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Remarkable Exploit of Major Marsh's Battalion

and Vertical Cliffs.

eral Gregorio Pilar was killed:

ploit. With loar depleted companies of two killed and nine wounded. Conningham's handful of scouts, the "Part of the battle was fought in the command left Young's headquarters at clouds, as a heavy mist settled over the Candon on the afternoon of November mountains, concealing the trail. The 50 wounded. 30, March having received information two American dead were buried where coast road at Candon for the mountains place of the Filipino refugee president. instead of going further north, as had been supposed. This information was confirmed by General Young, who remained at Candon with one troop of the had to live on the country.

by Captains Jenkinson and Davies and dle of November he went to Eugene, in Lieutenants Tompkins and White. Aft- the Willamette valley, Yreks and other er two days' hard climbing, the com- points in Northern California, returning mand reached a point two miles beyond to Ashland about two weeks ago for a the village of Lingai, where the fight oc- couple of days. From Ashland he went Moltene. The burghers were not sightcorred. There was a snake-like trail to Hornbrook, when by means of a bogus ed and the British remained at Molteno. leading up the precipitous mountain check on the Bank of Ashland, he obside, and half way up the insurgents had tained \$10 from F. T. Fredenturg, the constructed trenches, from which they botel-keeper of that place. could pour a deadly fire down on the Medford was the next scene of his of the trail or in the valley below, Cunwere in the advance, and were fired up. Roseburg, the proprietor of a refectors in on first. Jenkinson's company went to the Douglas county-seat, for the amount their support, and after the exchange of named and Hamilton, having confidence a few shots, these troops waited in the in the assurance given him by the ebelter of a bill.

Jenkinson ordered a charge around a strength of Hamilton's name, cashed for bend in the trail. Captain Canningham the peripatetic mixer of exhilarating and Lieutenant McClelland led the charge, and se the men rushed around was returned to Medford unpaid, and J. Leyds, the minister plenipotentiary of the bend they came into full view of the Mr. Hamilton had the experience-if the South African republics, accredited insurgents 200 yards above, who opened not the pleasure—of going into his pock- to all the governments of Europe, said a well directed fire from trenches and ets to the amount of the \$25, to repay the today from behind rocks and trees. Half a bank. the opposite side of the valley, overlook- perience but poorer in pocket, that ing the trenches. These men made the sum. ascent of the knoll under heavy fire, but The last heard of Collins was that he

feet high on the insurgents left. Tomp- land Tidings. kins, with Lieutenant True and 50 men made the ascent of the hill by dragging

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them, but were soon put to ht. Tompkine then took a position overlooking the entire rebel force, and took them completely by surprise, as Americans could climb an almost verti-

cal hill and flank them out of their position. The company on the hill and the sharpshooters on the knoll poured in a murderous fire, and at the same time AFTER THE REBEL CHIEFTAIN March, with three companies below, charged up the hill shooting and yelling. The insurgents broke from behind the Over Supposed Impassable Trails tion and fled up the trail and into the thick underbrush and the fight was over. "Their force was not large, probably

not over 100, but only 25 passed in retreat over the trail through Auguagui to MANILA, Dec. 12, via San Francisco, Cervantes. The remainder were killed Jan. 16 .- (Correspondence of the Asso- or wounded or escaped into the brush. ciated Press.)-The Associated Press cor- Pilar's body was found in the road, respondent with March's battalion, pur- where his men had been compelled to suing Aguinaldo through the mountains abandon it. The bodies of six others: which Spanish soldiers and writers have including a lieutenant were found, but said were impassable to white men, this was only a small proportion of their sends from Bontoe the fellowing account loss, for a number were seen to fall from of the fight of December 2, wherein Gen- the rocks and mountain side into an inaccessible abyss below, and bloody trails "The entire march of March's battalion led in every direction, showing where of the Thirty-third infantry from Candon the dead and wounded had been carried to Cervantes has been a remarkable ex- into the brush. The American loss was

He Kites Drafts.

