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Master in The Great Speed—Chinese Pastmasters in Trade.

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### NO COMFORT FOUND

#### Buller's Attack Shown Not to Have Been a Feint.

**THE WAR OFFICE IS STILL SILENT**

Anxiety Regarding the Welfare of Kimberley—Changes Taking Place—Government Sharply Criticized.

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No word has yet issued from the war office regarding General Buller's latest attempt, although the correspondents are allowed to telegraph with a fair amount of freedom, and thus far only a partial list of casualties has been published. The dating of messages from Frere Camp may indicate that General Buller has withdrawn all his forces there.

The London newspapers, having become accustomed to checks, maintain a hopeful tone, but the attention is much more threatening than it seemed to be a week ago. Proofs of the terrible strength and mobility of the Boer army, together with the rumor that General Buller is taking the initiative with the object of cutting General Buller's communications, are in no way reassuring. Even the most sanguine persons begin to feel that it is quite hopeless to expect the relief of Ladysmith, while it is clear that, if it is impossible for Buller to reach Ladysmith, it is equally impossible for the garrison, exhausted by sickness and privations to cut a way out.

Reports of the Boer advance through Zululand are disquieting. If they should be able to strike Greytown, General Buller would be compelled to transfer attention to the eastern side of Natal. The fact that Lord Roberts arrived at Modder River Friday seems to show that he has been on a round of inspection of the chief commands, and that his main advance is not so near as has been supposed.

Startling intelligence comes from Kimberley in the Cape newspapers just received by mail in London. It appears that since January 8 Kimberley has been the scene for the most part of a siege, which is so repugnant to women and children that many refuse to eat it. It also appears that the deaths of the garrison have been increasing steadily. This news is startling because the garrison had not allowed it to be called. Possibly such conditions explain the presence of Lord Roberts at Modder River, and the apparent preparations for an advance from that point.

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Today sees the beginning of the fifth month of the war. Charles Williams, the military expert, says:

"After all this interval, our fine big army, instead of being free to maneuver in the field, is tied by the left leg to Kimberley, in order to please the garrison, and by the right leg to Ladysmith in order to please Joseph Chamberlain. Yet neither town has the very smallest military value."

Although the British will soon have 200,000 men in South Africa, the Daily Mail and other papers are still asking for more troops.

The stoppage of shipments of gold and diamonds resulted in exports from Cape Colony last month valued at £21,132 as against £2,211,114 in January of last year.

**War Office Advice.**  
LONDON, Feb. 11, midnight.—The war office has just issued the following dispatch, dated today, from the general commanding at Cape Town:

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RENSBERG, Saturday, Feb. 10.—The Boers outflanked the British yesterday. A considerable force of the enemy was threatening the British communications between Rensberg and Slingsfontein, 12 miles away, and during a reconnaissance by some Imlekilling and 20 Australians a number of Boers were discovered attempting to get a gun in position to shell the British camp.

**ROBERTS AT MODDER RIVER.**  
Enthusiastically Received and Comforted the Soldiers.

MODDER RIVER, Feb. 10.—Lord Roberts is here. Upon appearing before the troops on Friday he was enthusiastically cheered. He visited the camp of the Highland brigade this morning, and commended the men for their gallant conduct on the steady conduct at Koodersberg drift.

**BRITISH NEWSPAPER MAN CAPTURED.**  
RENSBERG, Feb. 11.—A picket of five Victorian rifles, after holding position some hours yesterday, was forced to retire, the Boers getting on a hill and firing down upon them. Three were slightly wounded, one is missing and one escaped unhurt.

In Wednesday's brush two correspondents, Mr. Hales, of the London Daily News, and Mr. Lambie, of the Melbourne Herald, were captured. The British took two prisoners.

**BOARDS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.**  
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 11.—A board of seven men, including the Vancouver contingent of the Strathcona rough riders departed today for Calgary, where they will join the remainder of the Western troops bound for South Africa.

**BOULET TO OUTFLANK BULLER.**  
DURBAN, Feb. 11.—It is rumored here that General Buller is marching with a column of 600 men to outflank General Buller.

**All Quiet at Frere.**  
FRERE CAMP, Feb. 11.—All is quiet here today. The British troops are resting, and the Boers are inactive.