The Quickest Way to End the African War.

BURCHERS TIRED OF FIGHT

Nine Soldiers Killed and Several Wounded in a Railway Collision -Work of General Rundle's Column - Everything Destroyed on the March.

London, June 21 .- The Sun this afternoon again prints the sensational announcement, which it made Jane 18, that General Botha, the Boer commander, after the receipt of President Kruger's decision not to concede anything, decided to ignore the former President of the Transvaal and surrender.

The Secretary of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain declared that the rumors of the surrender of General Botha are unfounded.

The Times' own correspondent at Middleburg, Transvaal, cables: "I of several prominent Dutchmen in what is taking place. Pretoria with regard to the present conduct of the war. These men, war to a speedy end, is to proclaim abortive." know him well is not favorable.

A Standerton despatch says: Dr. Everard, a Boer doctor, who has been brought in, states that the burghers are heartily tired of fighting, and would surrender to a man if their leaders would permit them to do so. Two colonial troops aver that they found in the pockets of two dead Boers copies of a proclamation signed by Louis Botha, stating that he would not be responsible for any burghers who had not surrendered by the 10th instant.

General Rundle's Work.

London, June 21.-A despatch from Harrismith, Orange River Colony, reports that Gen. Rundle, with Gen. Campbell's and Col. Harley's columns, has returned here, after traversing the mountainous district situated in the triangle between Ficksburg, Bethlehem and Witzies Hoek, during the past seven weeks. During the operations all the mills in the district were blown up, ovens, ploughs and other implement; for the preparation of foodstuffs being broken. Fifty-five Boers were killed or wounded. Our total casualties were five officers and eight men killed, forty wounded and five missing. The district traversed by the columns is one of the great grain-producing and milling centres of the colony. During their march the columns met with continual opposition from Prinsloo's, Rautenhach's and other commandoes, who pursued their usual guerilla tactics.

Gen. French is in command of the active operations in the whole of Cape Colony, while Col. Haig continues to control them, as before, in the midland and eastern provinces. The detailed reports from Middleburg, Cape Colony, show that Col. Wyndham, of the 17th Lancers, after a vigorous night march, covering over forty miles, attacked Van Reenen at Ruigte Vei, southeast of Heynesburg. The enemy, who were completely taken by surprise, made but a feeble resistance. Twenty-two prisoners were captured.

In the fight at Diepfontein, northwest of Barkly East, Lieut.-Col. Scobell, having with him Lukin's Cape Mounted Rifles, besides a detachment of the 9th Lancers and other stroops, made a night march and surprised the Boer laager. Lukin's men charged impetuously, and the saddles and blankets. The number of Boers killed, prison-

ers, and surrendered during May was 2,640 men.

Railway Accident.

London, June 21.-A despatch from Pretoria says: A serious railway accident occurred in the vicinity of Pretoria on the Pietersburg line. A train full of troops was run into by a train coming from the oppogite direction. The latter, traveling at some speed, was rounding a ourve at the time, and it dashed into the troop train with great force. A number of trucks were smashed and nine soldiers were killed and several others injured.

For the Boer Campers.

London, June 21 .- Mr. Brodrick informed a questioner in the House ficult for him to replace, and the and sank in a few minutes. \$3,000 persons in the concentration camps of South Africa, 34,000 were

War Service Recognized.

London, June 21 .- Mr. Brodrick ancounced in the House of Commons, gica shall be granted honorary rank | hausted. in the army.

altered since the end of May that re- days again. ports mailed by English correspond-dents which are printed to-day may probably be taken to represent the condition of affairs now as accurately as when they left Cape Town. The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town sends a statement that is calculated to dispirit the most op-timistic if it can be regarded as well founded. The letter was written

about three weeks ago. The correspondent of the Mail says: "The Boer invasion of Cape Colony is developing in a rather serious manper. The Boer bands are getting recruits, and what is more, they are getting horses. They picked up no fewer than 500 at the remount camp near Colesberg less than a week ago. The invaders are swarming all over the eastern and midlands districts. They number anywhere from 7,000 to 10,000, and are having a merry time. They wreck trains, kill colonists, and play havoc generally."'