Harry C. Collins, a young man of Third cavalry, sent two other troops to about 28 years of age, who, during Sepoccupy Santiago and then ordered tember and October, last, was employed news of momentr Modder river advices March's battalion into the mountains in the caracity of bartender at the Hotel of yesterday's date only report the daily after Againaldo. The men had only 140 Oregon in this city, seems to be in a fair long-range shelling from which the rounds of ammunition, no rations and way of "going over the road" if he is

The four companies were commanded After leaving Ashland during the mid-

line drew a draft on Wm. Waddle of place. glib-tongued Collins, endorsed the draft, The enemy continued their fire, and which the bank at Medford, on the bibulous concections. This draft the World from Brussels says: Dr. W.

dozen of Jenkinson's men fell killed or After his success in "raising the wind" wounded within a few feet of each other, at Medford, Collins next exploited some hit in several places. Their com- Grants Pass and it is reported that Lou. rades dragged them behind shelter, and Heberlie had so much confidence in the March with the remainder of the battal- (worth and appearance of Collin's name ion coming up, the troops sought what on the back of an engraved draft that he shelter they could, while March sent 12 handed over to him \$25 and he, too. like sharpshooters to the top of a knoll on Collin's Medford yietim, is richer in ex-

when they reached the top their well- is making tracks for the north or the directed shots soon had the effect of ma- coast and that the officers of the law are and other points on the railroad for this March thea directed Tompkins to exe- new Napoleon of finance. Collins first cute a flank movement with his company came to Ashland from Roseburg, where by climbing the side of a hill a thousand he had worked for Wm. Waddle.—Ash- the Boers of firing upon surgeons and horses out of condition. They cannot be

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BULLER'S MOVEMENTS withdrawal.

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rocks and trenches and every other posi- Dally Long Range Shelling of Boers at Modder River Continues With Little Result.

> PRETORIA, Jan. 13 .- As a result of the bombardment of Mafeking vesterday, the British fort at the east was demoilaager at Ladysmith report that the attack on that place January 6 was disastrous to the British and Ladysmith appears to be in some straits.

RENEBERG, Cape Colony, Jan. 15 .et. The Boers had 21 killed and about feeling is growing that General Buller's

London, Jan. 16 .- A complete absence on his journey up the coast which led to they fell, and the remainder of the col- of news from Natal up to this hour the belief that Againaldo had left the umn moved on in search of the hiding proves that the cencorship will allow nothing to pass until Buller's plans are executed or have failed. Even General Roberts, in his report of yesterday even- enemy four and a half miles in front of ing, deferred from mentioning a word about Natal or Buller.

From other columns there is little severly.

A dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated

January 15, reports that Gatacre's troops had made a demonstration beyond Mo'teno in the direction of Stormberg in the belief that the Boers intended to seize Arrivals from Stormberg estimate that there are 4560 Boers at that place, mostly revolted colonists and Free Staters. President Steyn's brother is the landrost. General French continues to abell Boer ably near Onderbrook Spruit, between

ASSERTIONS OF DR. LEDYS.

Transvaal Has No Representative in America-Boers Are Not Cruel.

New York, Jan. 16 -A dispatch to

who is mainly responsible for this bloodefforts to bring about a suspension of hostilities. As for a refusal of an exequateur to Mr. Hay (the new United States consul on his way to replace Mr. Maany authority to speak on behalf of the to Dewdrop. government at Pretoria. As for the reing the insurgents careful not to expose keeping a sharp look out at Roseburg would lead the government at Pretoria the strain of the siege. To what extent to take such a decision."

Taking up a clipping from the Westminster Gazette, of London, accusing The men must be exhausted and the ambulances on the fields, Dr. Leyds con- good for much until they have some

"This extract from the Westminster Gazette has come under my notice. I not represent their true fighting force. declare without hesitation that the Boer soldier does not exist who knowingly fire on a man employed on an errand of mercy. That mistakes occur on both mercy. That mistakes occur on both published this dispatch from Lord Rob-sides is too evident from the reports published Cape Town, January 15, 6:20 lished from time to time of alleged cruel- P. m. tieg, which a fuller examination has of warfare. But the numerous accounts from the English press of the chivalry of our men are in themselves a refutation of such charges,

"One report says the Boers were made attaches arrived here this morning, to dig their own graves before being tied They will proceed Monday to Cape Town "One report says the Boers were made to a stake for execution. If this is true, I can only express my horror and indignation. Such acts of barbarity must henceforth sully the annals of British warlare."

EVERYTHING IS UNCERTAIN

Joubert May Have Gone After Buller With Full Strength.

