Cape Colony Troubled.

pulsed at Mafeking and are attacking have

A Capetown paper has a despatch from Orange River stating that the tele-Vryburg. graph wires have been cut between Vryburg and Kimberley and it is believed that the Boers are taking advantage of the presence of a large gathering of the Cable Company has issued the following disloyal farmers at Vryburg celebrating notice: "We are advised that the Nata

ability to hold out, but urges the immediate despatch of relief corps.

the Dutch farmers in the northern portions of Cape Colony is very important. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Colesburg has been enquiring regarding the matter and on the whole thinks the chances are against a rising. He bases his opinion on the prospect of the good crops after four lean years, which he believes will predispose the farmers to peace. Nevertheless, there is serious disloyalty and much anti-British agitation in these districts, while the Free State Boers threaten an immediate invasion of Colesburg and Aliwal north. vasion of Colesburg and Aliwal north.

The Daily Mail's correspondent asserts
that Sir Alfred Milner is worked to death and that Capetown is surging with bitter resentment at what is called the "Schreiner cabinet's betrayal of Mafeking" by its constant refusel to

king" by its constant refusal to send a volunteer force to its relief. THE CAPE MINISTRY.

Report and Denial That Imperial Authorities Have Taken Colonial Defence Out of Their Hands.

London, Oct. 16 .- The Evening News publishes a despatch from Cape town saying that as the Cape ministry refused to call out the volunteers for the defence of the colony, the Imperial authorities have done so.

On the other hand, the Capetown cor respondent of the Daily Chronicle declares that the Imperial authorities have never suggested any such action; and he asserts that the widespread report regarding the resignation or intended resignation of the Cape Premier, Mr. W. P. Schreiner, is incorrect.

KIMBERLEY AND MAFEKING.

A Long Time Before British Column Can Raise the Siege Now

off of outlying points at the scenes of hostilities in South Africa from telegraphic communication reduces the accuracy reports that the natives in the Vryheid accepted as other colonies had not Thus far, however, no reliable informa-Thus far, however, no reliable information has been received of any actual fighting, outside the affair at Krapaipan, not remain quiet much longer. The

telegrams are that the Boers had advanced beyond Newcastle and formed a laager near Bannhauser, twelve miles north of Dundee; and that Kimberley is isolated and probably invested. centre of interest. The last news from there, prior to the cutting of the telegraph and railway by the Boers, said:
"All troops at Kimberley are well." As for you to warn President Kruger that "All troops at Kimberley are well." As for you to warn President Kruger that there are 3,000 troops there, there is in view of the persistent rumors that little anxiety for the safety of the town, especially as the Boer force is said to be especially as the Boer force is said to be and his government are expected to the same strength. Many he and his government are expected to the same strength. Many he and his government are expected to the same strength.

SEIZING NATAL TOWNS. Captors of Newcastle Move on to Sur-Fortifying the Passes.

British Populace Incensed at Schreiner Ministry's Betrayal of Mafeking.

Dutch Farmers of the North Resisting Their Kinsmen's Pleas for Rebellion.

Word of Treason in Natal-Boer Forces Isolate Several Towns.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 17.—The war news is still in the region of surmise. There are rumors that the Boers have been repulsed at Mafeking and are attacking Veyburg.

Fortifying the Passes.

Capetown, Oct. 16.—A despatch from Dundee, Natal, says a Boer command, estimated at 2,000 men, with 16 field guns, has reached Dannshauser, northeast of Dundee, with the probable intention of surrounding Dundee and cutting off the garrison from communication with Glencoe and Ladysmith. It is supposed this force is commanded by Valjoen and includes the German gunners. The rest of the Boer force from Newcastle is believed to be marching around Glencoe to sever its connection with Ladysmith.

The Orange Free State troops have cut the telegraph wires and destroyed the railway track at Norval's Point, just across the Free State troops and 400 Hollanders. Gen, Joubert, commander-in-chief of the Transvaal forces, is believed to be at Laing's Nek, which he is fortifying.

Fifteen refugees from Harrismith have reached Ladysmith. Among them is the guard of the Natal train which was commandeered by the Orange Free State. He says the English driver and fireman have been made to operate the train, which is used in carrying Free State. have been made to operate the train, which is used in carrying Free State troops to Van Reenan's pass, where

NO MORE TELEGRAMS

New York, Oct. 16.-The Commerci Nachtmaalt to attack the town, believing that the farmers will assist them against the British.

The same despatch says the British force at Kimberley is confident of its FELL DEAD WHILE WHEELING

This question of the possible rising of Vancouver Carpenter Victim to Hemory hage of the Brain.

From Our Own Correspondent

Kruger Told That His Warfare Must Be of the Civilized Type.

