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WAR NEWS.

the latest messages from the British camp at the Modder river indicated an immediate advance. it appears that Pretoria has news that fighting was resumed on Wednesday. It is not shown, however, whether General Methuen has advanced on the new position taken by the Boers, or has merely engaged in a reconnoissance, and on all the second total

Reports wers again current at Orange river Tuesday, December 5, that Mafeking has been relieved. It is known through despatches from Magalapye that preparations were completed there to advance in force November 15 from Rhodesia for the purpose of repairing the with Colonel Baden-Powell. The Boers, however, were strongly entrenched near Gaberones, midway between Magalapye and Mafeking.

Reinforcements are rapidly arriving at Sterksroom to strengthen General Gatacre, including the much needed artillery. The authorities expect speedy news that General Gatacre has taken the the messenger adds, continues. offensive, thus diverting a portion of the Orange Free State forces obstructing the ant rumor circulating just now relates to advance of General Methuen.

a skirmish with the Boers on Thursday, of the British towns occupied by the have been serious dissensions among the burghers.

Buller confirms the statement that heliographic communication has been fully established with Ladysmith, and that General Buller and General White have been conferring as to the future movements.

PRETORIA, Dec. 6.—Fighting commenced near Modder river at six o'clock in the Colenso Camp. The Dutch allies,

present status of the war in the Transhotspurs are impatient to have them come. One leading English journal, impressed with the conviction that the situation of White's army is critical, deprecates delay and well nigh raises a cry of "On to Ladysmith." It has also published evidence of large reinforcements which | British side. office, however, is satisfied to allow General Buller a free hand.

The gravest fears of the situation in Natal is the marked improvement in the artillery practice of the Boer batteries around Ladysmith. While the naval gun had knocked out a big creuset and a howitzer, two more siege guns have been brought up, and, according to the London Times' despatches, three creusets, four big howitzers, two batteries of long range field guns and other heavy ordnance were working steadily. The rations, moreover, had been reduced all round the garrison. General Buller not only knows these facts, but has provided so strong a relief column that the seige will be practically raised as soon as Clery is ready to strike first blow. The British forces at Lower Natal are now estimated at 27,000, and General Clery will have not less than 20,000 men for operations on either flank of Colenso. London, Dec. 8.—The latest advices from Frere Camp show that the bombardment of Ladysmith was continued Thursday, Dec. 7. A pneumatic gun on Umbulwana Hill commenced the work. The Tugela River is low,

Free Staters are reported to be looting Acton Holmes on the way back to the Free State border. According to a special despatch from Pretoria, Gen. Joubert recently proposed an exchange of prisoners, especially Lady Sarah Wilson, for a Boer woman taken prisoner at Mafeking. Lady Wilson is an aunt of Winston Churchill, and the wife of Capt. G. C. Wilson, of the Royal Horse Guards. This was the first definite news that she was a prisoner. Lady Wilson had been acting in the double capacity of a newspaper correspondent and Red Cross nurse, and there has been much anxiety about her. When last heard from Lady Wilson had left Mafeking on horseback with her maid as her sole companion. She was reported to have reached Setla-

An official account of the sortie at Kimberley, Nov. 28, when the British casualties cabled yesterday occurred,

"The British demonstrated towards Wimbledon rifle range. The enemy's guns were positioned from the ridge at Spitskop to Wimbledon siding. Major Scott-Tuener, with the mounted troops, attacked the enemy's right flank, capturing a laager and three redoubts. The enemy in a fourth redoubt made a stubborn resistance, when Major Scott-Turner was killed. The British captured many shells and destroyed other stores."

The same despatch gives reports from Colonel Kekewick, dated December 3 and 4, showing the Boers were increasing in berley, are also being extended and mend them to others in poor health."

numbers around Kimberley.

The Boer advance in the northeastern London, Dec. 8 .- While nothing in part of Cape Colony is becoming remarkable. The local farmers are flocking to the Boer laagers, the townspeople in many instances welcoming the invaders few hundred yards away from the batwith every demonstration of joy. The annexation of the British territory proceeds daily. The reported Boer successes have made a great impression among the Basutos. Advices from Pretoria say the government has allowed two cable messages to reach Winson Churchill. The mint at Pretoria is coining a hundred ley besi egers. thousand sovereigns monthly.

The war office has been notified that the British had five killed and twentyfive wounded in the sortie from Kimberley November 25, including three colonial railroad line and restoring communication officers. Special despatches from Lorenzo Marques, dated Tuesday, December 5, says President Kruger is only prevented from going to the front by the objections of the members of the executive council. Mrs. Kruger is ill.

