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**THE MORNING GUARDIAN**

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10 1900.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The old year closed with the outlook rather dark for British arms in South Africa, and though there has been a slight improvement of the situation in one or two quarters very little actual progress has been made by the British forces since the new year dawned. Lord Methuen remains entrenched at Modder River. Gen. French has made brilliant use of his small, mobile force and has gained a little ground. There has been something of successful scouting and reconnaissance here and there, but at this writing the advancing columns of the British forces are checked at Modder River, at Colesburg, at Molteno and at the Tugela River.

In the meantime the beleaguered garrisons at Mafeking and Ladysmith are pressed harder and harder. Fortunately the garrisons in both cases, are in command of singularly able, alert and resourceful men. Col. Baden Powell felt it necessary to make a sortie against a troublesome hill fort at Gametree, and though the officers and men attacked with the utmost gallantry and pushed the attack home with splendid persistence they were compelled to retire, after having suffered severe losses. Fortunately for him a small relief column is on its way from the north to relieve him, and may still be hoped to arrive before his resources of defence are exhausted.

At Ladysmith the enemy have been steadily drawing their lines closer and on the south side have approached very close to the British outworks with their trenches. The determined attack of Sunday last upon Ladysmith was timed just when a succession of thunderstorms had swollen the Tugela River so as to make it impossible for General Buller to render any assistance from the south. The situation must indeed have been critical when some British positions were captured by the enemy, and Gen. White heliographed "I am hard pressed," while Buller's fine force, only 15 miles distant, was powerless to render assistance.

Gen. Buller's position is as difficult as it is unique. He is safe against attack but it is almost impossible for him to advance. When he advances from Chieveley to Colenso, as he did at the time of his great reverse and must do again to reach the only practicable fords, he will find himself on the inside of a horseshoe whose circuit is lined with the fortified and entrenched positions of the enemy. Across the river on his front are the heights bristling with Boer batteries and fully commanding the fords. But the enemy also holds Colenso on the south side of the river, and the south shore east and west of Colenso is full of rifle pits and scored with trenches. Four or five miles to the eastward and south of the river is the fortified position of Inlawe Mountain, from which several attacks have failed to dislodge the enemy. Farther away to the left and far south of the river the enemy occupies strong positions at Springfield and along the Little Tugela, a branch of the main river.

Much of the newspaper speculation as to what Gen. Buller may or will do in the way of turning the enemy's position is very idle talk. About all that we know is that he is intensely desirous to cross the river, defeat the enemy, retrieve the disaster he has suffered, and above all to relieve the brave garrison at Ladysmith. The question arises can this be done without incurring losses as great as would be the loss of White and his little army as prisoners of war? We presume that had the river been fordable at the time when White signalled that his position in Ladysmith was critical Buller would at once have advanced. As it is he may or may not delay his attempt to advance until the arrival of Generals Roberts and Kitchener.

Roberts and Kitchener should now be in Cape Town within two or three days day. They have been on the sea and without tidings of the progress of the war for over two weeks past. They may now, one or both, proceed immediately to Durban and Pretoria. This would occupy at least

three days more. But while the counsel of these great men may be most valuable, they cannot change the existing physical conditions. The Boer positions will be as strong, the strength of the enemy's forces, the range of his guns, the almost impassible river, the hard pressed garrison at Ladysmith will be as they were. No change of plans can for the moment alter these embarrassing features of the situation.

The time has apparently passed when it was possible for Gen. White to destroy his stores, cut his way out of Ladysmith and retire to the southward. At any time within the past month this would have been a desperate venture in the face of the threefold force surrounding him. We get a glimpse of the thought in his mind when he stated the other day that "the Boer positions are terribly strong." We take it this means that it is no longer possible for him to escape, if he would.

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