

Generals DeWet and Beyers
Take Sides With the
Rebels.

Premier Botha Goes to the
Front to Take Charge of
Campaign.

Belief in England that the
Area of Rebellion Will
Be Limited.

Times Says that Botha's In-
fluence Will Count Heavily
for the Empire.

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London, Oct. 23.—The news of the South African rebellion is admittedly serious, but the best-informed people here believe De Wet's rising will be limited in area and supported only by a minority. The Times declares it is clearly of the opinion, formed on a good deal of recent first-hand intelligence that the rebellion is by no means such a serious affair as may seem at first glance. It declares General Botha's personality and influence with his people will tell heavily against the rebels.

The Telegraph believes the complete defeat of Maritz and the surrender of his followers will probably give the new rebels pause. The Morning Post is convinced that we can count not only on the constituted government, but on the great mass of the South African community both Dutch and English to support the Empire in its hour of trial.

Needless Futile Tragedy.

"Seldom have men with fine qualities," says the Daily News, "provoked so needless and so futile a tragedy as that for which De Wet and Beyers have made themselves responsible. The Daily Graphic, while admitting that at this distance it is impossible to gauge the importance of the new outbreak, believes the hesitation of Beyers and De Wet and the failure of all the rebels to act simultaneously has probably deprived them of any effective power of mischief.

The Daily Chronicle takes the uprising very seriously and expresses the fervent hope that mediators may yet be found who will affect a reconciliation. "There are still Boers in the back veld," it says, "who dislike United South Africa and have never abandoned the ideal of an inland Boer state, living by itself, according to old Boer traditions. They are a minority, probably a small minority, but they have a high fighting value, and some of the ablest Boer generals are among their leaders. Their secession has but recently broken up the South African party and there is now peril that it may break up the South African Union."

F. A. MCKENZIE.

Dewet and Beyers.

London, Oct. 23.—Another rebellion has broken out in South Africa. General Christian De Wet and General Christian Frederick Beyers have taken the leadership of the rebels in the Orange Free State and Western Transvaal. Beyers was, until recently, commander of the Union forces, but resigned when Premier Botha decided to take up arms for the Empire.

An official Pretoria despatch announces that General Louis Botha, Premier of the Union of South Africa, has left for the front. According to an official report armed rebel commandos are already in existence; the town of Heilbron, in the northern part of the Orange River State has been seized, and the government officials have been taken prisoners, while a train has been stopped and armed citizens of the Defence Force have been taken from it, and

Union Government has issued a statement to the people announcing the events, and explaining that these rebel prepara-

Most of Civil Inhabitants Have
Fled from the
City.

Food Is Scarce and Roads Are
Jammed With Marching
Soldiers.

German Guns Cause British
Warships to Keep on
the Move.

Government Repents Its Re-
cent Order Regarding the
Search for Reservists.

London, Oct. 23.—Travellers reaching Amsterdam from Ostend declare that as the fighting between Nieuport and Dixmude increased in violence, Ostend became more and more crowded with German wounded, according to the correspondent at Amsterdam of Reuter's Telegram Company.

Nearly all the inhabitants of Ostend are fleeing the city, the correspondent continues, and the streets are choked with German troops moving to the front, and exhausted soldiers returning. In the vicinity of Ostend the German forces are almost exclusively marines.

On the sea dike the Germans have posted heavy artillery which was successful in driving off British warships in the immediate vicinity. Five hundred British prisoners were brought into Ostend, but subsequently they were transferred to Ghent. There are also many wounded of the Allies in Ostend, and the roads to Ghent are jammed with marching soldiers.

At a point not far from Ostend the Germans have erected an airship shed of non-inflammable material. Food in Ostend is scarce.

Search for Reservists.

The British Government has repented of its recent instructions forbidding the capture of reservists of the enemy on neutral vessels, and has withdrawn this order. The public welcomes this change of front as it is opposed to giving facility to the flood of German and Austrian reservists to join their colors and thus neutralize the fresh troops the Allies are able to send into the field.

A call has been issued by the Belgian Government summoning all efficients between the ages of eighteen and thirty to enlist for the duration of the war and announcing that after November 15 all bachelors are to be automatically enrolled.

GRAND TRUNK LETS IMPORTANT CONTRACT

Terminals at Four B. C. Divisional Points to Cost
\$300,000.

