Rifles behaved as if on review. I hear our losses are heavy. "One of our guns we had to abandon." waiting to see which will prove the winning side. Wonder is expressed as to how the Boers increased their numbers at LOOTED BY ROBBERS.

evening-The naval 4.7 inch gun again London, Dec. 11, 4 a.m.-The War took up a position north of the camp news of Gen. Gatacre's serious dis-aster, which was meagre, and which left of the Boers. Both opened a hot left of the Boers. Both opened a hot aster, which was meagre, and which left of the Boers. Both opened a hot was only slightly supplemented from | fire with lyddite shells, and shrapnel Plague Sufferers. other sources. Even these short inde- to which the Boers sharply replied pendent accounts vary on several with a dozen guns, thus unmasking points, and none hint at the disaster | their position, which was the object

GOAT LYMPH CURES PARALYSIS.

Enormous Paintings Unveiled in Chicago--- Death of Baron Penzance in Lon don-The Date of the Opening of the Paris Exposition, April 14-Germany's Chancellor Has a Scheme for Doubling the Strength of the acre was unknown before, left Put- at Magersfontein. Apparently Spyt-Navy-Will the People Bear the Expense? The English comments on the re- are unwilling to unmask their posi-

> Bernard's Roman Catholic Church tween \$5,000 and \$25,000. last evening. The paintings are by Ferdinand Danton, a French artist, who spent three years on them. More than a month's time was required to hang them. "Calvary" hangs above the altar. It is a representation of the crucifixion, and is 32 feet high and 40 feet long. More than a thousand figures are represented in biblical characters are shown in the picture, and it is one of the most complete paintings of its kind in ex-FOR A BIGGER NAVY.

Boers increased their numbers at Stormberg, which all along has been

Gen. Gatacre's immediate objective.

Modder River, Dec. 10 .- Sunday

hour's firing the Boer guns were sil-

trenches, and then threw shell after

over an extensive area to rise in the

A Boer long gun was dismantled.

It now appears that the Boers in-

tend the next fight shall take place

fontein is not defended or the Boers

tish artillery were all from guns at

The Queen Auxious.

First Life Guards.

ARTILLERY WORK GOOD.

It Saved the Column From Over-

whelming Disaster.

rout through the batteries of artil-

lery occupying successive positions,

a portion of the Boers' galling fire.

Apparently, the British were set an

impossible task, and were treacher-

ously guided. After a trying march

London, Dec. 11.-The Queen has

tion there, as the replies of the Bri-

air in dense, brown clouds.

Magersfontein.

GLOOM IN BRITAIN.

the Disaster.

different versions of the time Gen.

It is practically certain that Gen.

Gatacre, with about 3,000 men, in

cluding the 1st Dorsetshire Regiment,

ter's kraal on Saturday afternoon.

the presence of which with Gen. Gat-

verse are universally of the most

"After Nicholson's Nek this is the

most serious reverse of the war. We

Second Life Guards.

ordinary proportions of the various

"Men must be sent-cavalry and

ELABORATELY PREPARED TRAP.

The Daily Chronicle's critic re-

men of the Empire."

Sunday morning.

groomy character.

The Morning Post says:

London Papers Fear the Worst About | without his knowing of it.

which is admitted in the official de- of the British manoeuvre. After an

Three separate accounts give three enced. The howitzers searched the

Gatacre left Putter's Kraal, but all shell upon the hills, the explosion of

agree that the fight took place early | the lyddite causing the whole ground

do not yet know its full proportions, sent her Private Secretary, Sir Arbut the worst must remain behind. thur Bigge, especially from Windsor

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY.

LIEUT.-COL. AUDLEY D. NEELD, LIEUT.-COL. T. C. P. CALLEY,

Already the list of missing is close to | Castle to glean further details of the

600, and of the Northumberlands six | War Office for Her Majesty respecting

that he was coming in close contact | timated to number 6,000 men, instead

he impregnable position occupied by The authorities, if they have any

with the enemy and that the ground of 2,500, as the spies had reported.

