## First Blood For the Boers

Two Guns and the Crew of a Train Captured.

Rumors of Fighting at that no doubt is felt as to the loyalty of Lerothodi and other native chiefs, and the Basutos are still well in hand, Mafeking and Ladysmith.

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

Advance Movement by the British Force Toward Holmes-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

"Cape Town, Oct. 13-4:10 p.m.-An armored train from Mafeking, escorting 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 days, unless the Boers, who were reartillery for a half hour and captured it. The guns referred to belonged to the British line of defense, drawn from Glencoe Junction to Ladysmith. the colony. They are light and of old pattern. We have no details as to patches, no apprehension is felt as to casualties." Telegraphic communica- the results. Gen. White has 12 guns tion with Mafeking is interrupted at Kraxpan. The women and children have been sent to Cape Town.'

Cape Town, Oct. 13-4:05 p.m.-The entire crew of the armored train, with the exception of the engine driver, were made prisoners by the Boers. FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent, telegraphing Friday even-ing says: "I learn on good authority that the Boers are attacking Mafeking. They are reported to have suf-fered repulses. It is generally admitted that Vryburg cannot stand a strong Boer atack.

London, Saturday, Oct. 14.—The Daily Mail's correspondent of Dundee, Natal, says: "Reports are circulated here that the Boers have reached New-castle, but no confirmation of either this or the reports of fighting at Mafeking and Ladysmith are yet gr-strength of the enemy is greatly exaging and Ladysmith are yet gr-strength of the enemy is greatly exaging the strength of the enemy is greatly exaging

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, Glencoe and Ladysmith. The defending force, he says, includes the Natal infantry and carbineers, all remarkably smart and workmanlike. The main Boer force of 11,000 men is at Sandsprait. The correspondent adds: "Much discontent exists here owing to the presence of suspected Boer sympathizers. troops are kept under arms, and the volunteer's 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 reconnoissance shows that the raiding force from the Free State number approximately 12,-000 men. The Times explains this dispatch as evidently referring to a pretelegram which has not yet

The news this morning is rather of approaching, battles than of actual

comes necessary.

A BRITISH ADVANCE. An Edinburgh perper, 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 Reenan's Pass. Gen. White, the Scotsman says, is very sanguine of the success of the British movement. The foregoing re-port is considered to be correct, as late last night the war office had news of was hourly expecting further in-

telligence. A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from its correspondent at Ladysmith, dated at noon on Friday, says: A strong force, under Gen. Sir Stewart White, accompanied by Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter, proceeded before day-break this morning toward Acton Homes for the purpose of reconnoitering. Gen. White's object was to observe what was going on and also to test the mobility and efficiency of his forces. All the men are well and the weather is now fine.

COLD LEAD OR HOT COFFEE? A dispatch from Colesburg, just south of the Orange River, announces that the town was warmed 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 at Mafeking.

Boers with cold lead or hot coffee.

LOYAL. A dispatch from Cape Town says



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but the resident commissioner has de-dided to patrol the border to prevent the Boer raids. the Boer raids.

'According to the London Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent, Mr. Schriener, premier of the Cape Colony, will unreservedly support the imperial government. His previous reserve was dictated by desire not to drive the extreme Dutch residents to excesses. According to the appearant of the rail. cording to the same authority, the rail-way department had early information of the intention of the Boers to destroy railway bridges over fourteen streams, and sent adequate forces to protect these points. The result was that the Boers postponed their attempt.

GOLD FOR THE BOERS. Advices from Johannesburg report the commandeering by the Transvaal government of another 25,000 ounces of gold.

The German foreign office states that Germany will gladly co-operate in a courteously though urgently, worded request to the Transvaal government to permit the creation of an international police force to protect the

HEAVY STORMS.

According to dispatches received from Ladysmith by the Standard and the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, heavy storms have begun and forage is scarce on the veldt. Therefore, noth-. ing is expected to happen for a few this case, according to the dis-

and the Boers 11. The Pall Mall Gazette publishes the following dispatch from Mafeking dat-ed Wednesday: "It is reported that the younger Boers are dissatisfied with Commandant Cronje for not attacking the British position yesterday, and have sent him to the rear and appointed another to command."