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—The G. T. F. management is not downhearted. It has shown its confidence in Canada's future and the British Columbia country, tapped by the G. T. F. line in particular, by letting a \$300,000 contract for terminals at four divisional points in the western province. The towns concerned are Prince George, Endako, Smithers and Pacific. The contract has been let to Carter Hall's Aiders of Winnipeg. There is also a proposition under consideration to let a contract for work at Prince Rupert. This contract will very likely be awarded in a short time. A large number of warehouses, machine shops, stations and other buildings

MEWA SINGH TO BE TRIED ON FRIDAY

Hindu Proposes to Go into the
Box and Tell Why He Shot
at Hopkinson.

The trial of Mewa Singh for the murder of Immigration Inspector W. C. Hopkinson has been fixed for Friday, and is said will be made the occasion by Mewa Singh to make a public statement of the motives which led him to the shooting. This statement, it is said, will show that the shooting had nothing whatever to do with the Komagata Maru affair, but is connected with the shooting affray in the Sikh temple and the prosecution of Bela Singh.

Mr. E. M. N. Woods has been retained by the friends of the accused to appear for him at the trial, but what line of defence will be adopted is not yet known. Mr. Woods appeared this morning in the Assize Court on behalf of Mewa Singh when the case was set down for hearing on Friday morning.

The trial will be a short one, and will, it is expected, be over before the court adjourns on Friday evening.

GERMAN LOSSES LARGE

Reported Enemy Lost 16,000 Men
Killed Near Dixmude.

London, Oct. 23.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Flushing, Holland, says:

"Several mines have been washed ashore along the coast below Ostend. All were in excellent working order, for they exploded promptly, doing, however, no serious damage.

"The Germans have fallen back slightly from Westende. They are putting the coast from Ostende north to Knocke in a state of defence. At Ostend, preparations are being made to place mines at the harbor entrances.

"The German losses on the Nieuport-Dixmude line are estimated at 16,000 killed and 30,000 wounded. During Sunday 400 vehicles loaded with wounded soldiers passed through Ostend.

"The Germans have commandeered a large quantity of lumber at Brugos for use in building a giant airship shed at Geldonck. Artillery is being placed in the dunes between Huyat and Dulaerg. Five trainloads of artillery have been taken to Zebrugge."

RETURNING TO CANADA

Colonels Davidson and McRae Have
Completed Business in London.

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London, Oct. 23.—Col. Davidson and Col. McRae are returning to Canada on the steamer Laconia, having completed the reorganization of the Canadian Western Lumber Company. Mr. Herbert Nunn of the Canadian Inspection and Testing Laboratories is sailing on the same vessel.



GENERAL LOUIS BOTHA
and (above) type of men he will
have behind him in his effort to
subdue Dewet's rebels.

FORTY-SEVEN BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

Death List Is Heavy When
Gas Explosion
Occurs.

Royalton, Ill., Oct. 23.—Forty-seven bodies have been recovered this morning from the mine of the Franklin Coal & Coke Company that was wrecked by a gas explosion yesterday. All but two or three of the miners who entered the workings yesterday have been definitely accounted for and if these perished the death list will total fifty or fifty-one.

PLAN TO DEAL WITH FOES IN CANADA

Registry Offices and Concentration Camps for Austro-Germans.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—A plan to deal

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED TRAIN

Hurry Call Is
the An
Avail

Huntington, Va.—When Chesapeake & Ohio was wrecked ten minutes ago, three Pullman left the tracks, and Huntington has been

Richmond, Va., persons were injured when Chesapeake train No. 1, from Vmond and Chicago, day at Barboursville, to advice to railroad company

EAGER TO B

Canadians Not Eager
March Thro

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London, Oct. 23.—The Canadians through new suggestion is to force or after the royal procession Parliament on Nov Canadians, however, wants no better ex flower of the British to the front without cheering. Their or present moment, is the front.

Major-General Ba entertained at the Club tomorrow night. Morden, to meet him and leading English cheerer hopes to see evening.

TO GROW M

How Australia Will
Provide Work for

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London, Oct. 23.—Indicate that the A ment proposes going pools made by the farmers and to secure minimum price of four shillings for all wheat of all areas, also to guarantee of the bank advances of new land and to expect one million at least, will be thus partially solving meat difficulty.

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Two Persons Killed