

BRITISH LOSSES AT MODDER RIVER

**They Foot Up to 438, Making More Than
1,000 Out of 7,000 Men in the Battles
at Belmont, Gras Pan and Modder.**

Almost One-Sixth of General Methuen's Army Rendered Hors du
Combat—Loss Proportionately Much Heavier than by Amer-
icans at Santiago—British Column is Unable to Proceed—
Waiting for River Bridge to be Built—Column is Being Re-
inforced—Enforced Delay Will Let Men Rest—Ladysmith
Relief Force Still at Frere—Gen. Clery's Flying Column Out
to Surprise the Boers—Colenso Bridge Blown Up—More
Troops for South Africa—Newspaper Famine.

London, Dec. 2.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Forster-Walker:

"Capetown, Friday, Dec. 1.—Gen. Gatacre reports no change in the situation, but he long in constructing a temporary bridge. His enforced delay doubtless will be of considerable service in giving his hard-pushed column needful rest, and in allowing the arrival of reinforcements of which he must be sorely in need."

Gen. French had made a reconnaissance from Naauwpoort to Rosmead. The troops returned today.

Gen. Methuen's flesh wound is slight. He is remaining at Modder river for the reconstruction of the bridge. Am reinforcing him with Highlanders and a cavalry corps. Horse artillery, the Canadian regiment, Australian contingents, and three battalions infantry, moved up to the De Aar and Belmont line."

As surmised, the British dead and wounded at the hard fought battle of Modder river numbered hundreds. The

ly in need after three such fights, placing hors de combat upwards of a thousand men out of less than 7,000.

Gen. Forester-Walker's announcement that the Canadian marksmen and other reinforcements have been pushed forward to the neighborhood of the Orange river to protect Gen. Methuen's line of communication, has relieved much anxiety here, where it was fully expected the Boers would attempt to sever the vulnerable points of the line of communication.

The latest news from Natal indicates that the bulk of the Ladysmith relief force has arrived at Frere, though there is considerable conjecture as to the whereabouts of Gen. Clery, whose movements have not been

department today gave out the information that the total number of casualties was 458, and the number of killed was 73.

The revised list of Modder river casualties, non-commissioned officers and men, is divided as follows:

Ninth lancers, one wounded.
Engineers, two wounded.
Second Gloucesters, ten killed, fifty-six wounded.
Third grenadiers, nine killed, thirty-eight wounded, four missing.
Coburn's Buffs, one killed, thirty-seven wounded, one missing.
Northumberland fusiliers, eleven killed, thirty-one wounded.
First Northumberland, three wounded.
Second Yorkshire, nine killed, forty-four wounded.
Lancashire, three killed, fourteen wounded.
Argyll and Highland Highlanders, one killed.

As Gen. Hildyard's advance guard was in touch with the Boers as long ago as Tuesday last, developments should not be long due.

Dundonald's mounted force, Nov. 28, accompanied by four guns, went in pursuit of a body of Boers returning to Colenso river, and were enabled to within two and half miles of Colenso, when the Boers replied to the British shells with long range guns. There were no casualties.

Colenso bridge is added, was afterwards blown up.

Another detachment of 2,000 British troops sailed for South Africa today. On going to the mineral sale of the newspapers, consequent upon the war, a paper famine is threatened. It is

First Coldstreams, twenty wounded, South African reserve, one wounded. Medical corps, one wounded. From Gen. Forester-Walker's dis-

LIEUT. COL. BRERETON IS DEAD.

Hallant Officer of the Twenty-fourth Kills Himself at Santa Tomas, Luzon, While Insane—General Otis Sends the Sad News.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The war department has received the following from Gen. Otis at Manila, dated Dec. 2: "Lieutenant Colonel Breerton, captain of the Twenty-fourth infantry, while temporarily insane, committed suicide at Santa Tomas, near San Fernando, Union province, Luzon, at 6 o'clock this morning. "Insanity was first manifested on Nov. 29th, at Aringay."

The announcement of Colonel Breerton's death was a great shock to his friends in this city. The man who knew him better perhaps, than any other in Salt Lake, was Adjutant-General Burton, who, on hearing of the

was largely due to his magnificent conduct in this memorable struggle. He received a severe wound in his engagement that incapacitated him from service and put him on the hospital list for months.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Lieutenant Colonel John J. Breerton was a native of New Jersey and about forty-five years of age. In stature he was small, but in all the other endowments of nature he had been generously dealt with and was a leader in all respects a man among men. He was a graduate of the Military academy of New Jersey and a West Pointer. In the latter institution he was a classmate of Colonel Willard Young, to whom he was bound by the closest ties of friendship. His first commission

"Why," said he, "I cannot understand why Brereton would commit a mistake like that. He was finely educated, stood high in the estimation of

who knew him, was possessed of excellent judgment and withal one of the most gallant and charming gentlemen it has been my pleasure to meet. He was a man of great courage and generous to a fault. He was often found at each other's side and I never witnessed a solitary one on his part that would indicate that he would take his own life. He was a man of the highest direction. Of course the statement that he was injured explains it all. But it is nevertheless a most dreadful affair.

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<p>SA Juan Hill re- baid do credit to cer in the army. His promotion</p>	<p>last wife, who died at Port Bazar, New Mexico, about 1891.</p>
<p>HAWAIIAN ADVICES.</p> <p>ney for Families of British Sol- serted His Wife—Financial Settles</p> <p>San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Agro ss advices from Honolulu unde- Nov. 26 state that a thousand d- sent on the steamer Warrin to the British residents of Valentin, and San Francisco subscrib- to Waiwala stock vs E. F. Dilling- ham, has been compromised by the pay- ment by Mr. Dillingham of \$100,000. Sa- per had a judgment for \$25,000 dam- ages. The San Francisco subscribers are to get their million dollars' worth of stock from the new issue recently de- United States Consul General Hay-</p>	<p>bers— pent. dated date plars se to ance</p>

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