Berlin Dec. 11.-In the Reichstag to-day Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, announced that the Federal Governments had come to the conclusion that the present navy was insufficient for the country's needs and that estimates for doubling the present number of warships was born July 12th, 1816. would be submitted. ROBBERS' BIG HAUL.

of controlling the scourge. THE PARIS SHOW

London, Dec. 11.-Baron Penzance (James Plaisted Wilde), is dead. He

CURED BY GOAT'S LYMPH.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, Dec. 11.-The of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Work, Post Deoffice of the Pacific Express Company | partment President of the Woman's was robbed last night of several thou- Relief Corps, of New Jersey, are much sand dollars in money. No clue has | interested in a cure which has been been discovered. There is a small affected in her case. Mrs. Work, for force of men in the express office three years past, has been suffering at night to handle express on in- from paralysis of the left side, and coming and outgoing trains, and was unable to walk. Her physician rewhen these trains arrive the men | cently began the injection of goat's have been in the habit of locking the lymph, in from two to ten drop office doors. This was done last night | doses. When 700 drops had been adas usual, and when the express men | ministered Mrs. Work was cured. returned twenty minutes later the Calcutta tell of the heroic work of

The afternoon papers, like the morning papers, withhold the apportionment of blame until they are further acquainted with the facts, and take London, Dec. 11.-Later details re- the reverse philosophically. The Pall garding the disaster to Gen. Gatacre's | Mall Gazette remarks: "The counnor the Ministry will be in danger of even a seditions, vilifying howl in the but was still at long range, only a talions sent to replace the men cap- fantry ultimately led to disorder, street. We have confidence in those tured at Nicholson's Nek. It con- which only escaped developing into a who are fighting for us, and in their

Are They Spies? Belfast, Dec. 11.-Two American commercial travellers who have ar- in an irregular but orderly-like manrived here say they were detained at | ner. When they gained the crest they Queenstown on suspicion of being found the Boers in full retreat.

A BRUSH AT ENSLIN.

in front was impracticable. The fact | There is little in the story to mitiseems clear that Gen. Gatacre was gate the intense humiliation occa- Boers Seem to be in Force at Many led unsuspectingly into an elaborate- sioned by the episode, which is ally-prepared trap, and it is almost most an exact counterpart of the

ceived news on Friday that a force | and 100 of the Imperial Light Horse, two companies of the 2nd Northamp- a hill. The enterprise was admirably tonshire Regiment, which had been | carried out, and was entirely successtion at Enslin. Accordingly, the gen- 6-inch gun and a howitzer being deeral despatched the 12th Lancers and stroyed with gun cotton by Captain the Seaforth Highlanders, together Fowke and Lieut. Turner. A Maxim with the 62nd Field Battery, to their | was captured and brought to Ladyassistance. The enemy attacked the smith British post at half-past four a.m., but withdrew at 11 o'clock, when our reinforcements approached the scene. The British cavairy is now pursuing them. Our loss was 1 killed and six On Friday the first train ran over

tle temporary bridge which has been constructed over the river here. The Boers are close upon our outposts on all sides.

London Feels Better.

A Ladysmith resident who has escaped to Estcourt reports that he saw no Boers, and he believes large forces to be on the Upper Tugela and at Colenso. All indications point to the fact that there has been a weakening of the Boer forces around Lady-

have been doing so much damage with a Maxim gun, and then retired. back a Maxim into camp, with only with the loss of the guns. one man killed and one officer wounded. A detachment of the 18th Hussars had circled around Pepworth hill, The affair caused the most depres- burning kraals and cutting telegraph -A battery of artillery, a squad-

Chaago, Dec. 11 .- Six fine paint- | discovery was made that all of the ings, one of them "Calvary," said to money contained in the safe was be the largest picture on canvas in fuse to state the amount of money this country, were unveiled at St. taken, which is reported to be be-

India. Lord and Lady Curzon left Simia when the plague invaded the central provinces, and after having been inocculated made a tour of the stricken district in the face of awful danger. They literally lived among cipal ones are those of Christ and the sufferers, distributing relief, rethe two thieves on the crosses. Many storing confidence and advising the

> Paris says that it has been decided that the official opening of the Exposition is to be Saturday, April 14th, and not Easter Sunday, as originally BARON PENZANCE DEAD,

Bloomfield, N. J., Dec. 11.-Friends

Boer spies. They add that the United States Consul obtained their release, and that he is making an enquiry into

wounded.