FRERE CAMP, Natal, Wednesday, Dec. 6.-A runner from Ladysmith today reports all well there. The bombardment,

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The most import-Gen. Joubert, says a London cable to the Gatacre this morining: A detachment of the Cape Police had Tribune. His illness is reported from Lorenzo Marques by Reuter, and Gen. December 7, near Indwe, with General Schalkburger is named as his successor in French reports important reconnoitering supreme command of the forces around on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from Naauwport, Ladysmith. What military men in Lonshowing preparations to recapture some don are disposed to believe is that there Boer generals and that Joubert may have drawn by 32 oxen, started at midnight A War office despatch from General been set aside. A council of war is reported to have been held on Saturday, with the state attorney from Pretoria in | Lancers and a battery of Horse Artillery attendance. The same jealousies which are now known to have existed at Modder River between the Transvaal and Free State leaders are suspected to be current however, fought well against Methuen, NEW YORK, Dec. 8. - In discussing the and are likely to offer Clery equally desperate contest, especially as they will vaal a cable from London to the Tribune have a superior defensive position in Nasays that two great battles are impending tal. South Africans familiar with the before Ladysmith and Kimberley and the ground say that the banks of the Tugela are much higher that those of the Modder and that the passage of the river will dropped among a bunch of fifteen horses, be a much more difficult and arduous un-

dertaking. They add, with a fine glow of enthusiasm, that nothing is impossible with such soldiers as are fighting on the General Cronje has received from Natal From Ladysmith there is a fresh series and Mafeking, to enable him to make a of bulletins and vague reports, one of strong stand at Spytfontein. The War which hints that the garrison is under half rations, while others describe the continuance of an ineffective bombardment. Mr. Harmsworth's paper has the substance of a private despatch from Ladysmith stating that the flies were more annoying than the shells; that Col. Conyngham was convalescent and fit for duty, and that Lord Dufferin's son, Lord

Ava, was well. There were reports that

the Dutch forces were moving north from

Ladysmith, but these were not credited at the War office. London, Dec. 7-A story was current at Durban on Tuesday, Dec. 5, to the effect that the Boers had made what was thought to have been their final effort to capture Ladysmith on Dec, 4th; that they had been defeated, and had retreated. As the story was brought by runners, it should be received with caution, as the unreliability of these "Kaffigrams" is notorious. According to this report, the Boers opened a furious bombardment during the morning of Dec. 4. the Boerguns, made a sortie and hard just below the heart, and at times dizzifighting followed, the Boers retreating ness would cause me to throw up my after very heavy losses, estimated in hands and fall on my back, or side. My hundreds.

but does not indicate that the retreat got so low that my friends wrote for my ous day, while the statement in the same | time. This was in January, 1895. That despatch that the Boers were firing into night the doctor told my friends he could Ladysmith shows that the Boer guns do nothing for me, and he doubted if I were still active.

tions of weakening refers to the Free raised three pieces of matter, tough and Staters. Apparently the Transvaal leathery in appearance, and each about Boers are still full of fight, though it is reiterated that they are short of supplies.

Schalkburger's laager, dated Dec. 3, the was momentarily expected.

Perhaps an explanation of the retirement of the burghers from Natal can be found in a despatch from Modder River, Dec. 3, saying that a strong Boer force, estimated to number 3,000, was reinforcing Gen. Cronje from Natal. The same despatch says everything points to and they have made a new man of me. the fact that a great engagements will be My health is better than it has been for fought at Spyfontein. The Boers are twenty years, and notwithstanding the massing on the hills there, vigorously doctor's prediction, I am able to stand any building stone defences, and are digging rifle pits in every direction. The Boers' new manhood and regained health to Dr. redoubt on Lazaretto ridge, west of Kim- Williams Pink Pills and gratefully recom-

strengthened, showing that the rumors of the intention of the Boers to abandon the attempt to stem Gen. Methuen's advance are unfounded.

Mafeking forces have joined the Kimber-

are quisition signed by W. Redmond, God. John Clancy and others, the lord mayor of Dublin has called a meeting of the cor- operating quite extensively in pine and poration for December 11 to dispose of a spruce logs. We are informed that Mr. motion in which the corporation will de- McCorkle has bought the right of cutting plore the "infliction on the South African lumber from Mrs. Hawkshaw of Summer republics of this lamentable, cruel and unnecessary war," and protest against a policy "involving loss of life and enormous fellow." expenditure."

London, Dec. 10 .-- Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, has received the following despatch from Gen. Sir Frederichk Forestier-Walker, commander of the British troops in Cape Colony, "The following was received from Gen.