Recording the capture and sacking of Jamestown by the invaders, this correspondent says the amazing feature of the incident is that Jamestown is strong and clear Anglo-Saxon fancomparatively close to Aliwal North, guage as he can command. where there were 8,000 British troops

The correspondent of the Standard, writing from Pretoria, under date of May 30, speaks in almost as gloomy who are old inhabitants of the Trans- | a vein in regard to the operations of waal, have no inherent love for us, Gen. Sir Bindon Blood in the Northbut for their own sakes and their east Transvaal. He says: "General country's are anxious for the termin- Blood's movement cannot fairly be reation of hostilities. They agree garded as having proved in the main that the only chance of bringing the that the intention was altogether

that after a certain date the farms | This is faint praise bestowed on manoeuvres and discipline. of men still on commando will be con- the operations, while the corres- ground of his indictment will be fiscated. This would bring about pondent admits further on that if found in the failure of the Admiralty the surrender of a large number of | the primary object was to enclose | during the last year or two to keep commandants, though it would not | Commandant-General Botha it was up to the shipbuilding programme affect the foreigners or Boer leaders | frustrated at the very outset. Af- laid down, so that England has lost such as Botha and others who have ter describing the scheme which her relative position of being able to no property. Delarey, they believe, alone seemed to offer hope of suc- put onto the high seas a fleet equal will fight to the end. The opinion cess, the correspondent writes: to the combined fleets of any two entertained of Botha by those who "Unfortunately we do not appear other naval powers. to have troops available for so huge Then, again, owing to the South

have been the extent of the gradual had been tricked into the war. They attrition of the Boer forces and re- have had to do all the fighting and sources and the consequent improve- all the starving, but are getting few ment of the British position in South rewards. South Africa will be poor-Africa during the past month, the er and wages will be lower. Johangeneral situation has been so little nesburg will never see her former

Lord Charles Beresford Complains of Inefficiency.

POSSIBLE EUROPEAN COALITION.

London, June 21 .- The Daily Mail publishes a letter from Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford to a correspondent, complaining of the want of proper strength and effi-ciency in Great Britain's Mediterranean fleet. In this letter Lord Charles says that his duty as second in command of the fleet prevents his giving his reasons publicly. He further says that he has communicated his views on the subject to the proper authorities in as

At the beginning of the year the and an abundance of guns and trans- British squadron in the Mediterranport. He continues: 'A glance at the ean and Red Sea, under the command map will show that a large portion of Vice-Admiral Sir John A. Fisher of the Colony is virtually in the and Lord Charles Beresford, conhands of the enemy. From Dord- sisted of: Eleven battleships, eight recht to Willowmore and across to cruisers, fifteen torpedo boat de-Kenhardt and on to Namaqualand, stroyers, three torpedo boats, three the Boer is the man in possession. gunboats, two sloops, six special ser-The slow progress of the campaign vice vessels. In the number of the from the British point of view causes vessels, together with the comdeep dissatisfaction. The authorities plement of its personnel, this fleet allow next to no news to be publish- should apparently be a match for ed, and it is only by interviewing re- any hostile fleet that could be opcent arrivals from the front that posed to it in the Mediterranean. have been able to learn the opinions one can get any real conception of It has always been the policy of the British Admiralty to maintain the reputation of the Mediterranean fleet as the "star" squadron of the navy, and Lord Charles Beresford's strictures will be considered a seri-

> Since his appointment as second in command of the squadron, two years ago, Lord Charles has been devoting himself with great energy to the task of bringing the fleet up to the utmost pitch of efficiency by drill,



THE CZAR AND C ZARINA OF RUSSIA, Who are being commiserated with because so far all their family are girls, while they long for a boy to inherit the throne.

of them mounted infantry and cavvast area described. Where the not been replenished with guns and 240,000 odd men now in South Af- ammunition so fully as they would singed the hair of those who were dica are distributed is a mystery to all except those at headquarters. But the enormous extent of country now held by us, the large number of posts, and the very extensive lines of communication which it is necessary to maintain and the military operations from one end of the country to the other doubtless explain the paucity of men available for action on a large scale. Lord Kitchener might have 100,000 additional men at his disposal and yet have none too many to spare for mobile work."

