

Negotiations Split

Another Reply to Chamberlain Looked for Today.

The Transvaal's Method of Splitting Negotiations Condemned.

News From South Africa Is a Maze of Contradictions.

Afghans Defeat a Force of Turks in a Fierce Fight.

General Strike of British Seamen and Steamer Firemen Inaugurated.

Cape Town, Sept. 5.—The news received from Pretoria yesterday begins to show the situation in a clear light. It appears that the Transvaal's reply which was handed on Saturday to the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, Mr. Conyngham Greene, was only to Mr. Chamberlain's proposal respecting a conference at Cape Town, and that another reply will be delivered today for a joint inquiry into the franchise bill. This method of splitting the negotiations by the Transvaal is unfavorably commented upon here. The Cape Argus officially denies that the government of the South African Republic has agreed to a conference at Cape Town.

WILLING TO PARLEY.
A Pretoria dispatch says in the course of an interview today, State Secretary Reitz said the Transvaal Government was waiting for Saturday's dispatch before making its contents public. Without, however, entering into details, he could say that in his judgment the proposal of the government regarding the franchise and other outstanding questions, would take part in the suggested conference and was now awaiting the Imperial Government's reply in order to arrange the details as to the place of meeting.

CONTRADICTIONS.
The Cape Argus officially denies that the government of the South African Republic has agreed to a conference at Cape Town. The Cape Argus also declares that the explanation of the Transvaal's reply is unsatisfactory, and that the mystery is one that calls for immediate elucidation.

The British war office refuses to confirm the rumor that a proclamation will be issued calling out the reserves.

A dispatch from Johannesburg announces that the reply of the Transvaal Republic to the demands of Great Britain increases the term of years' residence necessary in order to obtain the franchise.

CHARGED WITH TREASON.
When Mr. Pakeman, editor of the Transvaal Leader, was arraigned at the Landrost, the public prosecutor announced that he would withdraw the charge of high treason against the prisoner and enter a fresh charge of contravening the press laws, by inciting to high treason.

Mr. Burger, solicitor for Mr. Pakeman, said he understood the original charge had been withdrawn owing to the inability of the public prosecutor to supply him with the particulars of the new charge, asserting that it was not right to detain a client 24 hours in jail on which the charge against Mr. Pakeman was based contained no particulars that would justify a charge of treason.

The proceedings were adjourned to Sept. 15, Pakeman being released under \$2,500 bail.

TEMPORIZING.
Amid the crowd of conflicting dispatches from South Africa regarding the Transvaal situation, it is impossible to say exactly what has happened. It seems evident, however, that President Kruger has withdrawn the five years' franchise, which was dependent upon Great Britain's acceptance of possible conditions regarding suzerainty, and has made some sort of temporizing suggestions regarding a conference.

POOR CHANCE FOR PEACE.
The Johannesburg correspondent of the Standard says: I learn from an official who has been earnestly striving for peace that the matter is now hopeless. The Boers will now probably declare war at 48 hours' notice, and will try to gain Natal before the British troops arrive. I believe the Orange Free State will join the Transvaal, but that the Boers of Natal and the Cape Colony will remain quiet at the outset unless irritated at the dismissal of the Cape Colony Cabinet.

State Attorney Smuts is the chief officer of the war party. Thirty thousand in the Transvaal and twenty

thousand in the Orange Free State will take the field."

AN AFGHAN VICTORY.
The Civil and Military Gazette, Bombay, reports severe fighting in the direction of Panjeh, a Turkoman camp in Khorassan, about 135 miles north of Herat, between the troops under Col. Ismail Khan, son of Isa Khan, and Col. Mir Mohammed Khan, commanding the troops of the Amir of Afghanistan. The Afghans suffered heavily until the reinforcements arrived, when Col. Ismail was defeated. The latter escaped into Russian territory.

GREAT STRIKE IN ENGLAND.
London, Sept. 5.—The general strike of seamen and steamer firemen, which has been threatened for some time, was declared yesterday, the shipowners refusing to accept the invitation of the seamen's and firemen's union for a conference in regard to fixing the rate of wages for firemen and sailors on sailing vessels at £4 monthly—a slight advance in the average wages now paid at the various British ports. It is not likely that the strike will be complete for several days. The manifesto of the union ordering the strike includes all the ports in the United Kingdom.

The lock-out of employees in the building trades at Copenhagen, which has been in force for some months, has been ended, a satisfactory agreement having been reported. There were 35,000 persons involved.

A CANADIAN M. P. ABROAD.
Montreal, Sept. 5.—Mr. Richardson, former member of the Canadian Parliament, delivered a lecture here yesterday on Acadia. Among those who attended the lecture was M. Pabre, the Canadian commissioner.