"I deeply regret to inform you that I have met with a serious reverse. In an attack this morning on Stromberg I was misled by the guides and found imprac-

Modder River, Dec. 10, 7.35 p. m.-A 4.07 inch gun from the cruiser Dorris, last night, and proceeded three miles northward. A squadron of the Ninth joined the naval force at 3.20 o'clock this morning. The naval contingent consisted of four companies of marines and 50 sailors, under command of Capt. John E. Beacroft of the cruiser Philonel. They began firing at the enemy from a ridge facing the Spytfontein. They fired fourteen charges of lyddite at ranges varying from 4,700 to 7,200. One shell fell on a Boer tent, which immediately disappeared. Everything in the immediate vicinity was wrecked. Another of the missiles which were blown to atoms.

ITS AFTER EFFECTS FREQU ENTLY SHATTER STRONG NERVES.

Mr. S. McDougall Suffered for Years and His Doctor Told Him Recovery Was Impossible-Again Strong and Healthy.

Farmer and "jack of all trades," is what Mr. Salter McDougall styled himself when interviewed by the News recently. Mr. McDougall resides at Alton, about ten miles from Truro, N. S., and according to his own statement has been made a new man by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When interviewed by the News man, Mr. McDougall said: -"] am only too glad to give you any informawill not be too good a recommendation for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Up to the year 1888," continued Mr. McDougall, "I had always enjoyed good health. At that time I had a severe attack of diphtheria, the after effects of which left me in a deplorable condition. I was troubl-After several hours the Britsh silenced ed with a constant pain in my left side, face, hands and feet would swell and It is reported from Orange River to- turn cold. In this condition I could not day that 107 dead Boers were taken to move hands or feet and had to be moved Kaffirskop after the battle of Belmont. like a child. My appetite all but left me The despatch from Frere camp partial- and I got very little sleep. I was unly confirms the retirement of Free State | der the care of a doctor, but got nothing burghers from the vicinity of Ladysmith, more than temporary relief. Finally I was the result of a defeat on the previ- father to come and see me for the last would live through the night. That It is also pointed out that all sugges- night I took a severe fit of vomiting, and three inches long. The vomiting almost choked me, and it required two people to hold me in bed, but I felt easier after it. According to a despatch from General I was in this deplorable condition when I was urged by a neighbor to try Dr. Wil-French and Austrain military attaches liams' Pink Pills. It was a hopeless case had gone to join the Boer forces along but I decided to try them. When I told the Tugela river, where a collision the doctor I was taking the pills he said they would do me no good; that I would never be able to work again. But he was mistaken, for the effect was marvellous. By March I was able to go out of doors, and could walk quite a distance. I continued using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until I had taken seventeen boxes,

amount of hard work. I attribute my

Hibernia.

Dec. 6.—Special meetings have been conducted in Hibernia Free Baptist The British have shifted their camp a church by the Rev. W. H. Perry for the last two or three weeks and as a result tlefield and are settling down for a week. four converts were brought from darkness There are some cases of fever among the into light where they have found salvation troops. Much depends on Gen. Gat- for their souls, and were baptized on Sunacre's advance. There is absolutely a day afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Pender large concentration of Boers ahead of mill pond in the presence of a large num-Gen. Methuen. Practically the whole of ber. Mr. Perry is still continuing his work, and your correspondent prays that the work may be blessed and more London, Dec. 6. - In compliance with converts brought to the blessed fold of

> Mr. David McCorkle of Hibernia i Hill. We wish him every success in his new enterprise, "for he is a jolly good

Mr. J. Wesley McConchie intends lumbering to quite an extent on his own property. Good men are wanted.

We are sorry to relate that S. W. Palmer, merchant at Hibernia was taken to the Lunatic Asylum on Saturday, Dec.

W. J. Cheyne of this place is going to move to St. John as soon as the ice is fit for travelling. He has, we are informed, taken stock in the new spice and coffee mill. Mr. Cheyne will be much missed in this community as he is superintendent of the Sunday School and takes an active part in the church. He is a good citizen and our best wishes at-

Mrs. H. L. Duffie wishes her patrons and the public generally a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. She invites the public to call and examine her stock which is the largest ever shown here. Miss Edith Williams spert Sunday last

with Mrs. John DeLong, Upper Otnabog. The Rev. W. H. Perry is holding revival meetings this week. Quite a number of converts are coming out and the people here are expecting another bap-

A Big Hog From Nashwaak.

Mr. Michael White, of Nashwaak Village, was in town yesterday and brought with him three hogs killed Monday. The weights of the three were 450 pounds, 375 pounds and 690 pounds. The latter is the heaviest porker brought to the city for ten years and it is doubtful if its weight will be exceded by any other. The big fellow was purchased by E. Estabrooks. -Gleaner.

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