

# VICTORY FOR BRITISH ARMS.

Buller Takes Two Kops from the  
Boers Near Ladysmith.

LOSS WAS ABOUT 250 MEN.

Advance Checked for the Present—  
British Worry Boers at Modder  
River—Boers Advancing.

[Early Dispatches.]

London, Feb. 8.—The British columns  
putting themselves in motion in all  
parts of the South African war field.  
A combined attack upon the Boers  
was in progress. Gen. Buller  
has gained a footing on the plateau  
north of the Tugela, after two days  
of fighting.

On the far western border Lord  
Methuen has begun a turning move-  
ment against the Boers, while  
Gen. Buller threatens the Boers  
from the east, thus relieving the pressure on  
Lord Methuen's front.

Lord Roberts, who, according to an  
authoritative source, is in the middle of the theater of  
operations, has begun to march on Bloemfontein.  
The Boers have taken the initiative  
against Gen. Gatacre, attacking two of  
his positions at Klerksdorp.

It is generally held that the general  
forward movement, so long talked of,  
is in progress.

Gen. Buller's third attempt at re-  
gaining Ladysmith absorbed attention.  
He sent a column of 100 to 200 men  
to attack the Boers on the left.

A dispatch from Spearman's camp  
dated Wednesday, February 7th, says:  
"Gen. Buller commenced the advance  
of his column of 100 to 200 men  
on the left of Ladysmith Monday.  
The Boers opened at 7 in the  
morning, and a fierce attack was made  
in front of our position. Three bat-  
talions advanced toward the Boers  
with six batteries of artillery. At 11 o'clock  
the Boers opened with artillery fire,  
and sent several shells among the  
British infantry, who retired one hour  
later."

"Meanwhile a vigorous attack was  
made on the extreme right, where the  
Boers expeditiously constructed a  
position. Several pieces of cannon, hid-  
den among the trees on Zwartkops  
ridge, opened at 11 o'clock, and the  
British shells exploded in the air."

"At 1 o'clock a high hill, a continu-  
ation of the Zwartkops ridge, had been  
taken. The operations were excellent;  
the name of the hill taken is  
Zwartkops."

"The bombardment of the Boer posi-  
tion was resumed this (Wednesday)  
morning. The Boers worked a dis-  
crepancy between the high Boer  
position and the right of the hill  
occupied, but the British shells ex-  
ploded in the air."

"The war balloon has been used most  
effectively, making accurate dis-  
patches and getting information as to the  
Boer positions. The Boers directed a heavy  
artillery fire in the endeavor to destroy  
the balloon apparatus."

"The Boers behaved splendidly  
throughout, ably covering the infantry  
retreat from the front, attacking in the  
face of a heavy Boer shell fire."

"It is said that the Boers suffered  
heavily, as their ambulances were  
burned."

"The Boer position consisted of a line  
of kopjes, strongly entrenched, extend-  
ing three miles from Spion Kop and  
ending sharply at the eastern end to  
the south, about opposite Zwartkops  
ridge, which is a steep hill south of the  
Tugela that the British occupied before  
the capture of Potgieters' drift. After  
the Boers prevented a further advance  
on Monday."

"The next morning the Boers indulged  
in long-range shell fire, but in the af-  
ternoon they made a vigorous attempt  
to retake the position. Their at-  
tack was made upon the northern end  
of the kopje and at first it was suc-  
cessful. Reinforcements were, however,  
sent up, and the British recaptured  
the position at the point of the bayonet  
and advanced along the ridge, the British  
force the larger force of troops,  
the outlook is hopeful."

"A special dispatch from Spearman's  
camp, dated Wednesday, February 7th,  
says: "Our further advance is at the  
moment prevented, as the Boers con-  
tinue to hold their positions on Spion  
Kop and Doorn Kloof. Our casualties,  
although estimated at 250, are trifling  
considering the great importance of  
the movement just concluded."

"The Standard has the following from  
Spearman's camp, dated February 7th:  
"The force under Gen. Buller is again  
advancing to the relief of Ladysmith,  
and after two days the severe fighting  
may fairly be said to have made a  
most first step on the road to the be-  
lieved town."

"The movement was begun at an  
early hour on Monday morning by way  
of Potgieters' drift. The elements of the  
column, forming a part of the fifth di-  
vision under Gen. Warren, made a  
short march upon the kopjes on our  
right. The assault was delivered at  
the outset under cover of naval guns  
on Mount Alice and subsequently under  
that of field batteries."

"The infantry advanced steadily to-  
ward the Boer entrenched position at  
Klerksdorp and kept the enemy busily  
employed. While the remainder of the  
infantry made the remainder of the in-  
fantry for the attack, who had bivou-  
acked the second night under Mount  
Alice, moved along at the foot of our  
right."

