

DURHAM REVIEW.

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WAR NOTES.—Day by Day.

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY.
During the latter half of last week there was very little news in the situation in South Africa. Not only was the censorship strict, there seemed to be, from what little news did dribble through, a general resting which is almost certainly the calm before a storm.

The Canadians are supposed to be right at the front with Lord Methuen, and will without doubt get their first "baptism of fire" shortly. The little band of New Zealanders have had occasion to distinguish themselves.

For a purpose no doubt, light was let in on Lord Methuen's movements on his famous week's dash to Modder river, now, Saturday, all is dark again.

Without doubt, a battle is imminent and the scene of it is likely to be Spytfontein, 6 or 7 miles nearer to Kimberly and the last place at which the Boers are expected to make a stand. That they are missing is certain, that Methuen is being reinforced is certain, that the coming battle will be another British success is almost certain.

Railway and telegraph communication were cut in Methuen's rear for a time, but were speedily restored. This is the guerilla warfare that will be adopted soon.

In Natal the British are massing at Frere and have a passable bridge built over the Tagela river. Buller is there, and another great battle is being planned.

In Cape Colony North, Gen. Gatacre seems simply to be holding the situation.

Letters describing the earlier battles are now arriving and make interesting reading. There is evidence abundant to prove that the average Boer is a treacherous half civilized enemy, bound up in his own prowess, despising the English, and one of them is alleged to have assured a colonist that after the war Kruger and Joubert were going to England to bring Queen Victoria to die in Pretoria gaol!

By these wonderful search lights communication is being held with both Ladysmith and Kimberly.

If Mafeking has not been relieved entirely, it is experiencing a much less close investment.

MONDAY.
Too bad. After a week of waiting with expectancy of a big battle which was fondly hoped would give a British victory, here comes news of a serious reverse to Gen. Gatacre's division in Northern Cape Colony.

After several weeks inaction, apparently so at least, he determined to make a night march of 13 miles to surprise a Boer position, trusting to guides for his direction. The weary march was accomplished without incident, till on a sudden out blazed Boer fire, and the surprise was all on his side.

The British artillery alone saved a crushing defeat as it covered the withdrawal of the British who found it impossible to attempt to meet the enemy.

Loss in killed and wounded was very small, but over 600 of the British were made prisoners. Gatacre is being severely blamed for not having better scouting.

The Ladysmith garrison is able to take care of itself. Last Friday a detachment drove the Boers from one of the surrounding hills, blew up three of their big guns and captured a maxim, the first gun captured in the campaign.

TUESDAY.
Nothing new, except an unconfirmed report that 50 of Methuen's force had been taken prisoners. The Canadians are at Delmont and may be in action by this time.

LETTERS FROM THE SARDINIAN.

Friday last hundreds of homes in Canada would be made glad to receive letters from their sons with the African contingent. These letters were posted on a homeward bound steamer when south of Cape Verde Islands, which place they merely sighted and signalled, but did not call at, greatly to the disappointment of the travellers.

The city papers publish long letters from their correspondents which make interesting reading. The usual trial of sea sickness was passed through bravely, one poor Frenchman succumbing however, thus giving the 'boys' a sight of the melancholy "funeral at sea." Coming the 3rd day out when they were feeling glum themselves had a depressing effect.

Overcoats and underclothing were dear friends until the gulf stream was reached when a change took place, and the hot stuffy bunks below ocean level were not very nice. The routine of the day is thoroughly described beginning with the bath on the morning, when by 40 at a time the men strip naked and have the hose turned on them, a race around the deck in this shape gave an appetite for breakfast.

Impromptu concerts and amusements beguiled the leisure hours which were not very many drill, sleep and eating being deducted. Anglican, Presbyterian, and R. C. Clergyman were on board

and held regular services and a representative of the Y. M. C. A. also held meetings. Only four ladies are on board, but as nurses have had nothing to do so far. "Many who were unacquainted with one another in Canada are forming friendships which only a bullet can break." We give a quotation from Stanley McK. Brown's letter to the Mail and Empire.

"The weather during the early part of the first week was not so terribly rough, but it was enough to set this ship rolling." No sooner had she begun to toss in the uneasy ocean than hundreds on board began to turn green and reach for the railing of the vessel, and many there were who were placed hors de combat before they could get to the ships side. A very reasonable estimate of those who were deathly sick would be 50 per cent., while a great many of the remainder were ready to be ill on a moment's notice. Strong officers, and men who can, and have faced battle, could not compete in the skirmish given by the heaving waves. Some took to bed, and their faces were not seen on the boat or at the table for from one to five days. Now that we are in the trade winds in the torrid zone, making for the equator, the ship is plunging quite a bit—not rolling—and one by one those with the weaker stomachs are taking themselves to their lonely cabins to reason with themselves regarding the cause of their indisposition. It makes some of the people sick to even think of the lonely path which our boat is cutting out for itself. The reason is this, that we are pursuing a course which no vessel in the world ever followed before, and now (Nov. 11) we have been five days without so much as seeing any kind of vessel. Ours is a barren, dreary waste of ocean, but after we strike the Cape Verde islands we hope to pass many a ship before reaching St. Helena. In case we had any kind of mishap here, or in the event of having to take to the life boats, we would not have as much chance of saving our lives as a canary would have at a cat show. We are out of the line of all ocean-going vessels, and it would be impossible for the life boats to carry provisions and water enough to last us till we could come to the nearest shore. We have all faith in the good skipper, Captain Johnston, and even in such a desolate ocean we have no fear that we will not land safely.

It looks like war in earnest to see two large grindstones whirling around, each in charge of two men, who are occupied in sharpening bayonets. They make them sharp enough to do any kind of cutting, and if the Royal Canadian Regiment ever has to charge with bayonets the Boers will not be able to see the point."

MANITOBA.
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Hon. Mr. Greenway was the first Liberal premier of the province and in the 12 years he has been at the head of affairs has shown that he possessed the capabilities of a wise administrator.

The efforts he has made to secure railway competition to his province in the face of powerful opposition was worthy of a warmer support, as were his efforts to secure a national and nonsectarian school system.

He is one of the men, who, if fallen, will rise again. His misfortune was so badly in need of some victory to relieve the long tension of Liberal successes that they made desperate efforts to poison the electorate against the Reform party, in some cases by bringing in Federal issues, in others by raising sectional cries, and generally by posing of pretended horror at the work of "the machine," as if that were all on the Reform side.

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The appeal against the action of Durham session re the deceased wife's sister question was taken into consideration but was not sustained, the Presbytery considering the whole question a "dead issue."

Next meeting of Presbytery to be at Palmerston.

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10 " " " " " " " " " " " "	2.25
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