ANOTHER FAKE TRIAL.
Madrid, Sept. 5.—The trial of Capt. Diaz Moreu, of the Spanish cruiser Cristobal Colon, on charges arising from the destruction of the Spanish fleet off Santiago, on July 3 of last year, was concluded yesterday. Both the accused officers were acquitted.

TREASON TRIALS.
Paris, Sept. 5.—Loubet has issued a decree establishing the Senate on Sept. 13 as a high court. It is understood that the trial will include charges both of conspiracy and attempts against the internal safety of the state.

THE PLAGUE SPREADS.
Bombay, Sept. 5.—Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, in the course of a speech at Poona, said the plague was spreading, and that, owing to the failure of the Monsoon, not only the plague was in the midst of the people, but grim famine was staring at them. He expressed the hope that the September rains would come to their relief, and stated that in the meantime arrangements would be made to open relief routes.

Three new cases of bubonic plague and one death from the disease were reported yesterday at Poona.

CABLE NOTES.
The Peruvian cabinet crisis has been solved by the formation of a coalition cabinet.

The latest, but still incomplete, returns from Brisbane of the voting on the Australian federal referendum bill show a majority of 2,139 in favor of federation.

The United States cruiser Olympia with Admiral Dewey on board arrived at Gibraltar on Monday.

Winnipeg, will be one of the finest in Canada, and work is probably commenced on it this fall.

The electric power house of the Niagara Falls Park and River railway, situated a few rods above the Horse-shoe Falls in Queen's Victoria Park, has been totally destroyed by fire.

Private Thomas McVeigh, sentenced to death at Manila for assaulting Capt. D. C. Wright, Company G, First Wyoming volunteers, will instead serve a life sentence at Alcatraz Island Prison, California, by order of President McKinley.

The benches of the law society gave an informal luncheon Monday at Toronto in honor of the European delegates to the recent international bar convention at Buffalo. Among the guests were: Sir Wm. Kennedy, Dr. Hintonberg, attorney-general of Ecuador, Dr. Stogart, a prominent jurist from Brussels; Mr. Dalton Q.C., and Judge Raikes.

CHAPTER OF CASUALTIES

Three Men Lose Their Lives in a Well.

Probably Fatal Accident at St. Thomas—Drowning at Owen Sound—Newsboy Killed at Toronto Fair.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT ST. THOMAS.
St. Thomas, Ont., Sept. 5.—An accident that may prove very serious to the 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. Stephen Height, Hinks street, this city, occurred Sunday morning. She was accompanying a relative on his milk route, and when in rear of Alma College, the horse attached to the milk wagon ran away, and after going at full speed for about three blocks, threw the young girl into the road, almost killing her. Her life is despaired of.

DIED IN A WELL.
Enfield, Mass., Sept. 5.—Albert T. Curtis, John Curtis and Herbert Curtis, aged 12, 14 and 22 respectively, of Enfield, lost their lives at the bottom of a well. The first named descended into the well and was overcome by gas. In endeavoring to rescue him the two others met a similar fate.

NEWSBOY KILLED.
Toronto, Ont., Sept. 5.—While the crowd was leaving the exhibition last night a newsboy, aged about thirteen, jumped at a motor car rounding the corner of King and Huxley streets. He missed his footing and fell, the wheels of the car going over his head, killing him instantly. His name was William, and acquaintances at his residence as Berryman street, but his relatives could not be found, and the body lies in the morgue unclaimed.

FOUND ON THE BEACH.
Toronto, Sept. 5.—Wheelmen on the Lake Shore road, near Mimico, yesterday morning discovered on the beach the body of a young man, dressed only in a bathing suit. It was that of a person of the relaxation. The police have notified the relatives.

DROWNED.
Owen Sound, Ont., Sept. 5.—A very sad drowning accident occurred here Sunday night at midnight. When the working men of the C. P. R. were along, John Cole quit work at the dock, John Cole and others stumbled and fell into 20 feet of water. It being very dark 18 minutes elapsed before the body was recovered, and life was extinct. Deceased was unmarried. His father lives in the Rainy River district, and his brothers and sisters live on the Bruce peninsula, north of Wexford.

WESTERN ONTARIO

A wild man is reported in the woods at Woodville.

Chas. Dupuis, of Amherstburg, has been sent to Kingston Penitentiary for six years for stealing wood.

The directors of the Windsor electric railway have chosen James Anderson as manager of the road, to take the place of R. R. Canfield, who has resigned.

In the case contest held at the Elmshead picnic Thursday, Dr. Casgrain, Windsor, secured \$106 33, and his opponent, Jas. Anderson, also of Windsor, collected \$54.40. The case was presented to Dr. Casgrain by G. A. Wintemute.