"A pontoon bridge was thrown across  
the Tugela by the engineers under the  
direction of the commander. The first bat-  
talion Durham Light Infantry of Gen. Lytton  
Vasey's Infantry. They advanced against  
Zwartkops ridge, which lies on the most  
southern point of Ladysmith, and after two  
days' splendid work they got within  
charging distance of the Boers."

"The first of the kopjes was carried  
by them at the point of the bayonet,  
and the second night, after a most  
splendid attack, the battalion rifle brigade  
crossed the second ridge, and after  
moving across the long ridge, they  
bivouacked on the spot."

"The next attack at Potgieters' hav-  
ing been a success in preventing the  
advance of the enemy at the crucial  
point, the first brigade of the Dur-  
ham Light Infantry, the elements of the  
column, both the infantry and the ar-  
tillery had been subjected to a severe  
day."

"Yesterday (Tuesday) at 4 o'clock in

the afternoon the enemy, encouraged  
by their success at Spion Kop,  
endeavored to recapture the position  
taken by us at Vaal Krantz. They  
were beaten back, however, with loss.  
"The work accomplished so far has  
been magnificent. The Boers have  
been extremely severe but our losses  
are, comparatively speaking, small."  
"The Durham Light Infantry took a  
few prisoners in the course of their  
charge."

"The enemy, as usual, fought with  
the utmost stubbornness. The British  
maneuvering and the accuracy of him  
on the part of the British artillery dur-  
ing the fighting on Monday were be-  
yond praise. There is not the slightest  
likelihood that the Boers will succeed  
in dislodging us from the positions we  
have gained, and the prospects of the  
relief of Ladysmith are decidedly  
hopeful."

Spence Wilkinson in the Morning  
Post today says: "The British forces  
appear to be everywhere on the move.  
In the absence of local knowledge it is  
idle to guess the site of Gen. Buller's  
new attack. If, as seems likely, this  
is east of Ladysmith, it is only ten miles  
and the country is more open than any  
other route. In any event Gen. Buller's  
troops will have to break the enemy's  
resistance by hard fighting, for the de-  
lay involved in crossing the river must  
make it difficult to gain the start  
needed to turn the enemy's flank."

"It is not known whether Lord Rob-  
erts has moved to begin the campaign  
or not. It may be that he has only  
moved to some point nearer the scene  
of operations, where he can be in com-  
munication with all his generals."

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent  
at Spearman's Camp, in a dispatch  
dated Monday night, says: "Under the  
personal direction of Gen. Buller the  
attack on the Boer positions was begun  
this morning by nearly the whole of  
our batteries—seventy-two guns—shell-  
ing the ridges where the enemy have  
their trenches and redoubts on the  
Blaauwburg ridge, the low crest facing  
Potgieters' Drift."

"The enemy suffered severely. Sev-  
eral hills were smoking like volcanoes  
from the effects of the bombardment,  
which set on fire their stores and the  
grass."

"While the third pontoon bridge was  
being constructed under fire near Schiel-  
(Skie) drift the eleventh brigade,  
now under command of Col. Wynne,  
made a demonstration against the  
Boers, marching along the meadows  
with the support of seven bat-  
teries of artillery."

"At 11 o'clock the enemy opened a  
heavy cannonade of shrapnel, common  
shell and pom-pom shells, chiefly from  
Spion Kop. This was accompanied by  
a rattling musketry fire. Our guns  
behaved admirably and were as cool as  
if upon parade."

"The demonstration having gained  
its effect, the real attack on the Boer  
left was delivered at 4 o'clock. The  
Durham Light Infantry carried Vaal  
Krantz, the key of the lower ridges,  
while Gen. Buller's brigade assailed  
the higher ridges. The general and his  
troops are bivouacking upon the field  
of battle. In the language of boudoir  
bulletins, 'mother and child are doing  
well.' Our losses are trifling."

Three thousand militia have been  
ordered to prepare for embarkation.  
The obsolete guns at the various coast  
defenses are being replaced with mod-  
ern naval guns. The government is  
preparing a plan to be submitted to  
parliament for the conversion of the  
army into a volunteer force, and at the  
same time to transfer the position of a  
portion of the Belmont garrison in the  
direction of Douglas, where there are  
still a few Boers."

The British casualties till now are  
two men.

The ninth lancers made several at-  
tempts to retake the position, but were  
unsuccessful. The British hold the  
highest portion of the kopje, the Boers'  
position being on the lowest portion.  
Owing to the steepness of the southern  
slope of the kopje it is impossible to  
dislodge them. The usual daily shell-  
ing here continues."

The outposts report that the Boers  
are making advanced trenches in the  
open plain in front of Magersfontein  
drift, presumably to prevent the British  
infantry and field artillery from ap-  
proaching within range of their posi-  
tions."

