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The following are two letters (in there was no truth in it, it caused a tremendous sensation and almost a part) received by Mr. W. C. Ferguson,

Camperdown, Oct. 13, 1899. receive your letter of last week. . . . You will likely get last week's letter at the same time as this, as the Natal days late, owing to the storms on the coast, which prevented the landing at East London (from where the mails were to be sent to Cape Town overland) of the mails in time. The mail steamer waited a day and then had to go on without them. I am particularly sorry that this should have happened just now, as mother will be looking anxiously for letters; but you need not be surprised if you should often find our letters late now, as everything is so upset in the way of transportation. Mr. Afken went to Durban last Monday might, but will be back tomorrow night. don't suppose he can do much busi-Sess on account of the declaration of war, which has at last been made

You can hardly conceive the differ-ence there has been caused here already by the expectation of war. There are only two towns of any size in Natal -Maritzburg, of about 20,000, and Durban, of about 35,000, white people, and their population has been suddenly doubled. As it is the time of the year when Cape Colony has the best sea-son, all, or nearly all, of the wealthier people have gone there. Natal being nearer the Transvaal, we have the destitute and many who have suddenly be-come so. All the towns near the bor-der are now forsaken by the women and children, so that these two towns have had this further addition. Men, women and children have all been sent out of Newcastle, and the women and children out of Ladysmith, which now the military headquarters for Na-

All our communication with the Free State and the Transvaal is cut off, and fifty miles of our own railway line is deserted. Of course, there is no way of getting to Cape Colony, except by boat, and our trains are only running for a little more than one hundred miles—all in Natal. If you look at the map you will see what a long line of border we have to protect, and you follow. will not wonder that, with such a small number of troops, our forces are falling back on Ladysmith, which is about six scriptions is our forte. hours by train from Maritzburg.

We cannot afford to lose an engagement in these early times, as it would mean not only a native rising in Natal but also a rising among the disaffected Dutch in Cape Colony. We are now hourly expecting to hear that the Dutch are at Ladysmith, and that the first engagement has taken place. We had a splendid view of Gen. White and his staff as we met them coming up from Durban. Our trains being both stopped, our carriage was opposite the special car they were in. He is a very fine soldierly looking man, and seems to have been a regular hero in Egypt, if all that is said of him be true and no doubt it is. We have been thinking for some time time about going to Cape Colony. We will likely decide soon now.

We have had a cold, miserable week, with a little rain and a good deal of wind. The poor fellows in camp have been having a very hard time of it especially those from India, as they feel the cold so much. We will try and write you regularly, but you must not be alarmed if you do not hear regularly. In the meantime we are ocbleyching, etc., as if nothing were go-

Natal, Oct. 20, 1899.

As you will see, we are again in Maritzburg for a few days, winding up business here for the present as fast as we can. I am glad to be able to say that we are getting in the money ly discolored. Campbell was fined \$5 satisfactorily, all things considered, for or 20 days. which we are very thankful. There help are being looked after well so far, no matter what might be the circumbut the funds in England will be needed before long, although local help is Robert Gash was found not guilty of

This is one of the most miserable

MONTREAL AND BOSTON. misty and showery for two days, it has settled down into a hopeless, cold, gray, rainy day, and I feel quite cold as I sit here near the window. Mr. Aiken has to be out, unfortunately, as he wants to collect all debts before any panic should affect the people here, who are very excitable, and often go in one day from a feeling of confidence

in one day from a feeling of confidence to one of deepest despair. As you will know there are hundreds of the men of Maritzburg among the volunteers, and these are the men who are acting a security and these are the men who are acting as scouts and about the only ones who have thus far come under the fire of the Boers. These men can, of course, speak both Dutch and Kaffir, and know the country well; hence their fitness for such hazardous duty. Last week rumors reached here that a number of volunteers had been killed, and though

B.A., of the Collegiate Institute, from his sister, Mrs. J. H. Alken, at present residing in Natal:

