

comes from Pretoria to the effect that the Rustenburg and Marico commands have crossed the border and entered Rooigrond territory, between Lichtenburg and Mafeking, blowing up a bridge over the Mopopo river and destroying a train load of dynamite and the track.

As Mafeking depends upon Rooigrond for a water supply, the significance of this move is evident.

Victoria Cross Hero Killed.

London, Oct. 14.—Captain Nesbitt, who was killed at Kraai Pan, belongs to the Mashonaland mounted police. He served in the Matabele war during which a daring exploit won him the Victoria Cross. With thirteen men he fought his way through the Matabeles, rescued a becomer party, and escorted them to Salisbury.

Three of the party were killed and wounded, all the horses being killed or founderd.

Attacks on Mafeking.

London, Oct. 14.—According to dispatches from the front the Boers have made several attacks upon Mafeking, all of which have been repulsed.

Escaping in Cape Colony.

The Boers are reported to have seized a railway station north of Fourteen Streams, between Vryburg and Kimberley, after fighting which still continued in the neighborhood.

Fighting at Kraai Pan.

Kimberley, Oct. 14.—Official confirmation has been received of the report that fighting has taken place at Kraai Pan.

Another Train Blown Up.

London, Oct. 14.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received a dispatch from Capetown, dated this morning, saying that the Boers have blown up another armored train, carrying telegraph operators from Mafeking.

White Returns to Ladysmith.

London, Oct. 14.—The following dispatches have been received by the war office: "General Sir George Stewart White went in the direction of Van Rensselaer's Pass at 3 a.m. yesterday (Friday), but failed to draw the Boers from the pass. He has returned to Ladysmith. No engagement occurred."

Advancing on Newcastle.

Camp Glencoe, Natal, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.—The Boers have occupied Spitzkop, near Newcastle.

Durban, Oct. 13, 12.30 p.m.—The Boers have not occupied Newcastle.

The last train left last evening (Thursday) with railway, telegraph and police officials. Mr. Jackson, the magistrate, and a few residents remain there at their own desire.

The Boers are encamped at Ingogo, 15 miles from Newcastle.

Boers at Ingogo.

Durban, Oct. 13.—Authentic news has reached here that 3,000 Boers camped on Ingogo battlefield last evening.

Basutos Quiet.

Capetown, Oct. 14.—In consequence of the reiterated reports that the Orange Free State burghers contemplate an attack upon Maseru, the British headquarters in Basutoland, the resident commissioners have taken ample steps for defence.

There has been no serious movement, as yet, on the part of the Basutos.

One or two minor chiefs are menaced to side with the Orange Free State, but the attitude of the others have caused the Free State authorities to patrol the border extensively owing to the fear of raids.

Kimberley Safe.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes will remain at Kimberley until the end of the war. He says the town is fully provisioned and as safe as Piccadilly.

Advices from Alwal North represent the Boers at Beeser Kraai as discontented, and running short of provisions.

A Price on Rhodes's Head.

London, Oct. 14.—The Sun, of this city, publishes an incredible story to the effect that the Boers have offered £5,000 for the capture of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, dead or alive.

Buller Starts for South Africa.

London, Oct. 14.—General Sir Redvers Buller, who will have chief command in South Africa, accompanied by his staff, left Waterloo Station, London, this afternoon for Southampton to go on board the Dunottar Castle.

Canadians to Mobilize at Quebec.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Oct. 14.—Canadian contingent will be all probably mobilize at Quebec, and will sail on the Sardinia, which has been chartered by the Dominion government for this purpose.

The story sent out from Ottawa that the government will not pay for the contingent is entirely incorrect.

A large number of French-Canadians are putting in applications.

Instructions from Chamberlain.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—The following is a copy of the cable from the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain to the administration setting forth on what lines the Canadian contingent was to be selected:

London, Oct. 14.—The secretary of state for war and the commander-in-chief desire that you express the high appreciation of the signal exhibition of the patriotic spirit of the people of Canada shown by the offers to serve in South Africa, and to furnish the following information to assist the organiza-

tion of forces into units, suitable for militia requirements.

Firstly—Units should consist of about 215 men.

Secondly—May be infantry, mounted infantry or cavalry, in view of numbers already available infantry are most and cavalry least serviceable.