THE CURZONS PRAISED. New York, Dec. 11.-Mail advices from Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy of

New York, Dec. 11 .- A cable from

directors."

the matter.

"Major Elliott has reported: 'Daltwo of their 40-pounders to bear.
the force has gone towards to bear their support bear worth the support bear worth th

New York, N. Y., Dec. 11.-A cable from London says that the news from Ladysmith created great enthusiasm The destruction of the two big guns and the capture of the maxim was the severest blow that the Boers have received in the operations at Ladysmith. From the fact that the correspondent's telegram reached Frere on Saturday night, describing the fighting on Friday, it is inferred that the investment is not so strict as it was. News of the beginning o the general advance from Frere momentarily expected. The trestle bridge over the river has been fin-

"Early yesterday morning Gen. Gatare took a brigade northward to surprise the enemy and make a night attack at their Stormberg column, but
we ourselves were surprised, and had

"Early yesterday morning Gen. Gatand after a very trying march.

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"The Northumberlands and Irish"

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When nearly half way up the diff. cult ascent a Boer outpost, apparently just awake, challenged the British. Receiving no answer they called to their comrades above. 'The English are on us, shoot.' They then fired their rifles, and explosive bullets flashed as they struck the rocks. A hurried fusilade from the crest of the hill was answered by a single volley. Then our troops raised ringing cheers, apparently doubling their number by the repetition of the

"Gen. Hunter, leading his officers, took up the command, and ordered the men to fix their bayonets. They climbed like lizards over the huge boulders

The Official Despatch.

London, Dec. 10.-The War Office last night issued the following despatch from Gen. Buller, dated Frere camp, Dec. 9th, afternoon: "The following was received from

Gen. White to-day: "Last night sent Gen. Hunter with London, Dec. 11.—Gen. Methuen re- 500 Natal volunteers under Royston, left to guard the lines of communica- | ful, the hill being captured and a

"Our loss was one killed and Major Henderson, of the First Battalion of the Argyll Highlanders, wounded. "At the same time Col. Knox seized the hill, one squadron of the 19th Hussars rode around Penworth hill, burning kralls and cutting the Boer telegraph lines. They had no casual-

Hussars Lost Heavily. London, Dec. 11.-A special despatch

from Ladysmith by way of Frere adds to the War Office account cabled Saturday of the capture of the Boer guns near l'epworth hill. It says : "General Brocklehurst, with cavalry

and artillery, reconnoitred in the direction of Pepworth hill with a view of cutting off the Boer retreat; but he found the position still strongly 'The 18th Hussars, pushing for-

ward, drew a furious fire, and suffered severely, losing four killed and 17 "The Boers fired incessantly as the British slowly retired.

"At a special parade afterwards General White thanked General Hunter and all engaged, especially Major Henderson, for brilliant work."

Boer Official Account.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Dec. 8.—The British troops made a sortie between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. They crawled up a ravine and stormed and carried Lombard's Kop. Lordon, Dec. 11 .- Six hundred men | which was held by the Boers, and on of the Ladysmith garrison made which were placed a Creuzot gun and a sortie Friday morning, stormed the a howitzer. These guns were destroyed hill upon which the Boer guns which with dynamite. The British captured shells were located, and destroyed two Major Erasmus and Lieut. Malon guns with gun-cotton and brought will be court-martialled in connection

The Bridge Completed.

Modder River, Dec. 10, 7.05 a. m. the location of the enemy to his num- sing influence everywhere, not ex- lines. It was a gallant and success- ron of Lancers and part of the batthe disaster that has befallen Gen. patch from its special war correspon- bers and guns, while the country cepting the Stock Exchange, where ful sortie, which proved that Gen. talion of Argyle Highlanders went itself was, apparently, absolutely un- consols were at the lowest price in White's men were full of fight and south to reinforce the rear guard, known, though it is the very district many years, and South African se- in admirable condition for co-oper- which had an engagement with a count of the military reverse, which The correspondent of the Daily News to their old position at Graspan. It IMPETUS TO DUTCH DISLOYALTY is retrievable, but owing to the at Ladysmith, describing Gen. Hunt- is not known whether the Boers The serious feature of the affair is profound apprehension as to its er's capture of the guns on Gun hill, came from Griqualand or are a

ANOTHER BRITISH DISASTER. GATACRE LED INTO A TRAP.