RHODES NEARLY CAPTURED. According to the Kimberley correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, Cecil Rhodes had a narrow escape from capture. His train was delayed, and passed the Modder River three hours after the expiration of the BALANCE ON THE ultimatum, when the Boers were only five miles distant, and some of their spies were actually on the platform. strength of the enemy is greatly exag-gerated, and that they will not attack the entrenchments.

THE BOERS' ARTILLERY. Hiram Stevens Maxim, chief engineer and director of the Maxim-Nordenfeldt Guns and Ammunition Company (Limited), in the course of an interview today, said: "So far as I am aware the Boers possess thirty guns, but the British need not fear the Boer artillery, which has always proved a source weakness rather than strength to

the burghers.' A NOTABLE SPEECH.

Cape Town, Oct. 14.-The premier. W. P. Schreiner, in moving the adjournment of the Cape House of Assembly, made a notable speech, in the course of which he alluded to the position in which the Cape Government was placed. He said he would do the duty imposed upon him without fear or favor. The duty of all was to save the colony, so far as possible, from being involved in the vontex of war. In his circulars to the military commanders he had already given his reason for hoping that the people would remain quiet; and now he would ap-The correspondent of the London peal to the members of the legisla-Daily Mail further says that the Free dure to possess their souls in patience, State forces have completed all pre-however dark the days might be, and parations for the destruction of the to await events with quietness and Bothluc bridge when that action be-confidence. To the press, representing both sides, he would appeal for pity, sympathy, generosity and charity; and he wished to make a similar appeal the church and to the natives of the colony. The time had not yet arrived for him to say what part he had played in trying to establish peace in South Africa. That would come later. "Let this colony," said the premier, in conclusion, "be a kind of haven during the storm which has burst upon South Africa, and let us all pray for the re-establishment of an honorable a British advance from Ladysmith, peace throughout our beloved country."

THE NAVAL BRIGADE. Simon's Town, Cape Colony, Oct. 12 (delayed in transmission).-The commander in chief issued a general signal for the fleet last evening. The naval brigade is in readiness to disembark, and is now busy with preparations for landing. A baggage train was kept waiting all night for the brigade. Admiral Harris has notified the inhabitants that shore boats approaching the warships at night are liable to be

BULLER'S DEPARTURE. The Prince of Wales has promised

to see Gen. Sir Redvers Buller and his staff off from the Waterloo station today. A big demonstration is expected. It is an interesting fact that Lord Edward Cecil, son of the Marquis of Salisbury, is with Col. Baden-Powell

LETTER FROM LORD LORNE. Lord Lorne was unable to attend the meeting held at Glasgow, but he wrote in response to the invitation, a letter, in which he said: "Never had any people moretime to deliberate before act-Patience has marked our acts, ignorance and injustice those of the Boers. They are the same as when Livingstone described them as cruel, narrow and tyrannous. In battle our losses may be grievous; but those who die will give their life for the life of our empire, for equal laws and civil liberty. Foreign states acknowledge the justice of our cause, and we know it to be good, and we mean to make it strong.

THE TIMES ON THE SITUATION. The Times this morning, discussing the situation, says: "It is idle to ignore that fact that if the Boers make a determined advance on a large scale into Natal, as seems to be the case, a sustained condition of masterly inactivity might become hopelessly out of the question. We have no means of the case, a sustained condition of masterly inactivity might become hopelessly out of the question. We have no means of the case, a sustained condition of masterly inactivity might become hopelessly out of the question. We have no means of the case, a sustained condition of masterly inactivity might become hopelessly out of the question. We have no means of the case, a sustained condition of masterly inactivity might become hopelessly out of the question.

troops at Ladyemith, 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 reckened with in addition to Commandant Gen. Joubert's contingent, the situation is certainly graver than it seemed vesterday and further datails.

Bradstreet's Weekly Reviews of the You are sure that it is a 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 convenging columns to an attack on Ladysmith would not be likely to meet with complete success. 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 Plumber's force in

## ST. THOMAS

Street Railway Men Claim to Have Grievances.

President Still Threatened . Discharge Every Union Man on the Road.

