

# First Blood For the Boers

## Two Guns and the Crew of a Train Captured.

### Rumors of Fighting at Mafeking and Lady- smith.

#### A Raiding Force of 10,000 Men From the Free State.

#### Advance Movement by the British Force Toward Mafeking—Heavy Storms in the Transvaal.

London, Oct. 14.—If today's (Saturday) reports are correct, fighting has now begun in earnest on both Natal and the western frontiers.

London, Oct. 14.—The war office has received the following dispatch from the general commanding the Cape forces:

"Cape Town, Oct. 13-4:10 p.m.—An armored train from Mafeking, escorted by two 7,000 pound guns, sent from here to Mafeking, was attacked last night at Kraxpan. Apparently a rail had been removed. The train left the track and the Boers fired into it with artillery for a half hour and captured it. The guns referred to belonged to the colony. They are light and of old pattern. We have no details as to casualties." Telegraphic communication with Mafeking is interrupted at Kraxpan. The women and children have been sent to Cape Town.

Cape Town, Oct. 13-4:45 p.m.—The entire crew of the engine driver, with the exception of the engine driver, were made prisoners by the Boers.

FIGHTING AT MAPEKING.  
The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent, telegraphing Friday evening says: "I learn on good authority that the Boers are attacking Mafeking. They are reported to have suffered repulses. It is generally admitted that Mafeking cannot stand a strong Boer attack."

London, Saturday, Oct. 14.—The Daily Mail's correspondent of Dundee, Natal, says: "Reports are circulated here that the Boers have reached Newcastle, but no confirmation of either the reports or the reports of fighting at Mafeking and Ladysmith are yet arriving."

The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs his paper under date of Thursday that it is anticipated that the enemy will attack simultaneously Dundee, Ladysmith and Mafeking. The Ladysmith correspondent adds: "Much discontent exists here owing to the presence of suspected Boer sympathizers. The troops are kept under arms, and the volunteers are ordered to sleep booted and spurred, ready for instant call."

#### TEN THOUSAND RAIDERS.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the London Times, telegraphing on Thursday, says: "A subsequent reconnaissance shows that the raiding force from the Free State number approximately 12,000 men. The Times explains this dispatch as evidently referring to a previous telegram which has not yet reached them."

The news this morning is rather of approaching, battles than of actual fighting. The correspondent of the London Daily Mail reports that the Free State forces have completed all preparations for the destruction of the Bothu bridge when that action becomes necessary.

#### A BRITISH ADVANCE.

An Edinburgh paper, the Scotsman, this morning asserts that a battle had been engaged in between Gen. Sir Geo. Stewart White, commanding the forces in Natal, and the Boers who entered Natal by way of Van Reenen's Pass. Gen. White, the Scotsman says, is very sanguine of the success of the British movement. The foregoing report is considered to be correct, as late last night the war office had news of a British advance from Ladysmith, and was hourly expecting further intelligence.

#### COLD LEAD OR HOT COFFEE?

A dispatch from Colesburg, just south of the Orange River, announces that the town was warned to be in readiness for an attack today. The attack did not occur. The inhabitants, according to the dispatch, are wavering and uncertain whether to greet the Boers with cold lead or hot coffee.

#### LOYAL.

A dispatch from Cape Town says

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troops at Ladysmith, Glencoe and Dundee, and if we had it would not be expedient to discuss the point. But if 12,000 Free State troops are to be reckoned with in addition to Commandant Buller's forces, the situation is certainly graver than it seemed yesterday, and further details will be awaited with anxiety. A point in favor of defense is that Free State and Transvaal Boers are not accustomed to working in unison, and any attempt on their part to apply the principle of converging columns to an attack on Ladysmith would not be likely to meet with complete success. The armored train incident is regrettable, but is scarcely disastrous, except that it tends to cut Mafeking off from touch with Plummer's force in Rhodesia.

