

### With Dutch Courage.

#### Transvaal Calls Upon British to Withdraw Troops or Stand on Consequences.

#### Failure in Immediate Obedience to Be Regarded as Declaration of War.

#### Boer Time Limit Already Up and Conflict Likely at Any Moment.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 10.—Late this afternoon the colonial office gave out the text of the following telegram, transmitted by Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa, to the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and received to-day:

"Sir: The government of the South African Republic feels itself compelled to refer the government of Her Majesty, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, to the convention of London, 1854, concluded between this republic and the United Kingdom and which in Article XIV secures to the Boers the right to the white population of this Republic."

"That all persons other than natives or confining themselves to the laws of the South African Republic will have full liberty with their families to enter or reside in any part of the South African Republic."

"They will be entitled to hire or possess houses, manufactories, warehouses, shops or other premises."

"They may carry on their commerce either in possession or by any agent or agents whom they may think fit to employ."

"They shall not be subject in respect to their premises or property or in respect of their commerce to any tax or taxes other than those which may be imposed upon the citizens of said Republic."

"This government wishes further to observe that the above are the only rights which Her Majesty's government reserve to itself, and that it is the duty of our government to regard that also as a formal declaration of war."

"I have the honor to be, respectfully yours, (Signed) 'F. W. REITZ, 'Secretary of State.'"

### Sir Wilfrid Dines in Chicago

#### And Withdraws the Hint of War Lately Breathed in Canadian Commons.

#### Shows Americans How Alaskan Dispute Offers Chance to Prove Disposition.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—Chicago's great Auditorium never held a greater gathering than when Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of the Dominion of Canada, was here for the first time since his visit to the States in 1896. The occasion was the banquet given in his honor by the Chicago Chamber of Commerce, which was held at the Auditorium last night. Sir Wilfrid was the guest of honor, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Laurier, who was the guest of honor at the banquet. Sir Wilfrid was the guest of honor at the banquet, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Laurier, who was the guest of honor at the banquet. Sir Wilfrid was the guest of honor at the banquet, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Laurier, who was the guest of honor at the banquet.

### The Cape To Blame.

#### Its Ministry Has Encouraged the Queen's Enemies in South Africa.

#### Natal's Readiness to Seize Boer Ammunition Noted in Contrast.

#### While Peace Seems Probable the British Elaborate Armed Precautions.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 9.—The complete dearth of news from the Cape, on which all attention is riveted, is poorly compensated for by the mass of minor details published of the preparations for the despatch of the army corps. There is said to be apprehensions that the radicals will offer for the part of the Cape government an open opposition to the government's policy in South Africa, which will possibly make proration and Christmas near neighbors. Lord Salisbury's whip to the Lords, issued to-night, says parliament will deal with matters of great moment."

"The latest from Lorenzo Marquez relating to the chasing of the steamer Guolph by the cruiser Philomel caused some stir especially as it was announced that the vessel had been captured by the British. The Steer was a vessel of the Cape government and was carrying a large quantity of ammunition for the Boers. There is a pretty general feeling that the ammunition for the Boers is being sent to the Cape by the Cape government. The Steer was a vessel of the Cape government and was carrying a large quantity of ammunition for the Boers. There is a pretty general feeling that the ammunition for the Boers is being sent to the Cape by the Cape government."

"EIGHT MONTHS SUPPLIES. London, Oct. 9.—Some indication of the war office's estimates of the campaign is given by the fact that the 'Army' is to be supplied with eight months' supply of bread and other military requisites rendered necessary by the absence of the Boer army. The Boer army is to be supplied with eight months' supply of bread and other military requisites rendered necessary by the absence of the Boer army. The Boer army is to be supplied with eight months' supply of bread and other military requisites rendered necessary by the absence of the Boer army."

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"BURGERS DISPIRITED. London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent says that a trustworthy colored correspondent reports that he saw a thousand armed Boers on Sunday within the Natal border. According to advice the burghers are still arriving at Sandfontein, and it is estimated that 15,000 are concentrated there. They are becoming very much dispirited by the inactivity and the heavy rains and bitter cold weather which is very trying for both men and horses."

"WHY NEWS LAGS. London, Oct. 10.—The absence of news from South Africa appears to be due to a heavy block of the telegraph lines, which may mean that the lines are occupied with official despatches and that telegrams are being actively exchanged in negotiations. A. Durban it is said messages will not be accepted in code for any place in South Africa. No more gold will be permitted to leave the country. From the Continent comes an unconfirmed report that preparations are being made for an organized attack upon the Boer lines by natives and the destruction of even closer union along the line of trade. Sir Alphonse Pelletier and Hon. Richard Dobbell also made brief addresses. Governor James and Mayor Harrison spoke briefly."

