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**THE WAR.**

The following railway distances from points to points in South Africa, it will be well for those interested in events to keep in mind:—

	Miles.
<b>CAPETOWN TO</b>	
Le Aar Junction.....	501
Kimberley.....	647
Vryburg.....	774
Mafeking.....	870
Ramatlabame.....	882
Palapyo.....	1133
Buluwayo.....	1360
Salisbury.....	1353
Norval's Pont.....	626
Bl emfontein.....	759
Kroonstad.....	873
Viljoen's Drift.....	959
Johannesburg.....	1014
Pretoria.....	1040
Pietersburg.....	1230
<b>PORT ELIZABETH TO—</b>	
Rosemead Junction.....	243
Norval's Pont.....	329
Bloemfontein.....	450
Viljoen's Drift.....	656
Johannesburg.....	711
Pretoria.....	740
<b>DURBAN TO—</b>	
Pietermaritzburg.....	70
Ladysmith.....	189
Harrismith.....	249
Newcastle.....	268
Lain's Nek.....	300
Christown.....	304
Volksrust.....	308
Standerton.....	363
Heidelberg.....	400
Johannesburg.....	483
Pretoria.....	511
<b>DELAGOA BAY TO—</b>	
Komati Point.....	58
Pretoria.....	270
Johannesburg.....	390

**GATACRE REPULSED.**

Over 600 Men Missing—Misled by Guides.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, has received the following despatch from Gen. Sir Frederick Forester-Walker, commander of the British troops in Cape Colony:

"The following was received from Gen. Gatacre this morning:

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

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Central News correspondent at Molteno, Cape Colony, in a despatch dated today at noon, gives the first press account of the disaster that has befallen Gen. Gatacre's command. At the time the despatch was sent, the correspondent either did not know the extent of the disaster, or was not allowed by the censor to describe it.

"Early yesterday morning Gen. Gatacre took a brigade northward to surprise the enemy and make a night attack on their Stormberg column, but we, ourselves, were surprised, and had to retire in face of a much stronger force. According to reports brought to camp by our spies, the Stormberg Boers did not number more than 2,500, and the enemy's position and circumstances generally appeared to favor a night surprise. 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 Putter's Kraal, and moving cautiously, arrived safely at a point two miles from Stormberg, when suddenly they were exposed to a

terrific fire right ahead and on the right flank simultaneously. The Irish, who were in the van, immediately sought cover behind a kopje that was fortunately near on the left. The Artillery, Northumberland regiment and the mounted troops followed in perfect order. The men were settling comfortably in their new positions when they found they were covered by the enemy's guns, which were much more powerful than had been supposed. Meanwhile the Boers were maintaining a heavy rifle and artillery fire, but were not doing much damage. Still under fire, the infantry and artillery sought another position half a mile distant, the field batteries covering the withdrawal splendidly. The new position was admirably adapted to holding the enemy in check, the infantry firing behind good cover with precision and effect, while the mounted infantry moved to the north, with the object of getting the Boers on the right flank.

"The action was now pretty general, but was still at long range. Only a few of the British were hit. Then there was another quick change in the situation by the discovery of a strong commando of mounted Boers moving from the northeast. The Irish and Northumberland regiments were sent to engage them. They, however, were met by a heavy fire from a number of machine guns in a good position. It was clear that the enemy numbered at least 3,000, with the best of ground and plenty of guns. It was, therefore, decided to retire thirteen miles to Molteno.

"The retirement was called out in perfect order, despite the fact that the Boers followed closely, bringing two of their forty pounders to bear. Had their gunners been worth their salt they would have inflicted considerable damage on us. Several shells directed at the ambulance fell shot.

"On arriving at Molteno, it was found that casualties were slight. The scheme of surprising the Boers failed, but we obtained valuable information."

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Molteno says that Gen. Gatacre's force numbered 2,700 men.

**BRITISH SUCCESS.**

**Boers' Guns Captured at Bayonets Point.**

The correspondent of the Daily News at Ladysmith, describing Gen. Hunters capture of the guns on Gun Hill, says:

"Major Herderson with fourteen guides, who was directing the movements, led the file up the precipitous boulder strewn heights. When nearly half way up the difficult 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 the 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 doubting their number by the repetition of the sounds. General Hunter leading his officers took up the command and ordered the men to fix their bayonets. They climbed like lizards over the hugh boulders in an irregular but orderly manner. When they gained the crest they found the Boers in full retreat.

**BORN.**

RANKIN.—On the 11th inst., to Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Rankin, a son.

PRINGLE.—On Thursday Dec. 7th, to the wife of Rev. Gordon C. Pringle, Corner Orange and Elm Sts., Woodstock, a daughter.

**DIED.**

WRIGHT.—At Hill and Dale, Vic. Co., N. B., Nov. 24th, of heart failure, Justice E. Wright aged 65 years, leaving a wife and two sons to mourn their loss. His end was peace.

ELLIOTT.—At Greenfield, Car. Co., N. B. Dec. 3rd, of cancer of the stomach, John R. Elliott, aged 46 years and 10 months, leaving a wife and six sisters to mourn their loss.

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Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 8th, 1899.

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