## ST. THOMAS COMES NEXT

### Street Railway Men Claim to Have Grievances.

#### President Still Threatened to Dis- charge Every Union Man on the Road.

St. Thomas, Oct. 14.—The probabilities are that before 24 hours the street railway employees will be on strike. The St. Thomas Journal says: "A committee representing the employees waited upon President J. H. Still this morning and state that they were very discourteously received. The committee consisted of Messrs. S. Lee, of Detroit, chairman of the International board of arbitration of the Association of Street Railway Employees of America; W. Starnes, president of St. Thomas Trades and Labor Council; F. Mitchell, a member of the Trades and Labor Council; J. Fitzsimmons, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, and H. E. Brinker, a member of the union."

"The differences between the company and the employees are that men who were members of the union were discharged when the line cars were taken off, and that the runs are not equalized."

"Members of the deputation who waited upon Mr. Still this afternoon, stated that Mr. Still refused to interview them, stating that he would fire every member of the union if they did not quit, and called the members of the deputation everything he could lay his tongue to."

"Members of a deputation told The Journal that Mr. Still asked who the strangers were and upon being told ordered the committee out of his office. He said he had nothing to do with them, wanted to know what they had to do with his business, and said that if they did not get out he would call his men and have them put out."

"A meeting of the Street Railway Employees' Union and the Trades and Labor Council will be held tonight, when it is likely a strike will be ordered."

## BALANCE ON THE RIGHT SIDE

### Important Meeting of Leading Method- ist Ministers.

Quebec, Oct. 14.—At the annual session of the Methodist General Missionary Board, in the Young Men's Christian Association building, about 40 members, under the presidency of Rev. J. C. McManis, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, were in attendance. After the opening services the president delivered his address, outlining the important work before the board. Rev. J. Williams, of Montreal, was unanimously chosen secretary for the ensuing year. The missionary report was then read by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Toronto, general secretary of the board, and he gave the financial statement. The total income was \$265,979.40, and the total expenditure was \$257,572.07, leaving a balance of \$8,407.33, which had been applied to the reduction of a debt of \$15,000.

In the evening a missionary rally took place in the Methodist Church, which addresses were delivered by Rev. O. S. Kilbourn, M.D., of China; Rev. Goro Kaburagi, Japanese missionary in Vancouver, B.C.; and Rev. W. H. Pierce, Indian missionary from the Upper Stikine, B. C. A large audience was present.

Tonight the church jubilee to commemorate the opening of the Methodist Church in the city, Oct. 7, 1849, was held. The program consisted of an address of welcome by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Griffith, and addresses by Rev. Dr. Carman, Dr. Briggs, of Toronto; Rev. Joseph Edge, London, Ont.; Rev. J. A. Allen, Q.C., of London; Rev. H. Cairns, of Cornwall; Rev. Dr. Williams and Rev. T. J. Manell, of Montreal.

### THE FOX BAY METHODISTS.

Quebec, Oct. 14.—A committee to consult on the position and needs of the Fox Bay Methodist Church, Antigonish, to report to the board, has been appointed by the general missionary board of the Methodist Church, as follows: J. Wakefield, D.D., Paris, Ont.; J. J. McManis, Q.C., Toronto, W. J. Ferguson, Stratford; Rev. J. Woodsworth, Brandon, Man.; Alex. Mills, Toronto; Wm. Johnston, Belleville, and Rev. P. F. Huestis, Halifax.

## MAN WHO CAN'T SLEEP.

"I see by the paper," said Saunders, "that's there's a new medicine, 'that hasn't slept a wink for six weeks.' 'How's that?' asked Jakes. 'He can't,' said Saunders. 'Inconvenient, I should say,' remarked Jakes. 'Rather,' said Saunders. 'What's he going to do about it?' inquired Jakes. 'Beat the hospital,' said Saunders. 'Beat the hospital? I'll fix him.' 'Why?' asked Jakes. 'Well, I used to be troubled that way on a smaller scale,' said Saunders. 'I can't sleep for three hours, or six, or ten minutes' sleep in two years. I can be a few seconds out, but that is near enough.' 'Must have been nice,' said Jakes. 'That was the very device,' said Saunders. 'What did you do about it?' asked Jakes. 'Everything you could think of. Doctored my nerves and my brain, and I was as nervous as a woman and as stupid as a goat.' 'What cured you?' 'Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets,' said Saunders. 'Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets,' repeated Jakes. 'Sleeplessness comes from nervousness. Nervousness comes from Dyspepsia.' 'I see,' said Jakes, reflectively. 'How much are they?' 'Fifty cents a box,' said Saunders, 'at all druggists.'

