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## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

"ALL WELL."

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.—The Allan Line agents have received word, that the transport Laurentian with "D" and "E" Batteries of the Second Contingent passed St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands this morning. The Captain signalled "all well."

BRITISH TO FIGHT BRITISH.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 31.—Kimberley heliographed to Modder river on the 26th that all the British subjects in the Barkley West district had been ordered to take up arms by and for the Boers, under a penalty of £37 or three months at hard labor.

About 300 men are affected by this order.

AMERICAN SCOUTS.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A special despatch from Cape Town says: One hundred and fifty American scouts who arrived here as muleteers, have enlisted in the British force.

KITCHENER LEAVES FOR NATAL.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—It is reported that Lord Kitchener has left Cape Town for Natal.

This would indicate that General Buller will now be under Lord Robert's direction.

## FLEET TO BE MOBILIZED AT ONCE

### The Eighth Division Will Not Sail.

#### THE LATEST MOVES MADE BY IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

#### A Message From Ladysmith.

Buller addresses his men—Channel Squadron to stay at home—Russia effects the Persian Loan Probable invasion of the Free State—Salisbury's speech in Parliament—Kimberley's condition—Boers reported to be strong at Colenso and about Ladysmith.

#### SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

##### THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Daily Mail's despatch from Cape Town, dated yesterday, says General Buller yesterday read the following message from the Queen to Warren's force:

"I must express my admiration for the troops, conduct during the past trying week, especially those regiments that you specify and for the accomplishment of your arduous march."

General Buller said to the men that they ought not to think that because they had retired from their position all their work was of no avail, as in his opinion they had gained the key of the road to Ladysmith in which he hoped to be within a week.

General Buller then called for cheers for the Queen which were heard miles around.

##### BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The general tone in the Commons, throughout the first night of the session was less despondent than had been expected, and a wholesome symptom of improved public feelings.

The debates were not remarkable in either house.

Lord Salisbury's was the strongest speech of the day. It was full of dignity and his best point was that the British Government had no right to search Lorenzo Marques where guns were shipped before the war.

The Opposition leaders were not aggressive in either House.

The Irish members have celebrated the Boer victories by voting unanimously for a reunion of their parties. Mr. Chamberlain has thus done something in South Africa for Irish Home Rule.

##### CHANGED PROCEEDINGS.

LONDON, Jan. 31, 4 a. m.—It is now known that the Cabinet devoted much of its discussion on Saturday to the mobilization of the fleet. Nothing was settled except that until further security to the Home coasts was obtained by the naval preparations, the eighth division shall not be sent to South Africa.

On Monday the Admiralty issued orders that the Channel squadron, instead of leaving Portland this week for Gibraltar, as previously directed, shall assemble on February 5th off Edlystone, and proceed to Bantry for a fortnight, for exercise off the Irish coast, thus keeping in home water for a time.

The decision to delay the eighth division at a time when reinforcements are so urgently required may only mean that the ships are not yet available and that the division will embark when shipping is ready to take it.

The inference is that the fleet may be mobilized as a general warning to other countries to keep their hands off the Transvaal question or that the ministry

may have definite knowledge that the neutral powers purpose to take some advantage elsewhere while England is busy in South Africa.

Such scraps of information as can be gathered regarding the movements of the armies in the field seem to indicate that the relief of Ladysmith has been abandoned for the present and that a concentration of the force for an invasion of the Free State is in progress.

##### AT KIMBERLEY.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 31.—Natives report that three Boer guns have been removed from Spytfontein to Kimberley. The Boers are apparently making a special effort to reduce the place quickly.

##### A LOER REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A Pretoria telegram dated Thursday 25th mentions that sharp fighting occurred at Crocodile Pools between the Boer outposts and the British, advantage being claimed by Burghers. This would almost seem to dispose of the statement that Mafeking was relieved on the 23rd.

##### ANOTHER IDEA.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—There is a widespread idea here that the Persian loan has finally accomplished Russia's long laid plans to obtain complete political and financial control of Persia with the double object of ousting the British and assuring Russia an outlet on the Persian gulf.

##### NEWS FROM LADYSMITH.

LADYSMITH, Sunday, January 28th.—The news of the prolongation of the siege, resulting from General Buller's failure, is received with fortitude.

We can hold on. The garrison is healthier, cheery and confident. Disease is disappearing and there is no horse sickness.

The rains give plenty of grass.

We can hear General Buller's guns still working, and it is rumored in camp that he is advancing along another line.

The Boer laagers around are again full of men who have returned from the Upper Tugela.

The Boers have also taken up a new position on the hills near Colenso, where they are in great force.

Reinforcements are apparently arriving from the Transvaal.

Strong bodies of Boers are also visible between here and Potgieter's drift.

We are notified today: "St. Thomas-Loanada cable is repaired."