Cape Government's Appeal for Magnanimity and Warning of the Future.

By Associated Press. London, Oct. 16 .- The colonial office issued this evening the correspondence between Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa, respecting the Transvaal controversy, from September 8 to October 12. The salient points of the principal despatches, however, have already

been published. Some of the telegran Instituted.

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New Zealand, it is said, offered to pay

The only settled facts in this morning's Vryheid district may possibly rise against the Boers in case of war. They

s become the immediate sent the following to the British high est. The last news from commissioner: "I think that if the

Victoria Volunteers

Ready Response by Citizen Soldiers to the Call for Imperial Service.

Canadians Allowed to Serve as One Regiment Instead of as Proposed.

The Complete Equipment Provided--Col. Otter Has Accepted Command.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 16 .- Dr. Borden, minister of militia, left for Toronto to-night, MACHINISTS AT WORK.

Strike Declared Off When Company to the task of selecting eight captains and renty-four lieutenants is not an easy to the minister will discuss the matrix with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Toronto morrow or Wednesday, when it is pected that the task will be completed. The permanent corps are likely to get a solor of the minister is also overhelment. The minister is also overhelment. The minister is also overhelment when the smoke and flames forced him from amidships he almost exhausted made a leap for the sea. In doing so he struck his head against a guard rail and was stunned by the fall. The launch from Roger Maxwell's statem yacht Kismet picked him up and carried him to the Kismet where the brave fellow died shortly after being taking the race was off for the should be completed. The should be completed. The should be completed and all machinists' fitters, boilermakers and blacksmiths on the line, from coast after putting in a busy day at the department. The minister is also overwhelmed with applications for commisand sions in the South Africa regiment, and Strike Declared Off When Company the task of selecting eight captains and twenty-four lieutenants is not an easy one. The minister will discuss the mat-

Quebec will be the port of embarkation, and there all supplies are being

The department of militia announce the outfit for each man as follows: One helmet, one field service cap, one toque belts, one jersey, one pair of canvas shoes, brushes respectively for the hair, clothing, polishing, blacking and shaving, clothing, polishing, blacking and shaving, one razor, spoon, knife and fork, hold-all, housewife, two combs, three pairs of boot-laces, one clasp-knife, two towels, soap, four pairs of socks, one tin of blacking; together with a Lee-Enfield rifle and the Oliver equipment complete with valies and kit-bags.

•COL, OTTER ACCEPTS. Ottawa, Oct. 16 .- Chamberlain's acknowledgment of the Canadian offer of troops, received to-day, reads: "Her troops, received to-day, reads: "Her Majesty's government have received with much pleasure your telegram of October 13, conveying the generous offer of one thousand troops, which they gratefully

Lt. Col. Otter, commanding the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, and D. O. C. at Toronto, has accepted the offer of the command of the Canadian contingent until its delivery to the Imperial authorities at Capetown. Col. Otter joined the Canadian permanent corps on

ther correspondence with the home authorities and the announcement that Canto the water's edge. The dead are:

off of outlying points at the scenes of Healy Hutchinson, wired Mr. Chamber-her contingent during the whole service news obtainable to a minimum. district of the Transvaal are becoming lowed suit and the secretary of state for

and occasional exchanges of shots at various outposts. There is no lack of circumstantial stories regarding fighting at various points, but these are scarcely published before denied.

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> COLONIAL VOLUNTEERS Canada Provides Only What Is Abs lutely Demanded as Condition

of Acceptance. Ottawa, Oct. 14.-A message from Mr alleged details must be regarded as premature and speculative, especially it the report be true that the Orange is estate troops are now in complete passession of the railway from Kimberley to Orange river, 70 miles away.

The alleged virulence of Boer attacks pon Mafeking and Kimberley can be eadily understood when it is a specially in the conditions and it will be noticed that the Canadian government has not volunteered anything more than absolutely required by the conditions laid down, as follows:

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The permanent corps are likely to get a fair share of commissions, and regard will be had to provincial representation.

An intimation was received from the war office to-day to the effect that instead of the eight companies being attached to eight different British regiments, they will be kept intact as a regiment.

with great applause.

Manager Whyte of the C. P. R. has gone to meet President Shaughnessy, who will arrive in the city to-morrow morning on his trip of inspection. Hon. David Mills addressed a Liberal here to-night.

Burned On A Steamboat

Sleeping Passengers and Crew Meet Horrible Death Off New York City.

Several Who Escape Flames Drowned from Lifeboat--Brutal Firemen.

New York, Oct. 14.—Several persons of the crew were unable to climb out met death in the torture of flames or by on his reserve at Cut Knife Creek.

It is disaster which occurred the spread of the Battleford column of the flying column that engaged Poundmaker on his reserve at Cut Knife Creek.