Thirdly—All should be armed with decimal 303 rifles or carbines, which can be supplied by the Imperial government if necessary.

Fourthly—All must provide their own equipment, and the mounted troops their own horses.

Fifthly—Not more than one captain and three subalterns to each unit. The whole force may be commanded by an officer not higher than a major.

In considering the numbers which can be employed, the secretary of state for war will be guided by the nature of the officers, but desires that each colony should be fairly represented and the limits necessary if the force is to be fully utilized by the available staff as an integral portion of the Imperial forces. They would gladly accept units.

The conditions are as follows: Troops to be disembarked at the port of landing in South Africa fully equipped at the cost of the colonial government or volunteers. From the date of disembarking the Imperial government will provide pay at Imperial rates; the troops to embark not later than the 31st of October, proceeding direct to Capetown for orders. Intend accordingly all who have offered to raise volunteers.

(Signed) CHAMBERLAIN. It will be seen that Canada has acted in accordance with the request of the home government.

Capetown, Oct. 15.—The Modder River stationmaster reports that firing has been heard in the direction of Kimberley, and the station master at Belmont telegraphs that a force of Boers is advancing southward.

London, Oct. 16.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing on Sunday evening says: "Kimberley is besieged and the Boers are massing in force.

No details, however, are obtainable. "The Boers have cut the railway at Belmont, having seized the Spynfontein railway and constructed fortified earthworks.

There are strong defending forces at Modder bridge and the Orange river bridge.

The object of these energetic operations is believed to be the capture of Cecil Rhodes.

Kimberley is now isolated, both railway and telegraphic communication being cut."

Wants to Fight for the Boers.

Paris, Oct. 15.—Major Marchand, who commanded the French expedition into the Soudan, it is stated, wished to go and fight for the Boers as revenge for being obliged to withdraw from Fashoda, but the government refused him permission to join the Boer forces.

Firing on a Flag of Truce.

Capetown, Oct. 15.—Engine Driver Flowerdew, of Captain Nesbitt's train which was detailed as a bombardier by the Boers, states that if the train had returned when the warning was received that the Boers held that line it could easily have made its way back to Maribogo, but Captain Nesbitt insisted upon an endeavor being made to reach Mafeking.

"When the pilot engine was derailed," said Flowerdew, "we spent half an hour trying to replace it on the track. Then the Boers commenced firing and several men were wounded. The firing was kept up all night, but without effect."

The Boers were careful to concentrate their fire upon the engine, so as to save the armored carriage and ammunition trucks.

"At dawn they commenced to bombard the cars. I escaped by crawling in a mine. When both engines were destroyed Captain Nesbitt exhibited flags of truce, but the Boers continued their firing for another quarter of an hour."

"There is no doubt that all the others on the train are prisoners, and that the carriages and ammunition, intact, fell into the hands of the Boers."

Flowerdew was fearfully grieved.

Important Post for Girouard.

London, Oct. 15.—Major Girouard, who temporarily resigned the presidency of the Egyptian Railway Board, in order to take charge of the military transport in Africa for the campaign.

London, Oct. 14.—A pretoria dispatch dated yesterday says: "General Keoch wires from the Naia, boundary that his command occupied Botha's Pass and also captured a railway station."

Pretoria, Oct. 13.—(Delayed in transmission)—A Volksrust dispatch confirms the report that a Boer command has occupied Laing's Nek without casualties.

The health of the burghers is good. There are still Britishers here who are unable to leave on account of lack of funds and the Transvaal government is arranging to move them to the Cape Colony border.

All reports from Volksrust agree that the burghers there are unanimous in the opinion that the settlement of this time must be exclusively their own. They are not as yet ready to prefer fighting to giving their assistance to an unsatisfactory solution of the crisis.

Captured by Boers. London, Oct. 14.—The latest reports from Vryburg say the armored train that was destroyed at Kraai Pan contained a Boer to Nesbitt's force, a number of workmen and six residents of Maribogo, south of Mafeking, who on hearing of the Boer advance took refuge in the train.

Vryburg, Oct. 13.—(Afternoon)—The driver of the armored train captured at Mafeking, from which place he telegraphed that all the persons on the train except himself were taken prisoners. An engine has been sent to Maribogo to bring the driver here.