"THE MAIL TANGLE. Montreal, Oct. 10.—It is understood the Allan Line company have not been successful in securing the charter of a steamer for the service of the mail contract with the government."

### MR. TARTES CONTRACTS.

#### Wire Deal by Which Public Interest Suffers—Two Ottawa Men Successful.

#### From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 10.—The contract for 150 tons of wire for the telegraph line from Quebec to Atlin has been awarded to J. A. Seybold, of Ottawa, the lowest tenderer. The contract had been awarded to Mr. Tarte, of Ottawa, who had offered \$1,500. The contract for the public building at Deserres, Ont., has been given to J. A. Woodstock, of this city. The building will cost \$31,000.

#### PAUNCEPOTE'S NEW TITLE.

Makes an Impression at Washington, Where He Serves Another Six Months.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The diplomatic list just issued by the state department contains the new title of the British ambassador, Lord Pauncefoot, as 'The Right Hon. Lord Pauncefoot of Preston, (G. C. E.)'. Lord Pauncefoot will retire from the diplomatic service of Great Britain in April next, and this will make Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, the dean of the diplomatic corps in Washington.

#### KITCHENER AT IT AGAIN.

With an Expedition of Six Thousand He Would Complete Khalifa's Work.

London, Oct. 10.—The Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail says that General Kitchener will lead an expedition of 6,000 men against the Khalifa. No English troops, the correspondent says, will be employed. Lord Kitchener will lead an expedition of 6,000 men against the Khalifa. No English troops, the correspondent says, will be employed. Lord Kitchener will lead an expedition of 6,000 men against the Khalifa. No English troops, the correspondent says, will be employed.

#### VANCOUVER ASSIZES.

Demerit of Young Woman Sentenced to Five Years for Shooting Paragon.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Oct. 10.—The fall assizes opened to-day with three cases on the docket, these being against McKinnon, for gross indecency; Geo. McNeill for manslaughter in that while the defendant was struggling with a tramp he caused injuries from which the tramp died; and Retal King for shooting at a girl who was in the company of her negro paramour. The assizes are to close on Friday and made a hostile demonstration against the verdict, sobbing and swearing alternately. Here is the case only yet disposed of."

### New Highway For Mails.

#### Canadian Port With Vanderbilt Money Used to Effect Important Saving.

#### Cape Breton Island Placed on Route Between Liverpool and New York.

By Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 11.—The Tribune to-day says: "Plans are being perfected for the construction of a short railway in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, the completion of which it is said will make possible a saving of 48 hours in the time required for bringing mail from Europe to this port. The line is to be built by the Cape Breton Railway Extension Co., Ltd., which was incorporated under a special act of the Nova Scotia legislature passed March 30, 1890, and now organized for business."

"Those of the corporation who are resident in the United States are John C. Corfield of Philadelphia, Joseph Shaw of Atlantic City, N. J., and Lorenzo Shaw and Herbert Dix of Stanwick, N. J. It is understood that the interests behind the enterprise are the Vanderbits. Dr. Seward Webb being mentioned as its principal promoter, and it is said that some of the Vanderbilt private cars only a day or two ago carried a party from this city to Nova Scotia on business connected with the building of the new road."

"Louisburg on the east coast of Cape Breton Island, 2,240 nautical miles from Liverpool, has an excellent harbor never ice-bound, and with a pier having a depth enough alongside for admitting the largest vessels at low water. It is proposed by the company just organized to build a railway from this port, which may be made the western terminus of a fast mail carrying British steamship to Halifax on the Straits of Canso, a distance of 80 miles. From Halifax existing railways would carry the international mails to all parts of the Dominion of Canada and the United States. The lines on this side of the border which the mail would reach New York by way of the Cape Breton route, would be controlled by the British, and in close relation with the Vanderbilt route."

#### MACHINISTS' STRIKE.

Winnipeg, Oct. 11.—Mr. Stewart Reid, of Washington, general organizer of the Machinists' Union, arrived in the city to-day in connection with the C. P. R. machinists' strike. There is no change in the situation but the men report there is every prospect of additions to their ranks from other branches of organized railway men."

### Government Realizes Its Mistake in Official Snub of the Volunteers.

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