Boers Strike Heavily Again.

Cradock, Cape Colony, June 23.-In an engagement at Waterkloof on June 20th the British lost eight men enemy fled, panic-stricken, making killed and two mortally wounded, but little attempt at fight- and had four men seriously wounded. ing. The British captured 20 pri- In addition, 64 men of the Cape and rifles, a quantity of clothing. Spandow is reported to have been wounded and one Boer was killed.

Boer Delegates Go Home.

London, June 23.-Mr. Merriman and Mr. Sauer left England yesterday for South Afica, materially consoled by the Queen's Hall demonstration for their failure to excite popular interest in their cause. Their friends among the active pro-Boer faction were with them to the last, and there is much organizing ability among them, but more zeal than discretion. Many erroneous inferences have been drawn on the continent from the speeches and resolutions of Mr. Labouchere's meeting, and the Boer leaders in Holland have been greatly encouraged. The war news, February 7th, for Queenstown, in atmeanwhile, has remained virtually | tempting to clear the rocks of Scilly, unchanged. De Wet has apparently ! Ireland, to-day struck on the Bishop been crippled, if not paralyzed, by rock, her mainyard actually strikthe loss of his convoy, which is dif- ing the lighthouse. She turned over of Commons to-day that out of advantage gained by the Boers in surprising an isolated Australian de- | coastguard station. One rescued 20 tachment has been a temporary gain. | members of the crew and the cap-Evidence that the British are gradu- tain's wife and child. ally wearing down the resistance of the Boers is unmistakable when the yesterday to rescue the remaining Kitchener in men, ammunition and barque Falkland, which was wreckcattle are added up. There may be ed off Scilly, returned to-day, after an reply to a question, that it has fresh surprises, but the fighting re- a fruitless search for possible survibeen decided that volunteer offi- sources of the wonderful Dutch war- vors. The captain, mate, steward, cers who have served in South Af- riors are apparently well nigh ex- and three seamen of the barque

Before sailing Mr. Merriman said:

a movement. Quite 60,000 men, half African war, the war stocks at the have been otherwise, while Russia's development of her Black Sea fleet and fortresses has steadily advanced. The recent assembly of the Italian and French fleets at Toulon, with the presence of the Russian squadron in the same waters, drew the attention of British naval authorities in the Mediterranean to possibilities of coalition which would endanger British supremacy between Gibraltar and

HELD BY THE FINGER.

Night Watchman Suffered Intense Agony for an Hour and a Half.

Toronto, June 24.-S. Hughes, night watchman in Taylor-Scott's broom factory on Bay street, was manipulating a macnine on the fourth story of the building this morning, when his finger was caught in a cog wheel. soners, besides horses, ammunition Mounted Rifles were captured. Capt. He remained there for an hour and a half a prisoner, and endeavored to get someone to him by shouting. Finally P. C. Cathers heard him, and, with the aid of a passer by, a window was broken and the imprisoned man reached. Hughes was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where his badly mangled finger was dressed. He was fearfully faint from his long and painful imprisonment.

BARQUE COLLIDES.

Captain and Several of the Crew

Drowned. London, June 23.—The four-masted British barque Falkland, Capt. Gracie. which sailed from Tacoma, Wash.

Two lifeboats put out from

The second lifeboat which went out enormous losses reported by Gen. | members of the crew of the British were lost.

Persons Killed and Injured.

Half an Hour Later School Pupils | the wreckage. Out of it in a mo-Would Have Been Caught-Narrow Escapes-Heroism of the Rescuers-Firemen Injured.

New York, June 21.-Many persons were killed and a number injured today as the result of an explosion among a large quantity of fireworks in the store of Abraham Rittenburg at Paterson, N. J. The cause of th explosion is not known. The property loss will not exceed \$35,000.

Known and Supposed Dead.

The dead are: Mrs. Lucinda Adamson. Mrs. Charles Williams, burned try

ing to rescue her husband. Charles Williams, cripple, unable get out of bed.

Harold Rittenburg, 18 months old, Henry Elsasser, six weeks old.

Those missing and almost certainly dead are: Mrs. Bert Bamberg.