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The steamer was run to the beach at of the crew were placed aboard the City

Charley Anderson, watchman. Thomas Murphy, member of crew. John Conner, one of the crew. Two unknown passengers.

Others may have perished in the exitement, but the above are positively but the above are positively but the above are positively but the burned or many the statement.

known to have been either burned or not require coastwise craft making regu-The Nutmeg State, with over a hunded persons on board and bound from Connecticut towns to New York, was discovered afire about 5:30, when she was within a few miles of Said Point, Long Island. Just how the fire started vill never be known.

Chief Cook Brown first saw the smoke

at 5:30 o'clock, and immediately reported to Capt. C. M. Brooks, who had just gone to his stateroom. The captain im mediately made an investigation, and the flames were located in the bow of the boat. The fire was on the main deck and seemed to be a small affair. Capt. Brooks ordered the men called to work as quickly as possible with buckets and hose. For about twenty minutes the flames did not seem to be dangerous, and the men appeared to have them in control.

Sentative of the Associated Press 10-uay.

"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, as conditions in South Africa are so complicated, and our relations with both sides are so delicate. We mean to both sides are so delicate. flames were located in the bow of the

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the sub-committee who had interviewed Manager Whyte reported that the management of the mechanical department had asked for an interview with the general committee, and on these grounds the committee unanimously decided to declare the strike off.

The general committee then brought the matter before a meeting of the strikers when they were apprised of the company's move, and that the strike was off. The announcement was received with great applause.

Reed and the Kismet were first on the spot and after those came the Hartford line City of Lawrence. The latter put out lifeboats which were sufficient to save all of the people who were in the water.

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of the passengers. When the passengers were forced from this lifeboat it doubled the demand on a second which was lowered and a wild scramble of the panic-stricken people en sued. This boat was overloaded and overturned. It could not be righted and the men, women and children remained in the chilled water clinging to the boat until help arrived from the few pass

ing craft. The tugboat Reed ran under the ster of the Nutmeg State and some of the passengers jumped from the burning ship to its deck. Then the tug went forward and made an effort to save the prisoned men in the crew's quarters The heat was so intense that it drov the tug away and it again turned its at tention to picking up the people from the water. It made another attempt at the bow of the Nutmeg State. Two of the firemen were saved but the other men

Samuel Jaynes, of Bridgeport, baggage
Hartford liner which proceeded on her
way to this city and arrived about ten
in the morning. The excitement was way to this city and arrived about ten in the morning. The excitement was such at the time of the abandonment of the burning vessel that no positive statement as to the exact number of persons who perished can be obtained from the officers of the boat or from any of the passengers rescued. No record of those on board was kept by Purser Phillips because the United States naval laws do

> WHAT ELSE CAN THEY DO ? erman Confession That Neutrality South Africa Is Not in Accord With Inclination.

lar trips of less than a hundred miles to

Berlin, Oct. 14.—A high German official, whose utterances may be taken as absolutely conclusive, said to a representation of the conclusive of t and barrel and the off-heard phrase, to sentative of the Associated Press to-day:
"We shall observe the strictest neutrality, no matter what may develop in the war between the Boer republic and Grant Country and Country of the Associated Press to-day:
"We enjoy the sublime advantages of war between the Boer continued their firing another quarter of an hour. There is doubt that all the others on the train prisoners and that the carriage and ammunition intact fell into the hands

ATTACKS ON MAFEKING.

Vater Supply Menaced by the Boers-Col. Baden-Powell's Force Small.

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

A disquieting rumor comes from Pretoria to the effect that the Rustenburg and Marico commanders have crossed the border and entered the Rooignond territory, between Lichtenburg and Mafeking, blowing up the bridge over the Maloppo river and destroying a trainload of dynamite and the track. As Mafeking depends on Rooignond for its water supply, the significance of this move is evident.

Col. Baden-Powell, who is in command at Mafeking, is a man of the greatest courage and energy, but he has only 2,000 men, many of them irregulars, whose fighting capacity is not known, aithough it is believed to be good. The fact that he has moved out of Mafeking indicates some apprehension, and in all likelihood he will have to stand a fierce assault or a prolonged siege.

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YACHTSMEN'S ILL FORTUNE.

Another Day Without Wind or Incident -Will Try Again on Monday.

The yachts will try again Monday but the old barnacles are now saying that unless a storm comes along to stir up the stagnant air there is not much works.

From daylight until five minutes nast oon, when the race was postponed for the day, there was not much prospect. the day, there was not much prospect. The yachts returned to their moorings at half past one o'clock. The guests of Sir Thomas Lipton went to Sandy Hook on the steamer Blackbird and boarded the steam yacht Erin soon after ten o'clock, reaching Sandy Hook lightship half an hour later. The big boat folled about the starting point until the enpoymement starting point until the announcement that "No race" was again the verdict, then she steamed back to the Horseshoe and dropped anchor.