## CANADIAN TRADE IN GOOD SHAPE

### Bradstreet's Weekly Reviews of the Business Situation.

New York, Oct. 14.—Bradstreet's weekly review says: Favorable conditions still govern Canadian trade. The character of numerous vessels by the Canadian Government has caused a flurry in shipping circles at Montreal. A satisfactory business is doing, especially in drygoods, and collections are reported good. Cotton manufacturers are discussing a possible advance in their product, and an upward tendency is visible in iron and steel, particularly merchant bars and all classes of nails. White lead has advanced. Alaskan navigation has closed at British Columbia ports. Vancouver reports orders from the mainland as good, and collections are easier. Half-yearly weather conditions have favored harvesting. Collections are fair. Toronto reports active trade in all lines, and wheat shipments interfered with by the requisitioning of many ships for war purposes.

#### ON THE OTHER SIDE.

Bradstreet's says: Trade activity is abroad, all measures of volume and value testifying to prevailing prosperous conditions. Railway earnings, bank clearings returns and quotations of staple prices are all encouraging, pointing as they do to a maximum volume of business for this period of the year. Corn returns for October bear out earlier impressions of short-cropped yields of most leading agricultural products. Expectations of more moderate yields of leading cereals, however, is not confined to this country. The world's wheat crop will admittedly be smaller, and the rye, barley and oat yields are not expected to be so large as a year ago. The higher range of prices of all staples, and particularly of agricultural products, will furnish a profitable advance to producers. The advance in the price of cotton has been a notable one. Foreign buyers of wheat have shown a disposition to hold at higher prices, and the demand for corn, particularly for export, has been so heavy as to create nervousness among those who had sold short in view of a conceded heavy pressure to liquidate. The liberality of foreign demand is perhaps best shown in the September report of exports of leading products. Shipments of breadstuffs were as large as those of August, and there was a heavy gain in cotton exports. Totals of leading exports show an increase of 23 per cent a year ago over September, 1898, but a decrease of 8.5 per cent from September, 1897, which witnessed very heavy shipments of breadstuffs.

Business failures in the United States numbered 164, as compared with 145 last week, 233 in this week a year ago, 196 in 1897, 279 in 1896, and 269 in 1895.

Bank clearings at the principal United States cities for the week ended Oct. 13 showed total clearings, \$1,829,769,586, an increase of 3.1 per cent as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$689,374,164—increased 24.2 per cent. For the Dominion of Canada the clearances were: Montreal, \$1,449,604—decreased 10.8 per cent; Toronto, \$1,550,351—increased 27.9 per cent; Winnipeg, \$3,015,204—increased 5.7 per cent; Halifax, \$1,670,501—increased 30.4 per cent; Hamilton, \$913,553—decreased 23.8 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$874,992—increased 19.4 per cent; Vancouver, B. C., \$42,628; Victoria, \$743,650.

## PITCHING INTO THE FILIPINOS

### Insurgents Driven From Their Posi- tions—U. S. Troops Have a Hard March.

Manila, Oct. 14.—Major Cheatham, with a scouting party, while marching along the west shore of the lake, encountered a force of rebels strongly entrenched at Manting. Major Cheatham reports that he drove the rebels from their position, and that in the engagements three Americans were killed and two wounded.

Reports are in circulation in Manila that Major Cheatham discovered three American prisoners who had been bound, gagged and shot by the insurgents. These rumors, however, are not confirmed.

Reports having reached the provost marshal that arms were concealed at the headquarters of the Dominican Friars, a large detachment of soldiers made a search of the building. They found a small stock of Mausers, revolvers and ammunition, which was confiscated, despite the protestations of the friars that the arms were not intended for unlawful use.

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