St. Thomas, Oct. 14.—The probabilities are that before 24 hours the street railway employes will be on strike. The St. Thomas Journal says:

"A committee representing the employes 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 internationboard of arbitration of the Association of Street Railway Employes of America; W. Sayles, president St. Thomas Trades and Labor Council; F. Mitchell, a member of the Trades and Labor Council; J. Fitzsimmons, secre-tary Street Railway Union, and H. E. Brinker, a member of the union.

'The differences between the company and the employes are that men who were members of the union were discharged when the belt line cars were taken off, and that the runs are

not equalized. "Members of the deputation who waited upon Mr. Still this afternoon, state that Mr. Still refused to listen to them, stated 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 of-fice, said he would have 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 Employes' Union and the Trades and Labor Council will be held tonight, when it is likely a strike will be or-

### RIGHT SIDE

Quebec, Oct. 14.-At the annual session of the Methodist General Missionary Board, in the Young Men's Christian Association building, about members, under the presidency of Rev. A. Carman, D.D., general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, were in attendance. After the opening services the president delivered his address, outlining the improtant work before the board. Rev. Dr. Williams, of Montreal, was unanimously chosen secretary for the ensuing year.

The missionary report was then by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Toronto, general missionary secretary, and he gave the financial statement. income was \$265,979 40, and the total expenditure was \$257,972 07, leaving a balance of \$8,007 33, which had been applied to the reduction of a debt of \$16,000.

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

Tonight the church jubilee to commemorate the opening of the Methodist Church in the city, Oct. 7, 1849, will be held. The programme consists 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.; Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., of Winnipeg; Rev. H. Cairns, of Cornwall; Rev. Dr. Williams and Rev. T. J. Mansell, of Montreal.

THE FOX BAY METHODISTS. Quebec, Oct. 14.-A committee to consult on the position and needs of the Fox Bay Methodists in Anticosti and 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. McLaren, Q.C., Toronto; W. J. Ferguson, Stratford; Rev. J. Woodsworth, Brandon, Man.; Alex. Mills, To-ronto; 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 man in New York that hasn't slept a wink for six weeks." "How's that?" asked Jakes. "He can't," said Saunders.

"Inconvenient, I should say,"

marked Jakes.
"Rather," said Saunders.
"What's he going to do about it?" inquired Jakes. "He's in the hospital," said Saunders.

'But I doubt if that'll fix him.' 'Why?" asked Jakes. "Well, I used to be troubled that way on a smaller scale," said Saunders. calculate I not three hours and sixteen minutes' sleep in two years. I

be a few seconds out, but that is near enough. "Must have been nice," said Jakes. "It was the very deuce," said Saun-

'What did you do about it?" asked "Everything you could think of.

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Business Situation.

New York, Cat. 114. - Bradstreet's weekly review says: Favorable conditions still govern Canadian trade. The chartering of numerous vessels by the British 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 also been advanced. Alaskan navigation has closed at British Columbia ports. Vancouver re-ports orders from the mainland as gold, and collections are easier. Halifax 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.

Business failures in the Dominion number 19, as compared with 24 last week, and 22 in this week a year ago. 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-ened yields of most leading agricul-tural 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 take hold at slight recessions, and the demand for corn, par-ticularly for export, has been so heavy as to create nervousness among those who had sold short in view of a con-ceded heavy production this year. 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, 1896, 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 146 last week, 233 in this week a year ago, 196 in 1897, 279 in 1896, and 289 in

Bank clearings at the principal United States cities for the week ended Oct. 13 showed total clearances, \$1,829,769,586 -an increase of 31.1 per cent as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the olearances were \$689,374,164 — increase Winnipeg, \$3,015.204—Increase 51.7 cent; Halifax, \$1.670,501-increase 30.4 per cent: Hamilton, \$913,358 increase 32.8 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$676,916—incres 19.4 per cent; Vancouver, \$1,-71ctoria, \$743,680.

#### PITCHING INTO THE FILIPINOS

Insurgents Driven From Their Post 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 Muntiniuha. Major Cheatham reports that he drove the rebels from their position, and that in the engagements three Americans were killed and two wounded.

Rumors 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 Frians, a large building adjoining the palace, a 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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