The West End Hotel stables, Windsor, owned by Mrs. Catherine Welsh, were destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. Three horses perished in the flames, and a cutter, a quantity of hay and other material were burned. Loss, \$1,500; insurance, \$200.

Bush fires are raging all through Bruce Peninsula. Wm. Gallely and A. Sadlers, farmers, of Eastnor, have been burned out of dwellings and barns and all they owned.

Later—A despatch from Stoklos Bay says that it is raining very hard. This is the vicinity where the fire was raging.

The death occurred of Mrs. James Wellar, at Brantford, under very distressing circumstances. Mrs. Wellar had been ill for some time with consumption, and had been in the hospital. A few weeks ago her husband left town suddenly, and has not since been heard of. The two children, a boy and a girl, who struggled bravely to support their mother, survive.

Charles Armstrong, of Windsor, a brakeman on the Grand Trunk railway, was seriously injured Saturday evening by falling from his train while applying the brake. No bones were broken, but his left shoulder and side were terribly bruised and he suffered internal injuries. The train was stopped and he was put aboard and taken to Windsor. He will recover.

The joint committee consisting of members from the Essex county, Windsor and Walkerville councils, which have the House of Refuge matter in hand, held a meeting in Sandwich yesterday, to consider offers for a site for the building. The site most favored is the Debevoise estate, near Sandwich.

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DROWNED IN HALIFAX HARBOR

Sad Fate of a Party of Pleasure Seekers.

Only Four Out of Eleven Were Rescued.

Disaster on Lake Huron—Schooner Liger Lost—No Word of Her Crew—Tugboat Wrecked.

SEVEN PLEASURE-SEEKERS PERISH.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 5.—By an accident to a sail boat at Eastern Passage on the east side of Halifax harbor at 7 o'clock last evening seven lives were lost. The victims all belonged to Halifax. A small tugboat, boat and lifted the mast out of its stopping, and as it fell back into its pocket it punctured a hole in the bottom of the boat, which quickly filled and foundered. There were eleven people in the boat, four of them being saved.

Those drowned are Robert Davidson, wife and three sisters, unmarried; W. Hamilton, a clerk in the city clerk's office; John E. Hancock, steamship checker, in the employ of Furnace, Withey & Co. Davidson was a plumber.

The hole knocked in the bottom of the boat was nearly two feet square, and the inflow of water overwhelmed the occupants of the craft almost before they realized what had happened.

There were no steamers or small boats in the neighborhood, but the accident was witnessed from a distance, and various craft headed for the scene of the disaster.

BRAVE RESCUERS.
The four survivors were in a terrible state of exhaustion, and it took some time to revive two of them—youthful women—named Bertha and Louise Davidson. The latter were saved by the courageous acts of two men who were in the boat, Edward Udy and Albert Pool, both belonging to the British navy. Udy is artificer on the ship Talbot, and Pool belongs to the new hospital staff here.

When the boat sank Udy made a brave effort to save Robert Davidson's wife and sister, Louise, but after keeping them afloat for nearly ten minutes he found that they were dragging him under, and he was forced to relinquish his grip on both. Swimming away a short distance he secured a piece of board, and with this he returned to Mrs. Davidson, who got hold of it, but failed to save herself. Udy then took hold of Louise and Albert Pool, and grasping her by the hair, and when the boat came along five minutes later they were picked up. Albert Pool took hold of Bertha Davidson and held her above water until they were hauled out by a second rescuing party.

Alice Davidson was found floating alone, but for some reason could not be pulled into the boat and was dragged through the water until the shore was reached.

THE DEAD.
Robert Davidson, sexton of St. Paul's Church, of this city, was the father of four of those who lost their lives in the terrible accident, namely: Robert J. Davidson, aged 25; Tott Davidson, aged 19; Mabel Davidson, 12; Alice Davidson, 23; Robert Davidson, 22 years old. The other three were: Wm. Hamilton, aged 25, and John Hancock, aged 27—were well-known young men. The latter was married.

SCHOONER SUNK IN LAKE HURON—SEVEN LIVES LOST.
Goderich, Ont., Sept. 5.—The schooner Liger, of Toronto, was lost in Lake Huron, about sixty miles from here, last night. The Liger, with the steamer Grimsby, was in tow of the steamer Clifton, bound for Detroit. The Liger went down under stress of weather, and it is feared the crew are all lost.

Capt. Freeman, of St. Catharines, was in charge of the Liger, and his wife was cook. The others were Gallagher, of St. Catharines; Pat Joyce, of St. Catharines; and Frank McMillan, of St. Catharines, deck hands; also one from Tonawanda, N. Y., and one from Buffalo, names unknown.

LOST HER BEARINGS.
Sandusky, Ohio, Sept. 4.—The tug Red Cloud, of Lorain, was wrecked off Cedar Point last night and it is believed that three lives were lost. The tug came in with "Whaleback 132" in the afternoon and started to return.