Capetown, Oct. 14.—Two more armored trains are reported to have been destroyed by the Boers on the Cape rail-

road. One was carrying a telegraph corps from Mafeking, the other was last seen at Tauing's station, and is believed to have been destroyed after leaving there.

There are conflicting reports as to the fate of the men on the train. They are believed to have been captured. The soldiers on the train destroyed yesterday are also believed to be prisoners. A whole train of trucks carrying dynamite was also destroyed; the engine was saved, and an accident to a refugee train occurred at Three Sisters; two passengers were killed and many wounded.

Boer Takes Entire Command.

London, Oct. 14.—A forecast of the length and nature of the campaign in South Africa should not be ventured without knowledge of an extraordinary circumstance of the nature of the war, namely that General Buller has gone to take entire command of the South African situation. He will be as absolute as was Buller and will be as active as was Buller. Therefore, not only is the conduct of the war in his discretion, but also virtually the future of all South Africa.

Two months ago the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Secretary of State for War, offered General Buller command of the projected army corps. Sir Buller declined to accept the command unless the war office would guarantee him £100,000 and 70,000 Men.

He is quoted as having said on that occasion: "I shall not be handed down to posterity as another Gavelton. The reference, of course, was to the defeat at Majuba Hill, and he also said that if he were to go it must be on the distinct understanding that he could set out his own staff, and be entirely uninterfered with by the war office. Prior to Lord Lansdowne's assent General Buller freely expressed the opinion that when he had driven the Boers into a corner, his hand might be stayed by a peace-loving cabinet, or a well-intentioned war office, a condition of things he could not tolerate, for as he expressed it, his hand was "not one of those that once put to the plow releases his grip."

It appears that both the Queen and cabinet practically acquiesced in his demand, although, of course, retaining a nominal control scarcely worth the name. Buller is pretty certain to cut the wires behind him so as to be

Out of Touch with London at critical moments, for fear the cabinet might change its mind. He knows the world is not so simple as it seems. He has campaigned over the whole present battleground, and is above all a soldier from head to foot. As soon as he reaches South Africa he will inaugurate a campaign of such aggressiveness as the world has seldom seen, but which he believes justifiable by virtue of his own superior force. The sternest measures will not be too strong for him, and until the last vestige of Dutch power, whether in the Transvaal, Orange Free State or Cape Colony, is swept out, he will not stay his hand.

All sorts of surmises are current regarding the detailed strategy that will be employed. One authority says the hostility of the Orange Free State is to be met by a policy of non-interference, as it will enable Sir Redvers Buller to go direct through that country into the Transvaal.

The Naval and Military Record, in the course of a most interesting article written by a military officer who compares the Boer war with the Crimean war, says: "There is little doubt that the First Losses on Our Side will be heavy. Our troops will be compelled to accept the role of attack on prepared positions, while the Boers, at the very outset, by means of their mobility, will be able to make a dash into any position, and to retire as they please. But it is hard to believe that they have staying power, sufficient to prolong preparations for any length of time."

General Buller will eventually be strong enough to invest any fortified position, and to position taken upon the Boers, and to sit down and wait until exhaustion sets in among them. Specially populated as is the veldt, with a total area scarcely equal to France, it is questionable whether the Boers are able to create a great army. They are, however, trained in the use of arms, can be raised throughout the whole of the Transvaal. The rest are old men, with the "vices of greed and love of ease engendered by a life of idleness."

It is far from true that the Boers are a coddy, clean living and generous race. They have openly given out that the British are to be uprooted to every man a damsel or two throws a light on Mr. Kruger's pious front.

We enjoy the sublime advantage of evenness in the issue of the war, and it remains to be seen how far the Boers are fitted for the wearisome role of passive defence, which, sooner or later, will be imposed upon them.

The services they have in many cases discarded for one of ten chambers, but I do not believe there will be much hand-to-hand fighting, for Sir Redvers Buller is well aware that in a mêlée the advantages of iron discipline are to a great extent lost. We do not intend to allow the Boers to close with our infantry, although

Cavalry Patrol Skirmishes will be unavoidable. The Transvaal forces prefer ambushes, and our difficulty will be to get into contact with them. It is to be hoped that the British India troops will be detailed as an advance guard, for they are well trained in ambush work."