This restores communication with South Africa by the west coast route so that both east and west routes are now working.  
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## INTERESTING PARTICULARS ABOUT THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

### WAUCHOPE'S FAREWELL TO EDINBURGH.

General Wauchope, who fell at the head of the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, had a premonition before leaving Scotland that he would never return; but when presiding at a meeting of the Border Counties Association, in Edinburgh, shortly before his departure, he stated that when the time came for him to die he hoped that it would find him in the Queen's uniform, and at the head of the Highland Brigade.

Gae bring me the gude claymore again,  
The kit of the Tartan plaid;  
For a voice comes sounding over the main,  
That I ken must be obeyed;  
Thrice has it call'd frae the far-off clime,  
And thrice at the call I sprang;  
And tho' it should be for the hinnaist time  
As blythe as of yore I'll gang.

'Tis the voice of our noble Queen I hear,  
And she speaks in Freedom's cause—  
'Go summon my warriors far and near,  
To guard my lands and laws;  
For a freeman's rights, while God me aids,  
Each Briton shall command;  
And woe to the reckless foe that raids,  
On Britain's blood-bought land!

So it's fare thee weel, thou auld grey toon,  
That sits 'neath the dour grey skies;  
In whose blythe neuks and the b'as aroon  
My pride and pleasure lies;  
For a call like that nae Scottish heart  
Has ever been deaf to hear,  
Tho' the listner kens that it bids him part  
Frae a' that he holds maist dear.

The summons hath sped owre strath and hill,  
And the clans are gathering fast:  
For ours is a race that can ne'er bide still  
When the Fiery Cross fleets past.  
And where could a man find darg sae dear,  
As to fight for Flag and Queen;  
Wi' the skirl o' the pipes to soothe his ear,  
When he fa's asleep at e'en.

But awa' wi' the thochts o' Death and Dule!  
'Tis o' War's stern joys I'd sing;  
Let them busk the streets in the garb of Yule,  
And the bells o' the Castle ring;  
Synce play us abard wi' a carty strain,  
And we'll proudly put to sea;  
Tho' it's like to be lang or ye look again,  
On my braw, braw lads, and me!

ROBERT REID.

The Edinburgh town council decided to attend a requiem Mass for the soldiers killed in South Africa at St. Mary's Roman Catholic cathedral. There was a spirited debate on the subject.

The secretary for war has written to the secretary of the Stockwell orphanage thanking the trustees and board of that institution for offering to receive 12 children of soldiers who have fallen in the war.

In the London Graphic's picture of the last battle telegraphed by the Cen-

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tral News correspondent the summit of Spion Kop is shown as a perfect bell, the rifle fire from well-concealed Boers being of the most appalling description and the wonder is not that Warren's forces abandoned the position, but that they were able to hold it as long as they did.

The latest advices from Ladysmith report that owing to the dry weather the fever has diminished, and the number of convalescents returning from Intombi camp exceeds that of the patients being sent there. The supplies are spinning out splendidly, all the troops having sufficient wholesome food.

The disposition of the forces in South Africa is approximately as follows:—

##### IN NATAL.

With General Buller:—  
Gen. Buller, Tugela West (?) 11,500  
Gen. Clery, opposite Colenso (?) 7,000  
Sir Charles Warren, Tugela East 11,500  
In Zululand..... 1,000

31,000

This force includes about 5,000 mounted men, 10 batteries of artillery, 300 engineers, and 23,000 infantry.

In Ladysmith..... 10,000

##### IN THE CAPE.

With Methuen at Modder..... 12,000  
DeAar to Modder and communications..... 17,500  
With French..... 6,000  
With Gatacre..... 7,000

42,500

The Cape force includes, 8,500 mounted men, 11 batteries, naval guns and 1,000 Engineers.

Besides the above there are in Kimberley 4,000, Mafeking 2,000, Rhodesia 3,000..... 9,000

Total force..... 92,500

One of the men of the 2nd Cornwallis, writing from Orange River camp to his parents at Plymouth, gives some pathetic details. He says: "We have sent several train loads of Boers as prisoners to Cape Town, and now we have got 50 more here to send on. I went to Cape Town with a party of 23 Boers. They seem a decent lot of men and in fact could not do too much for the six of us who were forming their escort. Why, they must have spent quite £12 on us. But they seemed very glad to be taken prisoners and thoroughly sick of the war. Among the prisoners we have one boy—a Boer boy. The poor little fellow is not more than 12 years of age, and has been fighting. He has had both legs broken and shot through. It's very pathetic, but what a pity it is to see the poor little chap suffering! You bet he is being well attended to by us. His father was killed in the same engagement. He has a brother still fighting."

According to a member of the garrison, Ladysmith's new name is "Lady-white."

Lieut. Douglas Campbell, of the Imperial Light Horse, who was wounded

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