Over Six Hundred of His Men Reported Missing.

THE BRITISH MISLED BY GUIDES.

Will Give a Great Impetus to the Disloyal Dutch.

Two Killed, Eleven Wounded and Six Hundred and Five Missing-One Gun Abandoned Surprised by a Hot Boer Fire Unable to See the Enemy-British Retired in Good Order-The Disaster Causes Gloom in London-Suffolk Regiment and Northumberland Fusiliers Suffer

Killed, so far as reported 2 to retire in a face of a much stronger "According to reports brought to Boers did not number more than liers 6 ... 2,500, and the enemy's position and Second Royal Irish Fusi-Suffolk Regiment 12 284 circumstances generally appeared to Berkshire Mounted In-Seventy-Fourth Battery ... 6 ... Northumberland Fusi-

London, Dec. 10. - Lord Lansdowne. Secretary of State for War, Putter's kraal, and moving smartly has received the following de- | and cautiously, they arrived safely at spatches from Gen. Sir Frederick a point two miles from Stormberg, Forestier-Walker, commander of the a terrific fire right ahead and on the British troops in Cape Colony: The following was received from

"I deeply regret to inform you kopje that was fortunately near on that I have met with a serious re- | the left. Stormberg I was misled by the followed in perfect order. guides, and found impracticable

Gen. Gatacre this morning:

ground. In a later despatch to the War they were covered by the enemy's Office Gen. Forestier-Walker says: | guns, which were mush more powerful "In reference to my telegram of than had been supposed. this morning, the casualties, so far as known at present, are:

ed, none ; wounded, Lieut.-Col. Ed-

gar, Major Seaton, Capts. Dell and Kelley, and Lieuts. Stephens and Barnardston. "Suffolk Regiment - Capt. Weir and three lieutenants missing; rank and file, none killed, 12 wounded,

and 290 missing. "Berkshire Mounted Infantry One killed. "Seventy Fourth Battery-A lleutenant and three men severely stightly wounded, and one gunner

"Northumberland Fusiliers- Major Stevens, Capts. Fletcher and Morley, and three lieutenants missing, also

will be wired as soon as known." The War Office also received the following despatch, dated Cape Town, heavy fire from a number of machine marks: "It is curious to see an ex- and being under arms sixteen hours, Dec. 9th, 8.30 p.m., showing the Boer guns in a good position. It was clear perienced soldier trusting so implicit. they attacked the wrong part of the

trict the day previous to Gen. Gat- 1 3,000, with the best of ground and advance guard do not inform him pregnable, and the burghers were esacre's attack : "The position of the enemy in the Stormberg district last night was: "At Stormberg-Six laagers.

"Twenty-three miles south of Sterkstroom-220 men. getty, with a force, has gone towards | Had their gunners been worth their acre.

" At Dordrecht-800 men.

The Disaster List.

Casualties so far as known: Other officers wounded-Lieut, Maynard, 1st Suffolk Regt. Lieut. G. Lewis, 74th Field Battery. Major Fercival, 77th Field Battery. Men wounded, seventeen.

Officers missing: Capt. A. V. Weir, 2nd Royal Irish | Hot Fire Unexpectedly Opened on Lieut, E. J. Christie, 2nd Royal Irish

Lieut. Wake, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers: Dorsetshire Regiment

Lieut. Coulson, 2nd Northumberland Lieut. Radeliff, 2nd Northumberland

Fusiliers. The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained.

Major-General Gatacre's force numbered about 2,000 men. Stormberg, against which the movement was, is on the East London line, running to the border of the Free State and joining the railway in that country. Molteno is quite close. The whole district is very mountainous, and well suited to Boer methods of fighting. Major-General Gatacre's total force was only 3,000, and of this 1,000 were left in Molteno. The whole district, according to earlier despatches, was full of rebels, and the danger of further spread of dissatisfaction is increased by the reverse. Major-General Gatacre appears to have had no cavalry.

STORY OF THE DISASTER.

Wrong Way. London, Dec. 10.—The Central News noon, gives the first press account of The Times prints the following des-

A Night Surprise That Worked the

lent Order, However correspondent at Molteno, Cape Col- more likely to be serious politically ony, in a despatch dated to-day at than from a military point of view."