Charles Bamberg, six months old, child of above. Mrs. Andrew Elvin, was in house and not seen since.

Mrs. Mary Elsasser. of Mrs. Andrew Elvin. Mrs. -- Burns, not seen since explosion and known to have been in

the house. Clarence Burns, six years old, son

explosion and known to have been in the house. Mrs. Annie Lannigan, seen to enter

her apartments a few minutes before explosion.

Eight Injured.

The injured: Mr. Jessup, Mrs. J. Jessup, I. Bamber, George Soder, Nicholas Hillman, fireman; Edward Slin gerland, Mr. and Mrs. John McGlone. The exp.osion occurred shortly al ter the noon hour, and many of the occupants of the building were out for dinner. The building in which the! explosion occurred was a frame tenement, four stories high, with stores on the ground floor. The middle story was occupied by Riddenberg. Ten families occupied flats in the build

School Building Damaged. Half an hour later the results would rolled up a death list into the hun- Charles Williams, Harold Rittenburg, all of which were washed away. The dreds, for adjoining the building was No. 3 school, in which were hundreds of children. Not only was the school damaged, but large quantities was, some of the school children play- Burton Bamber, six weeks old. ing near the school-house were in-

So great was the force of the ex plosion that a boy playing in the Mary Duffy, Mrs. Mary Elsasser, Mrs. away. street half a block away was lifted | Simon. from his feet and hurled against an iron fence, and one of his legs said to-day that the injured who had prevented communication anything broken, There was a trolley car di- been taken there are doing well, like a correct estimate of the loss of rectly in front of the building when and that all of them would recover. property is impossible, but from the alry, would be required to cover the not been repienished with guns and scorched the sides of the car and body; Rose Connelly, suffering from \$2,000,000.

Stunned and Burned.

and occurred in the cellar.

Every building in the neighborhood was stripped of glass. Families seated at their dinner were thrown from their chairs to the floor.

Frightful Scene in the Streets. grocers' wagons, which were pressed the same coffin. into service. Meanwhile the flames were bursting from every part of the wrecked building. Every window seemed to be emitting flames a minute after the first explosion. Those who approached the building from the rear saw a frightful sight. woman appeared at one of the windows. She was a mass of flames. She leaped out and fell through the flames she was dragged farther into the was dropping from her bones, and she was dead. She later proved to be Mrs. Williams.

Daniel Doeley's Heroism. Daniel Dooley was in the yard when the explosion took place. He saw the two Rittenberg children in the rear room, and rushed into the flames for them. He got one of them and carried it out, and tried to go back for the other, but the room was then one mass of fire. Dooley was badly scorched in rescuing the first child From the front, Mrs. Jessup and ner husband dropped from the window of their home to the sidewalk. They were seated at dinner, and together ran to the front window and King is inclined to allow them. eaped out. Jessup says the explosion seemed to force the fire through the floor under their feet.

Firemen Rescued Many. Others of the tenement were mean-

and Mrs. John McGlome climbed to the top story of the tenement, and found their escape cut off. He climbed out of the front window and hung on with one hand while he held his wife with the other until a life net was secured. Then he dropped his wife into the net and followed himself. Both were badly burned. Firemen Buried by Failing Timber.

While the rescues were going on

the firemen were fighting the flames. Capt. Allen led with a hose line in an effort to keep the fire from the upper floors, where it was said many were pinned in. The men had hardly taken their position on the sidewalk behind a pile of boxes to ward off the heat, and began to throw water into the upper floors, when, without warning, the whole upper part of the building sagged outward and fell. The captain and two of his men were buried under the debris, which was blazing. Two streams were instantly turned on ment crawled Captain Alien and Fireman Delaney. Both were bruised and burned, but instead of seeking safety they attacked the debris with their hands to rescue Eddie Slingerland, who was still beneath it. He was finally dragged out badly hurt.

Husband Was a Cripple. Mrs. S. Williams' husband was cripple. His wife is supposed to have remained longer than she could with safety in an effort to save him. He

was found burned to a crisp. The flames had the building doomed long before the firemen arrived, and for a time it looked as though the building would not only be destroyed, but that the flames would burn down Main street, and swing into Slater street, and the occupants so threatened moved out. The firemen fought the flames back, and, although the two buildings between the wrecked one and Slater street were somewhat damaged, son of the keeper of the lireworks they were saved. The building in which the explosion occurred was burned to the ground.