New York, Jan. 16 .- The London correspendent of the Herald, discussing the war situation, says: Complete uncertainty prevails here as to what is taking place in Natal-an uncertainty permeated by apprehension. The situation is likened to that which existed in the Northern states after the battle of Boll Run-there is the same dearth of news, the same dread that worse may yet betide, and the same stern determination that new disaster, should one come, process peculiar to itself and must have a morrow.

Amid the multitudinous theories set forth by the critics, there is one to which attention may be called at the outset. It is, to say the least, as good a guess as any of the other vacillations that are being made in every quarter, and it comes Sarsaparilla. It builds me up and from a man who has had long and close saves doctor bills." Mary A. Burke, experience of the Boers and their character. This gentleman's suggestion is that the mystery that seems to envelop the Boers' movements may be due to the fact that they are quiety retiring from the Tugela and other advanced positions | Hood's Phils cur liver tils; the non-irritating and toward the Drakensburg passes, leaving only cathertic to take with Hood's Sarsaparil

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He cites the reputed movements of commands with guns from the neighborhood of Ladysmith and the confused they evidently never supposed that the British Fort at Mafeking Captured reports as to the abandonment of the Colenso treaches in support of his throry. In the Drakensburg range, the passes, naturally so strong, have besides been so well fortified that the burghers may well look upon them as the ancient looked upon Thermopolae. Though the withdrawal is kept recret the small fi bodies are left to mask the general movement, unhampered with guns or stores, would, according to this gentleman, have a good chance of making their wyy to a place of eafety when the British advance made their retreat

The reports that Colenso and Grobler's Kloof have been abandoned by the Borre seem now to be open to doubt, as one ished and the British retired. One Boar correspondent telegraphs that the Boers was wounded. Advices from the head sre still in Colenso, while another quotes statements that the Boers have mounted another gun at Grobler's Kloof. CENSORSHIP LETS NOTHING THROUGH.

The censor is evidently determined hat nothing shall come through from The Boers this morning attempted to Buller's army until his movement has rush the hill held be a company of York. been completed, but although there is shires and New Zealanders, but they much that is dubious and uncertain were repulsed at the point of the bayon- about the extract situation in Natal, the turning movements are having a real and possibly a decisive effect. The facts that seem well assured are verified, but such as they are all point in the same direct tion Buller has not been heard of since his arrival at Potgieter's drift, with the him. It is said that General Warren has crossed the Tugela, at what point is not mentioned, and that some of the British cavalry are on the north side of

> The apparent ease with which Bullet made his way westward and crossed the little Togela leads to the natural inference that Springfield was not beld by that contingent of Boers, with guns which was reported several days ago to be there, and if both be on their extreme right at Springfield and on their extreme left at Klangwand and Inhlwan monn tains, the Boers were discovered to have that their line, because of its extension over 20 miles, was too weak and that prudence dictated concentration, prob-

WHAT THE BOKES MAY DO.

and west, they must do one of two things collect their forces behind strong intrenchments, when they must be dislodged by assault before Ladysmith can be relieved, or else Joubert is retreating from Colenso and the east and will fall upon Buller's column with his whole strength hoping to crush him before as sistance can arrive from Warren. This plausible, for it accounts for the rapid emoval of Boer commandos from the immediate neighborhood of the river.

A good road rune northwest from Buished and who has repulsed all outside wer bridge toward Roodepoort and Dew-Boers availed themselves of this route. from Potgieter's drift northward and crum) that rumor sppears to come compel him to accept battle. If these through what are called Boer agents in suppositions are even approximately cor-America. Let me state that no such rect, there must be some heavy fighting person exists. No man in American has going on northwest of Colenso and close

From Ladysmith there is another conport itself, I can neither confirm nor siderable list of deaths by disease, showport itself, I can neither confirm nor deny it, but I know of no reason which ing that the garrison is suffering under SEIRECORG. White's command will be able to co-operate with the relief column is uncertain. weeks of rest. Thus their nominal strength of 8500 men and 36 guns does

Lord Robert's Dispatch.

London, Jan. 16.—The war office has

"French reports that a reconnoissance proved to be the result either of misun-derstanding or of ignorance of the rules turned today. Methuen and Gatacre report no change."

Foreign Attaches Join Roberts.

DURBAN, Jan. 14.-All foreign military where they will join Lord Roberts.

British Invade the Free State.

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