Camperdown, Oct. 13, 1899. My Dear Will,—We were very giad to are told killed quite a large number of the enemy, without any serious casualties on our side. A report has just been circulated that our men are at this moment fighting the Boers bemails were left benind at Cape Town tween Dundee and Glencoe, just where last week, having arrived there two I used to take my bleycle rides a year ago, and are meeting with great success, the enemy being in full flight.
2 p.m.—We have just heard that Mr. Bester is to be shot as a spy at Lady-smith tomorrow morning. He is a Natal Dutchman and was suspected in the

previous war of sending word to the Dutch camp of British movements. He was accordingly watched and found carrying dispatches, and this is the result. I know both him and his wife. They were at the hotel for a few days about a month ago, and as they sat at our table we got to know them. He seemed a very nice old chap, and I feel sorry for him, but he ought to have known better. They have a grown-up family of sixteen children, was accordingly watched and found carrying dispatches, and this is the result. I know both him and his wife. have known better. They have a grown-up family of sixteen children, but both looked hale and hearty. This is merely an incident. It seems so strange that we are used already to such tales. You should see the re-joicing when reports come in of Dutch-men in large numbers being killed, but of course the more Dutchmen that are killed at the beginning of hostil-

war being a protracted one. This changeable weather has been very hard on all the troops. On Monday there was a hot wind blowing, with a temperature of 98 in the shade; and today it is about 60 degrees. I hope it will soon be fine again, as this cold, damp weather is most miserable. Your loving sister LIZZIE AIKEN.

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THE POLICE COURT

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Benjamin Campbell, an employe of the City Gas Company, was charged at the police court this morning with assaulting David Smith, money-lender, and doing him bodily harm. Campbell acknowledged hitting the complainant with his fist, but stated that he did so in self-defense, as Smith had a brick Imperial Hotel, Pietermaritzburg, in his hand, and was about to hit him with it. The complainant testified that Campbell had grabbed him by the arm and stopped him in the street. He got away and picked up the brick in de-fense. Complainant's left eye was bad-

John Harris and John Killen, drunks, are so many people here absolutely who have been on remand, were dis-without means of support, who had to charged.

leave everything behind in the Trans-vaal. There are, of course, people who a bicycle on the sidewalk, was allowed live regularly up to their income, and to go, the magistrate remarking that with the loss of employment they become destitute at once. All who need riding on the sidewalk would be fined,

Robert Gash was found not guilty of given in a most liberal manner by all tying his horse to a tree, as charged, who can afford it. Daniel Linder, a vagrant, was placed days you can imagine. After being on remand for a week.

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The Street Railway Men's Stand Is Upheld.

Sixty-Three Girls of Hamilton Knit ting Company Still Out.

[Detroit Free Press, Nov. 28.] The contention of the Mount Clemens operators of the rapid railway cars that they should be left undisturbed in their privilege of coming into the territory of the Detroit division has been overruled by the executive com-mittee of the Amalgamated Associa-

tion of Street Railway Employes.

The decision of the executive committee was arrived at after four hours of testimony yesterday afternoon and four hours of deliberation in executive session last night. When the gentle-men composing this highest tribunal of the union came out of President Mathon's office in the Hodges block at midnight they were under pledge not to talk to representatives of the press

about their action.

Chairman Samuel Lee, of the board, explained that, as it was a question of great moment to the union, they desired to be perfectly sure of themselves and their language before announc-ing their decision, inasmuch as it would be a precedent for all time. It was learned that the decision of the committee will be in favor of the Detroit division of the union, and rapid railway cars will have to be manned by members of the local division when running into the city.

The settlement of the question means

ere than a cessation of hostilities between the Mount Clemens and the De-troit unionists. It means that a union man is protected in his rights so long as he operated within the jurisdiction

of his division. of the Rapid Railway crew within the city limits, and President Alex. Dill, arbitrator for the association, got together and agreed upon the appointment of Recorder-elect Alfred J. Murphy as the third arbitrator. The board thus formed then went into session in quarters provided at the general offices of the street railway officials at the foot of Woodward avenue. MAHON ARRIVED.

W. D. Mahon, national president of the union, arrived from his Pennsyl-

26, of Detroit, and division 90, of Mount Clemens, as contended by the street railway officials, that it was the province of the executive committee to reconcile these differences before arbitration would be becoming. The arbitrators saw the force of the suggestion, and agreed to adjourn until this morning at 9 o'clock, when they will take up the matter and settle it perfunctorly, undoubtedly, inasmuch as it will not likely be the case that they will not likely be the case that they will decide otherwise than in harmony with the finding of the national executive

The Mount Clemens union was represented by its president, Asa Fuller; its secretary, M. J. Stuck; and by its attorney, Mr. John F. Kennedy. The

of 1895 they were approached by of-ficers of Division No. 26 and the president of the national association and urged to form themselves into a subordinate division, etc. "So far as this statement refers to me," said Mr. Mahon, "it is an absolute falsehood, and made after it had been shown and proved before the executive board that it was untrue. The truth of the matter is that they were not organized in 1895, but in February, 1896, and at the time of their organization I was in the east and knew nothing of the formation of their division until I returned home, and therefore made no such promises or statements as they set forth."