A strong east wind started to blow, and a strong sea running, was blowing from the shore after a hard battle with the waves. Capt. Fred Hale, a extra fireman, and a small boy named Harry Kennedy, who took refuge on a raft were not seen after leaving the tug, are believed to have been drowned.

POSTAL CARD CRAZE

Germany Finds a Way to Secure a Considerable Revenue.

Some further, and very remarkable, figures about the postal card craze are given in a quarterly report from Frankfurt. A trade paper estimates the number of workmen who find employment solely by the manufacture of the postal card at present about 100 new postal cards are published in Germany daily. If one calculates for each card and an issue of 1,000, which is, if anything, too small, this gives a total of 100,000 per day, or 600,000 per week—per annum, therefore, over 30,000,000.

Since the introduction of postal cards dispatched in Germany has risen by 12,000,000.

CLERGYMAN'S GOOD WILL.

Rev. F. Elliott, of Richmond Hill, recommends Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Rev. Mr. Elliott of Richmond Hill, was in this city recently, on his way home from a trip, and was interviewed by a reporter. He published some time ago. Mr. Elliott said at that time: "I consider Dodd's Kidney Pills a good reliable medicine for the diseases for which they are recommended. When I hear people complain of lame back or Rheumatism, I always say, 'why don't you take Dodd's Kidney Pills?' I wish to say this testimonial is entirely unsolicited and only 'good will' to men induces me to allow my name to be published in this connection."

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WESTERN FAIR, LONDON, SEPT. 7-15.
Industrial Fair, Toronto, Aug. 23-Sept. 2.
East Elgin, St. Thomas, Sept. 6-8.
Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, Sept. 11-23.
South Lanark Fair, Perth, Sept. 11-13.
Kingston District Fair, Kingston, Sept. 11-14.
Quebec Exhibition, Quebec, Sept. 11-18.
Owen Sound, Sept. 12-14.
Stephen and Osborne, Exeter, Sept. 18-19.
West Middlesex Exhibition, Stratford, Sept. 18-19.
Southern, Brantford, Sept. 16-21.
Peterborough Central, Sept. 18-19.
Huron Central, Clinton, 19-20.
Northern, Walkerton, Sept. 19-20.
Central, Guelph, Sept. 19-21.
Turnberry, Wingham, Sept. 19-20.
Northern Exhibition, Collingwood, Sept. 19-20.
Hay & Society, Zurich, Sept. 20-21.
Petrolia, Petrolia, Sept. 21-22.
North Bruce Union, Port Elgin, Sept. 21-22.
Kincaidine Fall Exhibition, Sept. 21-22.
Northern Fair, Alisa Craik, Sept. 21-22.
North Riding of Oxford Agricultural Society, Woodstock, Sept. 21-23.
Elgin, Elgin, Sept. 21-23.
Provincial Exhibition, Halifax, Sept. 23-30.
North Brant, Paris, Sept. 25-26.
Sombra, Wilkesport, Sept. 25-26.
North Waterloo, Berlin, Sept. 25-27.
North Simcoe, Stayner, Sept. 25-28.
Center Bruce, Paisley, Sept. 26-27.
South Grey, Durham, Sept. 26-27.
Haldimand, Cayuga, Sept. 26-27.
East Lambton, Watford, Sept. 26-27.
West Williams, Parkhill, Sept. 26-27.
Oxford, North and West, Sept. 26-27.
Palmerston, Sept. 26-27.
Westminster Agricultural Society, Lambeth, Sept. 28.
Northwestern, Goderich, Sept. 28-29.
West Kent, Chatham, Sept. 28-29.
Forest Hort. and U. Ag. So. Forest, Oct. 2-4.
Raleigh, Merlin, Oct. 2-4.
Camden, Dresden, Oct. 3-5.
North Dorchester Agricultural Society, Dorchester, Oct. 4.
Brooks and Alvinston, Alvinston, Oct. 4-5.
Mersea and Leamington, Leamington, Oct. 4-6.
Thorold, Oct. 10.
Colchester, Harrow, Oct. 10-11.
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Steamship Arrivals.

Sept. 4. At New York. From Glasgow. City of Rome. New York. From Glasgow. Fremont. Montreal. Newcastle. Aldies. Montreal. Laverly. Barry. Larn. Montreal. Montreal. London. Virginian. Montreal. Philadelphia. Devonian. New York. Philadelphia. Manitou. New York. Philadelphia. Cardiganian. Glasgow. Philadelphia. Nostrand. Antwerp. New York. Maritima. Glasgow. Chatham, N.H. Anarchy. Glasgow. Montreal. Gmario. Liverpool. St. John.

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