk of Mediation.

New York, Nov. 25 .- A cable to a morning paper dated Berlin, Nov. 24th, says: The Brussels telegram to the Tageblatt says the Independance Belge, asserts it has trustworthy authority for stating that the Kaiser's interview with Mr. Chamberlain turned on the absolute necessity of terminating the Transvaal war. The Kaiser offered his the prisoners attempt to escape. A arrival at Cape Town. Permission is mediation to achieve this object. Maxim is placed at the gate of the being sought to have the Canadians Mr. Chamberlain informed the Kai-

80 Boers Bayoneted.

Durban, Nov. 24.-The Natal Ad-

"They surprised the Boers at 3 pied the Boer position, bayoneting

80 of the enemy. "At daybreak the Boers opened with "The British artillery was unable to reach the Boers, and the British

and was evacuated. "Subsequently the artillery was brought into action, and the Boers

position, therefore, became untenable,

"Their object having been attained, the British returned to Estcourt."

Surprised the Boers.

London, Nov. 25 .- The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, describing the sortie at Willow Grange, says: "The British surprised the Boers, carried their position, captured all their equipment, and returned to Estcourt in safety. Gen. Hildyard was very well satisfied with their work."

The Daily Telegraph's Cape Town correspondent says that refugees state that the Boer losses at Elands Laagte were mainly Germans, Hollanders and Irish, whom the Boers despise. They were posted prominently in the front.

Durban, Nov. 24 .- An official message from Gen. White at Ladysmith,

White Heard From.

dated Nov. 22nd, says: "Situation unchanged. Troops well and cheerful. THE BELMONT BATTLE.

Gen. Methuen Addresses the Troops

Praising Them for Their Bravery. London, Nov. 25.-The Times pub-

lishes the following despatch from its correspondent at Belmont: "The engagement was a complete rout, and the Guards' attack one of the finest achievements in the annals

fire in reply, but used the bayonet "The Boers used some dum-dum

of their brigade. The defenders' fire

was reserved until the Guards were

within 250 yards. The Guards did not

"Lieut. Willoughby was treacherously shot by a party which had raised a white flag. Lieut. Blundell was shot by a wounded Boer he was at-

"Major Milton, of the Yorkshire Infantry, displayed special gallantry. At the close of the action, when his men fell into an ambush and they were escaping, he gave his horse to a trooper

whose mount had been shot, and walk-"Gen. Methuen, after the battle, addressed the troops, saying "'Comrades, I congratulate you on the complete success achieved by you 208 rebels, including an ex-magistrate, of this morning. The ground over which tics of mounted infantry. With troops such as you, a commander can have no fear of the result. There is a sad side

> "'I estimate the Boer losses as equal to those of the British. I hear a rumor that the Boers are threatening

ing as much of those who have died

for the honor of their country, and

of those who are suffering, as we are

500 Boers Were Killed.

London, Nov. 25,-The Daily Chron Further despatches from Belmont | icle's correspondent with the forces

London Times' correspondent at Bel- butes to our troops, who climbed the steep kopjes in face of a murderous fire as nonchalantly as if they were on parade, notwithstanding the fact that their comrades were dropping

"The Boer fire, though terrific and sustained, became wildly inaccurate. Our shell fire completely demoralized the enemy. The Ninth Lancers. pursuing the retreating enemy, cut them up severely, and turned the retreat into a rout."

War Notes.

The news of Gen. Methuen's victory

was enthusiastically received by the Grenadier Guards stationed at Windsor. The commanding officer addressed the men on parade, and round after round of cheers was given.

Cure Chapped Hands

DALLEY'S FAMILY SALVE Or Corns, Bunions, Ingrown Nails. 10 cents a box.

Kruger Has 104 Grand Children. The Boer President has been married twice, had one child by first wife and 16 by the second. His grandchildren number 104. He has done his share toward surprising England with the size of the Transvaal army.

That stomach trouble will cease if Orange River, Cape Colony, Nov. 24, you will take Miller's Compound Iron



ELANDS LAAGTE.

A burial party of Gordon Highlanders seeking out their dead on the field of Elands Laugte at night, after the first general engagement between the British and the Boers. - Collier's Weekly.