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT. Toronto, Nov. 28.-The little disagreement between the bandsmen of the Royal Grenadiers and the officers of the regiment, owing to the refusal of the former to break one of the laws of the Musical Protective Association, and play at military functions where non-union labor is represented, will likely be settled in a few days. It is said that the association will amend that part of the constitution referred to, and thus satisfy the military authorities. One officer last night said that the military authorities do not care how many organizations a bandsman belongs to. so long as he does not disobey military orders.

THE HAMILTON GIRLS' STRIKE. Hamilton, Nov. 28.—Sixty-three girls of the Eagle Knitting Company strike are still out, but the others returned to work yesterday morning. It is said that the girls who went back to work did so on the understanding that it was to be for a two weeks' trial of the

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL DINNER.

The dinner of St. Andrew's Society, to be held on Thursday, the 30th inst., promises to be a memorable occasion. The committees in charge have spared no effort to make every arrangement to suit the convenience of and delight the public. The dinner will be served in the city hall promptly at 7:30 p.m. The galleries have been reserved for ladies to whom invitations have been sent. A host of singers and a full orchestra are to be in attendance, and three pipers to pipe the haggis to its place. The number of those who have signified their intention of being pressignified their intenti chestra are to be in attendance, and ford, Glencoe, Strathroy, etc. The follast week and they very wisely selected lowing is the toast list and names of the New Rotary Manhattan, sold exspeakers:
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GEN. HUTTON'S JUDGMENT

May Not Unreasonably Be Called in Question-A Case in Point.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.1 Ottawa, Nov. 28 .- At the last meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, along with other words of complaint, Major-Gen. Hutton expressed himself as horrified with the ignorance of the artillery branch of the Canadian militia, and of how little was known by officers of Yesterday morning Samuel Hill, appointed by the street car officials as the companies' arbitrator in the matter general in this regard, the government made provisions for the services of an officer of the Royal Artillery, at the same rate of pay as a deputy minister, whose duty it was to raise the standard of efficiency in this benighted branch. Major Stone, an officer of the Royal Artillery, who had been employed at the war office for some years previous, was selected for the work. It is understood that upon Major Stone's opinions in this respect be measured by his conclusions in regard to the artillery, then our militia can fairly judge as to how far he is right and capable of forming unbiased opinions, and in how far as well other recommendations coming from him should be followed.

attorney, Mr. John F. Kennedy. The cause of the Detroit division was represented by Secretary C. H. Johnson and delegate M. J. McLeod.

President Mahon, in a letter to the Free Press, resents the statements of the Mount Clemens union, made yesterday, to the effect that in the fall of 1895 they were approached by of

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> JHTINGALE. LIKE A

Sang the Piano of Freidheim-A Triumph for a Famous Instrument. The Toronto World, referring to the The presence of a great piano virtuoso in Toronto, such as Arthur Friedheim, is an event of the greatest musical interest. Last night's recital in Association Hall, was listened to by a remarkable audience in the sense that a

large portion of those present were musical experts. Professors, teachers, pupils of the piano have never been in evidence in such large numbers as last night, and proficients on the piano came in from Hamilton, Brantford, Whitby, Belleville and other outside towns to hear the great Friedheim. Mr. Friedheim was free to select the in-strument for his recital, and it is a veritable triumph for a Canadian plano that he chose the famous Heintzman & Co. concert grand. In the hands of the eminent virtuoso all the responsive qualities of this magnificent instrument were exhibited. The piano yielded a toll of tone that was enormous in its fullness, resonant even in softest pianissimo. At times it was like a miraculously tuned aeolian harp. Its dynamic gradations were remarkable, and from a full almost organ-like tone in the forte passages it became like the murmur of a quiet brook in its softest notes. It sang at times like a nightingale. It expressed all the highest elements of the artist. It was a triumph for the piano as it was a triumph for the virtuoso, and this time the Heintzman grand added still another to its splendid roll of classical triumphs. London warerooms, Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street.

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