Although Sir Redvers Buller has gone, most of the corps is still here. It is expected that the Duke of Devonshire's staff, a half-battalion of Lord Buller's staff, is a half-battalion of the Boers, which is commanded by Colonel Arthur Buller, who is a member of the West in this regiment, as well as the Master of Rutven.

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than seventy-five correspondents and artists on the scene of the war.

The Outlook quotes a member of the cabinet, whose name is not given, but who is evidently Mr. Chamberlain, as saying in private conversation: "Absolute equality, nothing more and nothing less, is what we intend to secure in South Africa. There can be but one fate for the Boers oligarchy, and there can be left no doubt regarding British ascendancy over all South Africa. When those ends have been attained, the policy of magnanimity and consideration such as has made the French-Canadians loyal British subjects will, I have no doubt, be applied with equal success in South Africa."

The Canadian Volunteers. Ottawa, Oct. 14.—Today's militia order reads as follows: "The Governor-General-in-Council having been pleased to approve of the dispatch of Canadian Volunteers formed into eight companies of infantry for active service in South Africa, it is hereby ordered that the following officers be accepted and that their enlistment, as authorized at the places mentioned below upon the following conditions, viz: "Service under the Army Act for six months, with liability of extension to one year; rations, clothing, and equipment to be provided free; pay at the rate laid down in militia regulations for permanent corps from attestation until date of disembarkation in South Africa, from which date pay will be at British rate; standard height, 5 feet 6 inches, with 34 inches chest measurement; age, not less than 22 nor more than 40.

The following are the places of enlistment: Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Charlottetown and Halifax. Men desirous of offering their services should make application in person or by letter at the office of the commanding officer in their district, or to the commanding officer of their corps of militia. Commanding officers will at once forward to the district officer commanding names thus received, with their remarks."

Germany Neutral. Berlin, Oct. 14.—In an interview to-day a high German official said: "We shall observe the strictest neutrality, no matter what may develop in the war between the Boer Republic and Great Britain. That is the only course left open. Conditions in South Africa are so complicated, and our relations with both sides are so delicate. We mean to adhere to neutrality to both parties. What else can we do?"

Other powers spoken of as likely to interfere have also concluded to keep quiet, which, naturally, is deeply regretted in the press, for instance that report about the alleged attempts on the part of the Russian foreign minister, Count Muraviev, to bring about concerted intervention, are unfortunately only rumors. "say 'unfortunately' the word shows how our sympathies lie, but politics in these days must be strictly party-interests on one side and sympathies on the other. It is true our sympathy is with the Boers, but we must interpose between the little republic and big powerful England, and that a crusade against the English is being preached to the nations of the continent, but we would be fools to listen to this siren song."

"Of course, all the other powers would like only too well if Germany would oppose England seriously in this matter, but we doubtless would again be left to our unaided selves. Therefore we are going to avoid intervention and remain strictly neutral in the coming struggle."

Some of the Officers. London, Oct. 15.—It is a historic fact that the first winter of the Crimean war was about the gayest London season ever known. People congregated here as the centre of news from the front and gilded the time, and perhaps lessened anxiety, by the festivities. So this autumn and winter promises a repetition of the Crimean period in London.

The city is becoming crowded by soldiers, which, naturally, is deeply censured in the issue of the war. There is a great family in England, from the royal family downward, who has not some relative involved. The Duke of Devonshire, Lord Dufferin, Lord George Scott, his son-in-law, Capt. Thomas Bland, and a half brother of the Duke of Portland, Lord William Bentinck is going. Mr. Dalrymple and Lord Dufferin and his wife are among those who have sons in the regiment, while Lord Beresford has a brother in the first battalion of the Scots Guards, which is commanded by Colonel Arthur Buller, who is a member of the West in this regiment, as well as the Master of Rutven.

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Harold Ruston's Brise was at one time captain of the Winchester school cricket eleven, and has played for Oxford.

Captain George Nugent, who will be aide to Sir Henry Colville, has been frequently before the public as an actor. He was one of the mainstays of the Guards' burlesque in the day when those entertainments were in vogue. Curiously enough, Sir Henry Colville was himself the author of the last Guards' burlesque, in which Lady Colville was one of the leading ladies.

A bridegroom, to whom more than ordinary interest is attached, has been ordered to the front, leaving the girl he has just left behind at her home. He is