London cable says: The doors of Battalion, wounded, Lieut. the Hon. The sharp blow that Gen. Lord Me- followers to capture Buluwayo. the War Office were besieged by C. Willoughby and Lieut. Burton, thuen's column has dealt the Boers

"Northumberland Fusiliers-First "It would be exceedingly difficult opened: Battalion, killed, Capt. Eager and to find in any recorded military opwood and Lieut, Festing, dangerously; in Natal, and its uniqueness argues Capt. Sapte and Lieut. Fishbourne, once more the regular fighting severely. Rank and file, killed, 12; quality of our opponents. To-day from Pietermaritzburg to Lady-"Northamptonshire Regiment-Ser- smith, one side alternate with the ond Battalion, wounded, Capt. Free- other at intervals along the line. There are British troops at Pieter-"South Yorkshire Regiment-Second | maritzburg, Boers at Balgowan, Bri-Battalion, rank and file, wounded, 3." | tish at Mooi River. Boers at Willow Grange, British at Estcourt, Killed 58 Boers at Ennersdale, British are with-

plex sandwich of opposing forces can Farquhar's Farm 871 at the latter place, and that the whole surely never have been seen before, Belmont 18 force is reported to be marching on and the Boers have once more been lifted by means of their mobility out

of range of all military rules. "Gen. White is surrounded at Ladysmith, Gen. Hildyard at Estcourt, and Gen. Barton at Mooi River, and the Boers seem able, after detaching troops sufficient to contain three forces, consisting in all of about 17,- Officers ... 000 men, still to go forward with Rank and file 7.000 odd towards the sea. situation is so extraordinary that we can only wonder how much longer

it is going to hold together. "Whatever Gen. Joubert's intentions may be, he is undoubtedly playing a deep and brilliant game. To have paralyzed the British advance the moment it began, to have cut the relieving column into three parts, and compelled each to stand on the defensive, be remembered to his credit as a gen-

may be mishandled. Regarding the position south of the Orange Free State, the news is so unprecise and the British divisions so guns at the hospital and women's dell, of the Grenadier Guards, was dislocated that it is impossible to un- laager at the monastery. One shell derstand just what is happening. The struck an inmate of the women's main expectation here is that General laager on Nov. 4th. Gatacre, operating from Queenstown, The enemy unsuccessfully tried to now confirmed officially by the proand Gen. French from De Aar, by way | blow up the town with dynamite. The test of Gen. Methuen, who has sent of Nanuwpoort, will shortly try to explosive went off prematurely, kill- a message to the Boer commander, crush the Free State forces at Coles- ing many Boers. A reconnaissance by saying: "I must ask you to warn

It is obviously to the advantage of hot and prolonged fusilade. One Eag- cere I must warn you not to use dum-Gen. Buller that Gen. Joubert and his lishman was wounded, but the British | dum bullets or use the flag of truce so army should be held in Natal as long lost heavily in horses and cattle. as possible, while he is conducting the operations in the south and southwest. | the hospital, killing a patient. Col. | Were Ladysmith to fall, the force now | Baden-Powell sent a message for the investing it would be free to pass the fifth time, demanding immunity for Drakensburg in to the Free State, the Red Cross, and threatening reand, turning to the south, reinforce prisals. Gen. Cronje deferred his the commands opposing Gen. Gatacre's advance with French's cavalry, or if more urgent cross the Free State

to threaten Gen. Methuen's further advance in the west by a flank attack. The configuration of the country renders it unlikely that the Boers wil attempt to hold positions south of the Mooi River, but they will no doubt continue their raids and patrolling as far as they can reach without com- told before hostilities. ing into conflict with superior forces. One reason for this is that the country to the northeast of Pietermaritzsouthern frontier of the Free State, burg is open and favorable to cavalry The same runner was at Ladysmith and received a telling defeat. It ar- operations, which would facilitate a

Seized Obscene Drawing.

Paris. Nov. 25.,-The anti-British sued by the Boers for ten days.

THE FIVE BATTLES.

Table Showing Dead and Wounded in Each. The following table shows the Bri- tlement of the Transvaal war. tish dead, wounded, and missing in each of the five battles since the war

KILLED. Elands Laagte 51

Farquhar's Farm 60 WOUNDED.

Farquhar's Farm 238 Barkeley East districts. MISSING.

CASUALTIES TO DATE.

as follows: KILLED. WOUNDED.

Rank and file MISSING.

Tried to Blow Up Mafeking.

latter almost at the mercy of the foe, Nov. 21.—The investment of the town fusal to give the Boers quarter. soldiers England could send against is an achievement which must always is very close. The garrison is con- An incident similar to the one which them. The correspondent adds: stantly harassed by the besiegers' occurred at the battle of Glencoe, "I conversed with several prisoneral, however his future operations fire. The water supply was failing, and dysentery was occurring as long ago as Nov. 8th.