Labouchere Mobbed.

Northampton, England, Feb. 7.—The  
announcement that Henry Labouchere,  
editor of Truth and Liberal member of  
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# ALASKA SEEKS FOR PROTECTION.

Better Government There is Neces-  
sary for Safety.

# INCREASE OF POPULATION

Makes Prompt Legislation Impera-  
tive—Municipal Governments  
Should be Authorized.

[Early Dispatches.]

New York, Feb. 8.—A special to the  
Tribune from Washington says:  
A large delegation from Alaska is  
here urging Congress to enact some  
legislation under which a government  
may be organized in that Territory as  
soon as the rush to the gold fields be-  
gins in the spring. Among the dele-  
gates is Governor John G. Brady, W. L.  
Dustin, surveyor general; Wm. A. Kelly,  
superintendent of the census; John G. Price,  
who was appointed a delegate by a  
mass convention of miners; Richard F.  
Lewis, a business man of Juneau; Mr.  
Washburn, manager of the Alaskan  
Commercial company; Louis Sines Jr.,  
a business man from Skagway, and  
Father Barnum, a Roman Catholic mis-  
sionary, who spent many years in  
Alaska, but who is now librarian of the  
Georgetown university.

"These men make requests for legisla-  
tion that they claim is absolutely neces-  
sary for the protection of the people  
and the preservation of the peace. They  
ask for the establishment of courts at  
St. Michael or Cape Nome, at Eagle  
City, at Juneau or Skagway. There  
is now only one court in the Territory  
and the people are compelled to go  
1,000 miles and often a longer distance,  
and to remain away from their homes  
several months and sometimes a year,  
when they are interested in litigation  
or are summoned as witnesses."

The delegation from Alaska asks for  
other legislation, particularly authority  
to organize municipal governments,  
which cannot be done under the present  
statutes. Towns of 1,500 and 2,000  
people already exist by suzerainty and  
are governed by officials elected  
without the authority of law. There  
are no county, township or municipal  
organizations in Alaska, no school dis-  
tricts, no police, no fire departments,  
no power to make roads or streets or to  
enforce order or sanitary conditions,  
except by common consent, and where  
money is needed these purposes it  
must be raised by subscription. Before June  
1, it is expected that the town of Cape  
Nome will contain 20,000 inhabitants,  
and it is scarcely possible so that so  
large a community can be governed  
without law or formal authority.

Already, the sanitary conditions are  
said to be dreadful. Before the last boat  
left there an epidemic of typhoid fever  
had broken out and there is no telling  
how far it has extended. There is no  
method of disposing of garbage and  
refuse, and the water is bad natu-  
rally. Most of the supply used for  
drinking and cooking is taken from a  
river which flows through at least two  
mining camps and receives nearly all  
their filth and refuse. If the typhoid  
plague, which has already reached the  
Hawaiian Islands, should be communi-  
cated to Cape Nome the situation would  
be desperate and thousands of lives  
would be sacrificed.

The delegation also asks appropri-  
ations for the construction of roads for  
the support of schools, post offices, mail  
service, prisons and for other purposes.  
The United States government now col-  
lects a revenue of from \$200,000 to \$500-  
000 a year by taxation, which goes into  
the treasury at Washington, and not  
more than half of it is expended for the  
benefit of the people who pay these  
taxes. The remainder is sent to Wash-  
ington. The delegation asks that the  
collected in Alaska can be expended for  
any purpose without an exact and spe-  
cific appropriation by the mem-  
bers of Congress, whom 95 per cent  
of the people have never seen within five  
thousand miles of the Territory. Most  
of them have only a vague idea of the  
conditions existing there."

THREATENED GOEBEL'S LIFE.

Witness Whose Evidence Cleared  
Goebel Talks of Assassination.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 7.—The police of  
Peoria have unearthed what they think  
is a plot to assassinate Gov. Goebel  
of Kentucky.

A young man arrived in the city last  
fall whose name was George F. Ahlers,  
claiming that his father was a member  
of the firm of Hoffman and Ahlers,  
Chicago. He claimed to be a member  
of his home, and when under the influ-  
ence of drink was easily excited and would  
work himself into a violent passion  
while discussing politics.

He said repeatedly that it was his evi-  
dence that acquitted Mr. Goebel of the  
charge of murder. He was very bitter  
in his denunciation of Goebel, and of-  
fered to bet large sums of money that  
Goebel would be assassinated before he  
reached the gubernatorial chair. He  
said a near relative of Goebel's victim  
was pledged to kill the governor, but in  
case he failed to keep his word, others  
would not fail. He had left Peoria some  
time before the Kentucky tragedy, and  
his present whereabouts are not known.