Fourteen Thought to be Dead. After a ccuple of hours' work the firemen had the flames out, and beto get at the bodies. At first it was | mate as to the thought that but three persons were lost. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and one Joseph Eivin, two weeks old, child of the Rittenberg children, but it soon became apparent that others had lost their lives, and finally it

teen were dead. The entire Street Department force was ordered to go to work clearing Mrs. Ann Fenteman, not seen since away the rubbish. Rittenberg will probably be arrested, pending the in-

vestigation. Mrs. Zimmer, mother-in-law of Rittenberg, is known to be dead. It is said she was standing at the rear Two nephews of Mrs. Lannigan, of the store talking to a travelling were with her when she entered her | salesman when the explosion occurnot known. Many persons slightly injured had their wounds dressed at

> Paterson, N. J., June 22.-With eleven bedies recovered and with six persons missing it is believed that 17 lives were lost in the fire which followed the explosion of fireworks in Rittenburg's store at 440 Main

street, yesterday. The search of the ruins was continned to-day by the poice and firemen. It is believed there are still several bodies in the wreckage. The persons known to be dead and whose bodies have been recovered are as follows Mrs. Lucinda Adamson, Mrs. Patrick Burns, Clarence Burns, a child about have been frightful, and might have | six years old; Charles Williams, Mrs. 14 months old, Annie Rittenburg, 8 years old, Willie Elsasser, and Mrs. Andrew Elvin. A head, supposed to be be that of Mrs. Elvin, was found; the wreckage were hurled into it. As it trunk is missing; Mrs. Isaiah Bamber,

burned about the head

face : John Aimens, a school boy, cut Those who were on the upper floors and burned; George Zoder, a school of the building when the explosion boy, badly cut about the head; Nitook place were either stunned and cholas Hilman, cut on the head; Edthen burned to death, or their es- Ward Slingland, a fireman, hurt by cape was cut off. After the explosion | falling walls. Mr. and Mrs. John Mcthere were a series of smaller ones, Glone, who were burned about the and then came the second big explos- face and body, and who were taken ion, which was muffled and deadened to the hospital, were able to go home last night.

Dynamite, Too. It is said that Rittenberg had stored in the cellar of his store s number of dynamite torpedoes, such as are used by the foreign population Then there was a frightful scene in | of Paterson and Passaic in celebratthe streets. Parents lost control of ing. When the body of Mrs. Pattheir children, and were soon rushing | rick Burns was recovered her six about looking for them. Rumors | months' old baby was clasped to her estimate places the number spread that a score of children were breast, and so tight was the embeing carried away from the ruins by | brace of the almost fleshless arms. police wagons, the ambulance and that mother and son were placed in

DEMANDS FAST TRAINS.

Forty-five Miles an Hour Too Slow for the King.

London, June 23.-The King is determined to have something more rapid than the rather moderate runto the yard below. At great risk ning trains. Of late His Majesty has between Vivian and North Fork, a been accustomed to travel forty-five distance of 12 miles. He discovered yard, but it was too late. The flesh | miles an hour, but this is not fast | 30 bodies floating in the river. enough for him.

This is a matter which is very much exercising the minds of different railway officials, for no one but they can guess how much work, nay, how much anxiety, such an order entails. It will, for one thing, require more careful attention at crossings and junctions, because the interval available for danger signals will be

Bearing in mind the small number of stoppages made when royalty travels between the metropolis and Balmoral, this is a matter of serious concern for the railway managers. who have been accustomed so long to take things more easily than the

Not the Helladotherlum. London, June 23 .- Prof. Edwin Ray Lankester, after examining the skulls and skin of the okapi discovered in the while hanging from the windows Semliki forest by Sir Harry Johnready to drop. The firemen came ston, the British Commissioner to the within a few minutes, and twenty Uganda Protectorate, says it is not

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Hundreds Drowned by a Flood in West Virginia.

AWAY.