Gen. Cronje answered Col. Baden-Powell's remonstrance against firing on the Red Cross, saying he fired on the convent because it was occupied by the British. He made no reply regarding his firing on the hospital and the women's laager. His explanation was a lie. There is no military occupation of the convent, as he was

On Nov. 10th heavy shelling was again resumed, the fire being mainly directed at the women's laager and | infantry is still out. The town is provisioned for several

months. There is nothing to fear if the water lasts. On Nov. 12th seven Cape police arrived with despatches from the north a fortnight old. They had been pur-

in Imperial wars, this view represents the mere minority of the French-Canadians. The Chronicle editorially further argues that Canada and Australasia, having intervened so generously, may now fairly claim a share in the set-

> London, Nov. 25 .- The news of the death of the Khalifa and the final defeat of the Dervishes has been received here with great joy, as a welcome set-off to the serious situation

in South Africa. The gravest news from Cape Town Belmon 58 to-day comes from the northern part of the colony, where it is now evi-Glencoe 219 | dent that numbers of Dutch farmers Elands Laagte 213 bave risen and joined the invading

A despatch from Queenstown, Cape Colony, Gen. Gatacre's headquarters, announces that "four hundred colonial Dordrecht, whence it can operate and The total British casualties so far possibly intercept Gen. Gatacre's adas at present known amount to 2,- vance to reoccupy Stormberg Juncto all this; and you and I are think-588. The killed number 320, the tion, a strategic point from which Gen. wounded 999, and the missing 1,269, Gatacre can get in a direct touch, through the railroad, with Gen. French, at Naauwpoort, and thus with thinking of our victory. the British base at De Aar.

ARE THE DUTCH RISING? A despatch from the refugees arriving from Queenstown assert that to assassinate recalcitrants who, tir-Lady-Grey has been occupied by the ing of the war, are deserting."

... ... 901 | colonial farmers and that it is feared there that there is a general confirming the treacherous use by at Belmont says that the moral ef-London, Nov. 24.-The Times this the Boers of the white flag are feet of Gen. Methuen's victory has morning publishes the following de- arousing indignation. The troops en- been immense, inasmuch as the enspatches from its war correspondents: gaged are bitterly complaining, and emy had boasted that they could Mafeking, by way of Magalapye, it is feared the result will be a re- hold their position against all the when an officer was shot by a ers. All admit that their loss was wounded Boer, is reported by the considerable. They pay warm tri-The Boers direct the fire of their big | mont. who says that Lieut. Blun-

SHOT BY A WOUNDED BOER whom he was tending. Such state- in every direction. ments appear incredible, but they are Major Godling on Nov. 7th led to a your wounded not to shoot our offitreacherously. Such action is coward-Again on Nov. 8th the enemy shelled | Iy in the extreme, and I cannot countenance it." All accounts confirm the splendid

charging of the British infantry, the Scots Guards entering the fight with drums beating and fifes playing. Boers in Force at Mooi River.

Mooi River, Natal, Nov. 24,-A reconnaissance in force in the direction of Highlands Station has discovered a big force of Boers with guns. The Boers shelled and the British guns replied. The scouts also reported another strong Boer force to the northwest of the camp. The British guns have returned to camp, and the infantry has fallen back. The mounted

BOERS PUZZLED.

Murder Squads Could Not Distinguish the Officers.

6.30 p. m.-In all 107 wounded, in. Pills. One after each meal.

FOR

"I have know ten years old.] wish to distres mach afraid th plot laid to par mise you." " Why, Walte have put suc head?" Ruby o

"Will you tel pened to come spend the sum She told him ter had seen t what we alread of the circumst

"Has it not a that you could all to yourselv servants, and carriage, upon crable terms ? "Yes, I did ably fortunate people prefer to open. Este le was made chi from being lon tent to remain was absent. ? owner preferre torses, as they "Have you a of this propert

she had been "Yes. Estell Edmunds, I thinking all ittle strange. "Ruby, his penter !"

Walter!

girl, starting

consternation Ruby pleaded, "It is true, m penter is the place, which many years, a stand how Mr an old friend. king to me, at anbit of visit since Edmund had been a de "When shall back to Ch after a thoug "By the fit have a good or our bui some alterati plans that wi Then I s after you go often until she feit a nes

"Certainly, ed, eagerly. "Of course, tell Estelle i lations existing her to under anything like to-night, or interference i Ruby said, w "You have will, my dark and frail in "I am old myself in ms vital interest "Well, dear, I will not keep lover returned to-morrow ev mission, and, best to tell 39

ment, may I to our compa "If you wis ing, yet feell glad to have a light hears nance to her Edmund Carp cipient of his to that. Ruby went after his der reached her put her head 'is that yo

"Yes, it ha have not felt where have ! retired long "May I con not rendy to Ruby asked, and resolving and there. Something the young y don's attenti and opening "Yes, come did not tell n "I have 1 on's sittingshe entered

herself in a

look her sist

"Yes, Estel

" Pray, w ing there?" "I had a "A caller room at thi Mrs. Gordon trifle pale, the truth. "Walter." "Walter!" ire rising a had been of to be calle ception. " " Estelle, ! rdson." "Indeed! that you w terms with

"Why did telle?" der her sister's knew where have called "I do not " And why " Because for you." "Why ?" L "He is as

him by his

-and I do t coupled will "But it w as long as I to marry h