When Buller Starts In.

Before Passing to Transvaal He pants immediately righted the engine. Will Pay Due Attention to Orange Free State.

Strong Enough to Invest Fortified Places-War Correspondents Out of Favor.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 14.-All sorts of surm are current regarding the strategy to be employed by Sir Redvers Buller in South Africa. One authority says the hostility of the Orange Free State confers an immense advantage upon the British, 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 an army officer who compares the forces, says: "There is little doubt that forces, 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, may be able to the Boers, states that if the train has take a dash into Natal, retiring with comparative ease if pressed. But it is that the Boers held the line, it co hard to believe that they have staying easily have made its way power sufficient to prolong preparations for any length of time.

"Gen. Buller will eventually be strong enough to invest any fortified towns or "When the pilot engine was derailed."

"(Yen, Buller will eventually be strong enough to invest any fortified towns or positions taken upon the side of the Boers and then to wait until exhaustion sets in among them. Sparsely populated as is the veldt, with a total area scarcely equal to France, it is questionable if ten thousand typical yeomen trained in the use of arms, can be raise. trained in the use of arms, can be raised throughout the whole Transvaal. The armored rest are city men, with the vices of greed and the love of ease engendered in the bombard the cars. I escaped by cra entres of urban life.

"It is far from true that the Boers are ing a mile and a half on my godly, clean living and appropriate the sand.

Kimberley Besieged.

Boers Massing There in Force and Noise of Battle Already Heard.

Capture of Cecil Rhodes Reported Main Object of These Operations.

Neat Plot to Secure a Hospital Train Comes Very Close to Success.

By Associated Press.

Capetown, Oct. 15.-The Modder Big station master reports that firing been heard in the direction of Kimb ley and the station master at Belino telegraphs that a force of Boers is vancing southward.

London, Oct. 16.—The Daily Mail Capetown correspondent telegraphin Sunday evening says:
"Kimberley is besieged and the Boe

are massing in force. No details, he ever, are obtainable.
"The Boers have cut the railway railway and constructed fortified ear:

chance of a change in the weather con-ditions until the moon changes on Wed-Modder bridge and the Orange Rive

tions is believed to be the capture Cecil Rhodes.

"Kimberley is now isolated, both rad way and telegraphic communication

HOSPITAL TRAIN DERAILED Plot for Its Capture Defeated Though

Boer Cannon Were Pointed at

Coaches. Vryburg, Cape Colony, Oct. 15 .- A hos pital train that started for Maribogo has just returned after an adventurous journey. It had reached a curve on a culvert 700 yards south of Maribogo and had just slackened speed when is was observed that the rails ahead had been upturned. Brakes were applied, but the engine passed on to one rail partly raised and was derailed. The occupants immediately righted the engine At the same time it was observed that a party of Boers were galloping into line east of the railway but on the Cape Colony side of the border. Some of the persons on the train say they saw a

annon pointed at the train The train ran back to Vryburg at full speed, the engine flying a white flag with a red cross. Picks and shovels were lying about and the Boers had been apparently disturbed while removing the

It is learned that previous to the start-ing of the train Maribogo telephoned by burg asking that the train be sent up, as all was quite safe. The operator at Vryburg recognized the voice as that of a European store clerk. In view of the subsequent report that the Boers were removing the hails it is believed the Boers compelled the clerk

to speak through the telephone CAPT NESBITT BLUNDERED.

Warned in Time to Avoid Delivering His Armored Train to the Enemy

Capetown, Oct. 15 .- Flowerdew,

fire upon the engines so as to save carriage

Flowerdew was fearfully bruised



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Mrs. Roswell D. turned from her sec more than ever convi trict will become or mining camps in the to the Colonist yester she saw of the country ed it and the more

its future. "It may not be a po we were told at firs fact while there will placer mining carried have done very well not think it advisabl there unless they have own or are in touch v supply it. The own claims are grouping liminary to working propositions, and it gerate their value in t is plenty of availab ground is so rich that

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"My chief faith in based on its great deporock. The district is directions. It is hard directions. It is ha that veins of gold rock occur, but rath great mountains of o dykes of porphyry rocks. The extent of enormous. Take Mother Lode and which runs in to it little Spruce creek.
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Asked as to her f
Mrs. Hitchcock said have in hand MSS. being called "Expective which gives stories ferent parts of the G she has visited. "Tw dike" is meeting with Hitchcock expects to to-night. Her plans not formed, but she relly trip. Next enpire. erly trip. Next sprin in Atlin. She may p soon and remain in part of the winter.