EXPOSED TO TERRIFIC FIRE. "The brigade, consisting of the Shropshire Regiment, the Royal Dublin Regiment, the Second Northumberland Regiment, 800 mounted infantry, and two batteries of field artillery, left

when suddenly they were exposed to right flank simultaneously. "The Irish, who were in the van, immediately sought cover behind a

"The artillery, Northumberland "In an attack this morning on Regiment, and the mounted troops "The men were settling comfortably in their new positions when they found

"Meanwhile the Boers were maintaining a heavy rifle and artillery fire, "Second Royal Irish Rifles-Kill- but were not doing much damage. ACTION AT LONG BRANCH.

officers are reported missing, but there | Gen. Gatacre's reverse, "Still under fire, the infantry and | are no details regarding the men, rtillery sought another position half | while of the Dorsetshire Regiment 306 a mile distant, the field batteries men are missing, and there are no decovering the withdrawal splendidly. | tails in regard to the officers.' "The new position was admirably | The paper comments on the extraadapted to holding the enemy in check, the infantry firing behind casualties. So far only one officer is good cover with precision and effect, reported to have been killed, 8 wound- column show that but for the magnifi- try's calm will again surprise the conwhile the mounted infantry moved ed, and 9 missing, while of non-com- cent work of the British artillery the tinent. If the blow is more serious to the north with the object of get- missioned officers and men, 2 were disaster would have been far more than it appears, neither the Crown killed, 17 wounded, and 596 missing, extensive, as the incessant Boer shell ting the Boers on the right flank. wounded; a major and one man The action was now pretty general, and the Suffolk was one of the bat- fire in the midst of the repulsed in-

few of the British were hit. "Then there was another quick cludes change in the situation by the discovery of a strong commando of horse artillery especially - unless in covering the retreat and thus drawing 306 non-commissioned officers and men | mounted Boers moving from the sheer parsimony we throw away the north, and the Irish and Northumber-"The remainder of the casualties land Regiments were sent to engage

"They, however, were met by a force at Stormberg and in that dis- that the enemy numbered at least ly to his guides, and that his scouts Boer position, where the hill was im-

plenty of guns. RETIRED IN PERFECT ORDER. "It was, therefore, decided to re-

tire thirteen miles to Molteno. "The retirement was carried out in perfect order, despite the fact that | wonderful that the disaster was no | battle of Nicholson's Nek. The War the Boers followed closely, bringing worse, when, as a correspondent says, Office is besieged by anxious rela-Dordrecht to co-operate with Gat- salt they would have inflicted considerable damage on us. Several shells directed at the ambulance fell short "On arriving at Molteno it was found that the casualties were slight. The scheme of surprising the Boers failed, but we obtained valuable in

GATACRE'S FORCE 3,000.

His Advancing Column.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 10. Gen. Gatacre left Putter's kraal by Lieut. L. G. B. Rodney, 2nd Royal train for Molteno, and then proceeded by forced march twelve miles toward Stormberg. He had 3,000 men, including the Northumberland Fusiliers and batteries of field artillery. Leaving Moiteno at 9 last evening Royal Irish Rifles 293 he made a memorable night march Northumberland Fusiliers 306 over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp, and there were no distinguishing lights, the bright moon having gone down about half past eleven. The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being occasional sudden call of "halt" under the belief that

the Boers were near. The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boers' position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing

The engagement began at 4.15 a.m. At 7 a.m., after a sharp artillery duel the British retired.

They are now marching toward General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get

at the Boers. BRITISH GUN ABANDONED.

Retirement Was Effected in Excei-

Monday, Dec. 11 .- The Times, commenting editorially on the repulse, "The results of the disaster are

At the time the despatch was sent "Molteno, Dec. 10 .- Gen. Gatacre atthe correspondent either did not know tempted to assault the Boer posi- Gen. Gatacre has been preparing to curities slumped, not so much on ac- ating with Gen. Buller. allowed by the censor to describe it. (Sunday). The guides led us wrong, and we were surprised while in fours

CECIL RHODES The Uncrowned King of Rhodesia.

the Boers, when a hot fire was open. I information, are not publishing it. A DEPRESSING INFLUENCE. ed unexpectedly upon it. Everything seems to have been unexpected. from operate in ever since his arrival."

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