Pocahontas Coal Fields Delayed by a Storm Which Rivals That of Johnstown -- \$2,000,000 Loss -Railway Passengers Rescued by Ropes.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 23 .- This entire section has just been visited by a flood, the extent of which in all probability will equal or exceed that of Johnstown in 1889, so far as the loss of property is concerned. Early yesterday morning, shortly after mid night, a heavy downpour of rain began, accompanied by a severe electric storm, and steadily increased in violence until 10 o'clock a. m., then ceasing for several hours and beginning again with renewed violence. Many miles of the Norfolk and Western railroad tracks and many bridges are entirely destroyed, and communication is cut off west of Elkhorn, so that it is impossbile to learn the full extent of loss of life and property, but officials of the coal operations located in the stricken district have sent out messengers to Elkhorn, the terminus of both telegraphic and railroad communication, and have receivgan the work of cooling the reins | ed a report that a conservative esti-

> Loss of Life Exceeds 200. Some of the drowned are among the most prominent citizens of the coal

The Pocahontas coal field is located became almost a certainty that fourin a basin, with high mountain ranges on either side, Elkhorn creek flowing through the centre of the basin, which ranges from one-fourth to one mile in width. From Ennis, W. Va., to Vivian Yard, W. Va., a distance of sixteen miles, miners' cabins, coal company commissaries and coke plants line this basin. Elkhorn creek. being fed by numerous small streams coming from the mountain sides, rooms, their names not yet ascer- red. What became of the salesman is rises very rapidly, and this waterspout came so suddenly that the entire basin between the two mountain ranges was flooded, and bethe hospitals and went to their fore the terror-stricken people realized what was upon them, they were carried down by the flood, which swept everything in its path. The little town of Keystone, with a population of about 2,000, seems the greatest sufferer, practically the town being washed away. This town is the principal one in the Pocahontas coal fields, near its centre. It was to a great extent headquarters from which the mining population purchased supplies, and was also the only place in the field where whiskey could be purchased. At this place there were

12 to 15 Saloons,

report comes that the mining population are now occupying the banks of the streams below, catching the merchandise and barrels of whiskey and beer as they float down. A great number of coal and coke plants The missing are: Joseph Elvin, two throughout the Pocahontas field are weeks old; Mrs. Annie Fentman, Mrs. reported practically destroyed, and Annie Lannigan, 18 years old; Mrs. in some instances entirely washed

On account of the very high water At St. Joseph's Hospital it was which has flooded the region and

At Landgraf, the beautiful home of General Manager Ord, is reported gone, but his family is said to be safe. Passenger train No. 4, of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, reached Vivian about 8.20 a. m., met the flood and was unable to proceed

further. The waters reached such a depth that the Coaches Had to be Abandoned.

the passengers being rescued by means of ropes strung from the windows of the coaches to the tops of remaining coke ovens some distance away. Between Elkhorn and Vivian yard, a distance of 10 miles. 100 cars are said to be washed from the tracks, and many of them were carried down stream. A rough bridges washed away between Biuefield and Vivian Yard, a distance of 28 miles, at from 15 to 20 and from present indications it will be impossible to get trains through to Vivian and points west of there under a week or ten days. This will render it impossible to get relief into the stricken district, and with those who escaped with their lives, homeless and without food, indescribable suffering is inevitable. The trainmaster of the Norfolk &

Western Railroad walked the track

ONE KILLED, FOUR INJURED. Bad Accident at a Barn-raising Near

Shelburne. Shelburne, June 22 .- A very serious accident happened yesterday afternoon about four miles from here at a barn-raising on the farm of Mr. Samuel Shields. Mr. Joseph Johnston was fatally injured, and died at o'clock this afternoon, and four others were injured. The extent of their injuries as yet cannot be ascertained, although the doctors have strong hopes that none of the four will die. The five men were standing on a scaffold, and some sudden jar of the rising timbers broke the scaffold, and the men went to the ground below, some heavy timbers falling with them.

Mr. M. S. Madole, of Napanee. was nominated by the Liberals of London, June 24.—Whatever may are at last discovering that they get in his fine work. | London for the Legislative Assemble fire and smoke by the firemen. Mr. genus. | having decided to retire,